Mrs. Caito, upon interview, advised that she used to trade at Mrs. Sawyer's grocery store in Omaha and in this way became acquainted with the latter. Mrs. Sawyer, on occasions, became intoxicated and when in this condition would discuss incidents in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case, and also tell how her husband was convicted and was serving a term in prison in the Federal Penitentiary. Mrs. Caito said that a few months ago, she, her husband and children, were out riding in Mrs. Sawyer's car and as they passed by the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge, near Locust Street, Omaha, Mrs. Sawyer said, "At one time Harry Sawyer had a lot of bonds buried there". Mrs. Sawyer did not specify the amount of bonds, where they were supposed to be buried, the date, or furnish any further information in connection therewith.

It was apparent Mrs. Caito had mentioned this incident to Mrs. Gleeson, and as the incident was later enlarged upon, either Mrs. Gleeson or Mr. Howell stipulated the amount as $30,000.00 in money. Mrs. Caito insists Mrs. Sawyer said it was bonds and did not name any amount.

Neither Mrs. Caito nor Mrs. Gleeson was advised that Mr. Howell was the informant in this matter.

Mrs. Caito had no further information of value she had obtained from Mrs. Sawyer, except she recalled that the latter had said Harry Sawyer was in some manner connected with a bank robbery in Denver, Colorado, and subsequently had brought some of the money to Omaha. Mrs. Caito advised that Mrs. Sawyer did not furnish her with any particulars in reference to the Denver bank robbery; such as the date, amount of money obtained, etc.

Mrs. Sawyer will not be interviewed at this time, in view of the indefinite information obtained from the interview with Mrs. Caito. According to Mrs. Caito, Mrs. Sawyer is presently in Colorado, selling Cosmetics for the Modernistic Cosmetic Company, which has offices at 310 South 19th Street, Omaha.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Denver Field Office for its information.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Denver; Chicago.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
October 6th, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication of September 28th, 1937, (7-576), which letter instructs that a review of the file in the above entitled case concerning MILTON LETT be immediately made at this office and investigation be immediately commenced.

The Bureau is, of course, advised that Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala have been actively engaged for the past several days and until their departure for Chicago on special assignment, in the preparation of a Summary Report of the pertinent facts in connection with the above entitled case, insofar as they relate to the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas. During the course of this review of the files of this office, however, and the preparation of the Summary Report, they have, of course, gathered the pertinent information contained in the files relative to MILTON LETT and frequently during the course of their investigations at Hot Springs, Arkansas, they have handled current leads, which pertained to LETT. I had in mind that these same two Agents, upon completion of the Summary Report in this case, might, with the approval of the Bureau, then prepare a report covering the review of the file insofar as it pertained to leads in this District which concerned MILTON LETT and if this should now meet with the

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approval of the Bureau and upon the return of these Agents to the Little Rock Office to complete the preparation of the Summary Report, this action will be taken.

In the event the Bureau should not approve of this procedure I will then, of course, assign an Agent of this office to review the file insofar as it pertains to LETT who will set forth the pertinent details in a report. The Bureau is, of course, advised that this file at the Little Rock office is comprised of many sections and it would be a difficult task for an Agent who is not familiar with the case to proceed with its review.

In connection with the above matter and other cases pending in the Little Rock District, particularly those instances where it is necessary for an Agent to cover leads in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas and in connection with assignments involving personal danger, I do not feel that the present personnel of this office is competent to cope with such situations. I have, as the Bureau knows, a personnel largely made up of new Agents and there is no experienced Agent, with the exception of Special Agent Norman H. McCabe, who is the Resident Agent at Fort Smith, Arkansas and who is required to remain at that point, available at this office, who in my opinion is competent to handle leads involving the apprehension of persons such as MILTON LETT, BRADY or HUGH GANT and others who in all probability will frequent Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the coming winter season and it is, therefore, requested that the Bureau, when it is possible to do so, consider the advisability of transferring

to this Division some Agent who is qualified to act as Number One Man of this office and who may be used in connection with investigations in this District which may involve personal danger.

In the absence of Bureau instructions to the contrary, I will await the return of Special Agents Sullivan and Madala, or until such time as the Bureau finds it possible to order transferred to this Division an Agent with the qualifications as outlined, in order that he may proceed with the review of this file concerning MILTON LETT and thereafter vigorously carry out any leads which he may find through such a review of the file.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois

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October 12, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Chapman Fletcher,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 6, 1937, in which you express your opinion that the Special Agents assigned to the Little Rock district are not competent to handle situations involving personal danger.

Since all Bureau Agents receive the same training in the use of firearms and the conducting of raids and in other matters involving the use of firearms and the elements of personal danger, I am unable to understand why the men assigned to your office are not as well qualified in this regard as the other men in the service. I desire that you immediately submit to me a special efficiency report upon each of the Special Agents assigned to your office outlining in detail the ability and experience of each man in connection with cases involving the possible use of firearms.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of October 2nd, 1937, which relates to the possible prosecution at West Plains, Mo. of Alvin Karpis for the murder of Sheriff Kelly there several years ago.

On October 2nd, 1937, I wrote Mr. William D. Roberts, the prosecuting attorney at West Plains with respect to this matter, and am in receipt of a letter from him, copies of which are attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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ENCLOSURE

Wm. D. Roberts
Prosecuting Atty.,
Howell County
West Plains, Missouri

October 7, 1937

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Dear Mr. Brantley:-

Your letter of October 2 was duly received last Monday morning. Circuit Court convened here on that morning and I have been so busy since that this answer has been delayed. I meant to write you some time ago about this matter but overlooked it and am glad that you reminded me of it.

Mr. Green who was to get the feelings of those who naturally would be interested in the prosecution of this case seemed to be very slow and several days after his promise to see these people, I spoke to him about it. He reported that some were apparently in favor of a prosecution and others were not. Mrs. Kelly, widow of Sheriff Kelly, deceased, was out of town at the time. As a matter of fact, she may yet be out of town. At any rate I have not seen her for quite a while. The last time I spoke to Mr. Green about this matter he had not yet seen Mrs. Kelly. I have tried to get her several times over the phone but was unable to do so.

Not satisfied with Mr. Green's report, I talked with a few of these people in person and didn't get very much encouragement. I decided that under these circumstances it may be better to let the matter drop. If those who should be interested in the prosecution do not want it, I see no reason for insisting upon it and bringing upon myself a lotof work when I have already got all I can do.

I appreciate your interest in the matter and the interest of your department. I want to do my official duty but under the circumstances above mentioned, I feel that I am warranted in not forcing a prosecution for murder in this case.

Thanking you, however, for the interest that you have taken in this matter, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Yours truly,

Wm. L. Roberts. /s/

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October 7, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Murder of Elmer J. Davidson.

Reference is made to my earlier memorandum dated October 6, 1937, relative to the visit of Detective Sergeant H. J. McDermott of the Virginia State Police.

In connection with this case Mr. McDermott exhibited to Mr. Conrad a letter addressed to State Trooper Sam Snead, Stafford Courthouse, Virginia, signed "Madam Harrison Astor", 1113 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., advising that she can tell the name of the person who killed Mr. Davidson. Mr. McDermott stated he had contacted this woman and she denied writing the letter.

Mr. Conrad, recalling that a similar letter over the same signature had been received in connection with the Ross Kidnaping Case and that still earlier a somewhat similar letter had been received in connection with the Brekid Case, requested Mr. McDermott to leave this letter in the laboratory in order that we might photograph it for the completion of our files in the case. Mr. Conrad did not indicate to McDermott that we had received any other letters, or otherwise indicate any further reason for desiring the letter.

McDermott stated that he would be glad to leave the letter, adding that Madam Harrison Astor stated that someone was writing letters of this type over her signature and she intended to take the matter up with Special Agent L. Locbi of the Washington Field Division.

Accordingly, I am having the letter compared with the two letters mentioned earlier in the memorandum in order to ascertain whether the same author is responsible for all three of them. Detective Sergeant McDermott requested that the letter be returned to his when the Bureau had completed its copy.

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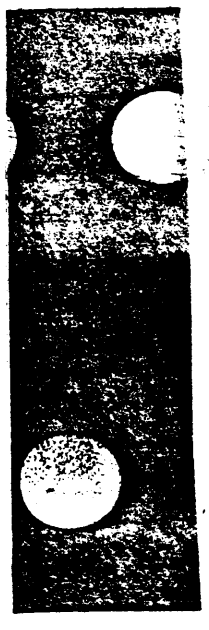

1500 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 18, 1937 .

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BERKEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 5, 1937 in regard to the continuance of stop notices against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044537 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 822772, Serial #6619657.

Please be advised that recent inquiry at the office of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles in both States of Pennsylvania and Delaware disclosed that no information concerning these cars had been received by either of these Bureaus to date. You are advised that stop notices covering both of the above cars have been continued at each of the above Bureaus.

There being no additional investigative work to be performed in this district the matter is being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. HENDON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

A review of the file in this office fails to reveal any handwriting specimens of either Mr. or Mrs. Milton Lett. In view of this fact there are transmitted herewith two mail tracings received in connection with mail covers in this district. The first one is addressed to Mrs. B. C. Hollingworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas, with a return address, Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1924 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The second is addressed to Mrs. Addie C. Murrain, 711 South Main Street, Carrollton, Missouri, which bears no return address.

No leads have been set out to determine the identity of the writers of these letters.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: A. V. Ferris, Wichita, Kansas, father of Mrs. Milton (Lucille) Lett, advised that there is little likelihood that Mrs. Eva Hooper, Springfield, Missouri, knows anything concerning the whereabouts of Lett and wife. Ferris restated his desire to cooperate with the Bureau in locating Lett, and stated that he has no idea where Lett is or how he can be located.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 8-21-37.

DETAILS: At Wichita, Kansas:

A. V. Ferris, father of Mrs. Milton (Lucille) Lett, was located at the Yingling Brothers Motor Company used car lot on South Emporia, and he stated that he has not heard from his daughter either directly or indirectly since last contacted by this Agent and that he has no idea where she and her husband, Milton Lett, are at the present time. Mr. Ferris said that he is positive that Maggie Lett, the mother of Milton Lett, knows the latter's whereabouts but that she will not cooperate in effecting the apprehension of her son, and will not tell him how to contact his daughter.

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Mr. Ferris stated further that Mrs. Eva Hooper, Springfield, Missouri, is a sister to Constance Ferris, the mother of Lucille Lett, and that Mrs. Hooper is not his sister. He said that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Hooper and that she is a very difficult individual to get along with. It was Mr. Ferris' opinion that there is very little likelihood that Mrs. Hooper knows anything about the whereabouts of Lucille and Milton Lett because he said that Lucille Lett was never very close to Mrs. Hooper, her aunt; however, Mr. Ferris said that he would contact Mrs. Hooper at the very earliest opportunity and try to secure any information she has concerning Lucille and Milton Lett and their whereabouts. The telephone number and address of the Kansas City Field Division were again furnished to Mr. Ferris, and he agreed to immediately contact the Kansas City Office or the writer should he secure any information of value concerning Lett's whereabouts from Mrs. Hooper.

Mr. Ferris assured Agent that he had not heard from his daughter since her elopement with Milton Lett and he said that he was very anxious to locate her, and that for that reason he would cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible in locating Milton Lett.

Agent was further advised by Mr. Ferris that one George Gobler, a former deputy sheriff at Coffeyville, Kansas, is alleged to have some information concerning Milton Lett's whereabouts, and he suggested that Mr. Gobler be interviewed. Mr. Ferris said that he had never had an opportunity to contact Mr. Gobler. A lead is being set out to contact Gobler.

It was Mr. Ferris' opinion that Lett and his wife are not in Wichita, Kansas, at this time because he said if his daughter were living in Wichita he believes that she would either contact him or that he would indirectly receive information concerning her presence in Wichita, and he has never heard that they are residing in Wichita.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Coffeyville, Kansas, will locate and interview George Gobler, a former Deputy Sheriff, for any information he may have concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

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Post Office Box 1630,
San Antonio, Texas,
October 12, 1937.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Ark.

Re: BRENID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter of September 25, 1937, and pursuant thereto arrangements have been made with Sheriff Norfleet Hill, Houston, Texas, to cover any conversations Herbert Akers may have with Haynes or Morris in the Harris County Jail.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge

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T MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.

E GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

I. A. FILE NO. 7-42-

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Raymond Mize (known as Peggy Mize), Mojave, California, advises that she is sister of Milton Lett but has no knowledge of his whereabouts, and that she would furnish no information if she had it.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. N. Franke, Los Angeles, California, dated July 29, 1937.

DETAILS: AT MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA.

DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, who had been previously contacted on several occasions with reference to PEGGY MIZE, stated that he had been watching Mrs. Mize and her husband, and had recently had some trouble with them because of their connection with labor trouble on the Los Angeles aqueduct project near Mojave, on which project Mr. Mize was employed. Brink stated that in his opinion both Mr. and Mrs. Mize were unreliable and that for this reason he had watched their home rather closely but had been unable to observe the presence of MILTON LETT.

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Accompanied by Don Brink, agent interviewed PEGGY MIZE and her husband, RAYMOND MIZE, at their home. Mrs. Mize stated that she was a sister of MILTON LETT, but that she had not seen him for some time, and that the last occasion on which she saw him was at their mother's home. She stated that she had no information concerning the present whereabouts of Lett, and in the event she did have such information she would refuse to furnish it to law enforcement officers. Mrs. Mize assumed a very belligerent and uncooperative attitude during the interview, and stated that she had been contacted several times before in connection with her brother; that she felt that her brother was being persecuted by the authorities; and that her idea in the matter was that if the authorities wanted her brother for questioning, or for any other reason, it was their duty to locate him, and that she did not wish to assist in any way whatsoever.

Mrs. Mize refused to state whether MILTON LETT was younger or older than she was, whether she was in communication with him, and also refused to say when she last saw her brother Milton. She stated that she had written letters to her mother, and that she was aware of the fact that the Postmaster in Mojave, Calif., was watching her mail, and also stated that to her knowledge no one else in Mojave was corresponding with her mother so that any letters received by her mother from that city must have come from her.

Mrs. Mize stated that she is perhaps closer to her brother Milton than any other member of her family, but advised that she did not believe he would contact her, although she did state that should he do so she would not report the fact to the authorities.

During the interview with Mrs. Mize and her husband, it was casually ascertained that her husband had lost his job on the aqueduct project by reason of the fact that he had gone on strike, and that all of the strikers had been refused the right to return to work; that Mr. Mize contemplates obtaining a job on a State highway project for a period of sixty days in the near future; that the Mizes have three small children whose ages are approximately seven, four years and six months; that they are living in a poor sort of dwelling and are renting out rooms.

During the conversation, Mrs. Mize also made the remark that Milton Lett had been married "under the very noses of the authorities", but when questioned regarding this she refused to state where this marriage had taken place, or when, although from other portions of her conversation it may possibly have been in Wichita, Kansas.

Deputy Brink stated that he is presently making arrangements to assist RAYMOND MIZE in obtaining work on the State highway project, and that for this reason he believes that the Mizes are adopting a more friendly attitude toward him. Brink promised that he would maintain a close watch on the Mizes, and in the event he learned that MILTON LETT was contacting them he would immediately advise the Los Angeles Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION will keep in touch with DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, at Mojave, California, and obtain any information he may secure.

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Post Office Drawer V,
Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri,
October 16, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: Brekid Edward C. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent Wilmer L. Thompson, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated October 1, 1937, for the St. Louis office to contact [redacted] for information regarding the whereabouts of J. W. Mullins.

I am forwarding herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent R. L. Johnson, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, October 16, 1937, entitled, J. W. Mullins alias J. W. Miller alias J. W. Williams; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; for your information concerning Mullins. I am also transmitting one copy of the report of Special Agent Johnson referred to above to each of the following offices with copies of this letter: Cleveland, Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis, Little Rock, and Indianapolis.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
DETROIT, MICHIGAN	10/18/37	8/9, 18-20,23,25; 9/2,10,16/37	H. A. LOUGHRAN WRA

TITLE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation conducted looking toward apprehension of Anthony Amersbach in this district, but nothing developed indicating his presence here. Investigation discontinued on his apprehension. Department of State, Lansing, Michigan, advises 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, not registered in Michigan. Stop notices regarding Amersbach withdrawn.

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REFERENCE: Letters from Cincinnati Office dated July 13, July 26, August 5, and August 24, 1937.

Telegram from Cleveland Office dated July 26, 1937.

Letter from Detroit Office to Cleveland Office, dated August 3, 1937.

Letter from Chicago Office dated August 4, 1937.

Report of Special Agent H. A. Loughran, Detroit, Michigan, dated July 9, 1937.

DETAILS: On July 16, 1937, this office was advised that it was no longer necessary to locate GEORGE CORKE as he had recently been located and interviewed.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Jay C. Peyton SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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On July 26, 1937, the Detroit Office was telegraphically advised by the Cleveland Office to discontinue investigation regarding BENSON GROVES, confirmed by letter from the Cleveland Office under date of July 28, 1937.

Pursuant to the request of the Cleveland Office, as contained in letter from that office dated July 28, 1937, to interview DOLORES DELANEY at Milan, Michigan, regarding her personal property, that office was advised by letter from the Detroit Office, under date of August 3, 1937, of the fact that Dolores Delaney had already been interviewed as set forth in the letter from the St. Paul Office to the Bureau under date of May 6, 1937. Under date of August 4, 1937, the Chicago Office advised this office of the results of a review of its file on this case regarding the above matter.

Pursuant to letter of reference from the Cleveland Office dated August 5, 1937, a letter was directed to Mr. Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, on September 10, 1937, requesting that this office be advised if 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, or Plymouth Sedan, 1935 Model, Motor #PJ-322772, Serial #2619857, had been registered in Michigan during the current year. Subsequently, the Secretary of State advised that these cars were not registered. A stop notice was placed against these cars by the Secretary of State, and this office will be notified in the event an attempt is made to register them at some future date.

Deputy Chief of Detectives WILLIAM COLLINS, Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, was contacted as to any information he might have had regarding Anthony Amersbach, but advised that he had nothing new of importance.

Mrs. Bruce (Daisy) Young, 14666 Prairie Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was re-interviewed and advised that she had heard nothing new regarding Anthony Amersbach; that she had ascertained from Francis Ferris, 15457 Greenlawn, Detroit, Michigan, that her mother, Kate Means, was supposed to be living with her sisters, Alpha Price and Grace Swank, at 2063 - 25th Street, Detroit. She further advised that Anna Gordon, an old friend of Phil Amersbach, resided at 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Detective E. D. KINNEY, 13th Precinct, Detroit Police Department, was interviewed and advised that he would check, through an informant, as to whether Subject Amersbach was contacting Eileen Clark's place on Cass Avenue near Palmer in that precinct. He subsequently advised that no information was de-

veloped that any contact was being maintained by Amersbach with this woman. Detective Kinney also advised that he had covered the gambling houses in Hamtramck, Michigan, but had found nothing to indicate that Amersbach had been frequenting these places.

Detective WALLACE McGRATH and Detective MYRON JACOBS, 9th Precinct, Detroit Police Department, were interviewed regarding 666 Lothrop, the tavern reported in reference report as being a likely spot for Amersbach to contact if he came to Detroit, Michigan. This address is covered by the above precinct. They advised that they had an informant named Martin Glick who worked next door to 666 Lothrop who would be the best party to contact regarding the possibility of Amersbach's contacting Charlie Fisher, and that it would do no good to see Fisher as he probably would not co-operate. Contact was made with Martin Glick, who stated he knew one of the boys very well who worked at Fisher's who would know if Amersbach were contacting that individual and he would see him. He was subsequently interviewed and advised that he had been unable to obtain any information that Amersbach was frequenting this place.

Acting Sergeant WILLIAM S. BASTIEN, Grosse Pointe Park Police Department, was interviewed and advised that he knew of no woman by the name of Anna Gordon residing at 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, located just outside of the city limits of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. John Poneikis, 15005 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, was interviewed by the above officer and agent and advised that Anna Gordon had formerly resided in Apartment 3, 15003 E. Jefferson, but that she had moved and her present whereabouts was unknown to him. He advised that when Anna Gordon lived there she was occasionally visited by a man from Cleveland who was the door man at some gambling place in that city. Violet Rollins, Apartment 3, 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, was interviewed and advised she knew nothing about the people formerly in that apartment. She advised the apartments were owned by John Cutler, residing at Fairfax and Balfour.

H. BOYCE, Carrier #1461, New Fairview Branch Post Office, covering 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, was interviewed and advised he had no forwarding address on Anna Gordon from that address.

The Record Bureau of the Detroit Police Department showed that Katherine Means, alias Bernice Price, 438 Selden, Detroit, #33623, had been arrested for receiving stolen property on September 13, 1928 and that she was discharged on a writ of habeas corpus on September 17, 1928, after having been fingerprinted and photographed.

Carrier FRED WETBY, #1675, Roosevelt Park Anner Post Office, assigned to the route covering 2063--25th Street, Detroit, was furnished with a description of Amersbach, but stated he had never seen anyone fitting that description at the address mentioned. He stated that a letter comes every week for a person named Price, first name not recalled, but the name Amersbach was not familiar to him.

On August 26, 1937, the Detroit Office was advised by the Cleveland Office, by letter, that Anthony Joseph Amersbach was apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 24, 1937, by agents of the Bureau, and that investigation regarding this individual should be discontinued.

Deputy Chief of Detectives William Collins and the other members of the Detroit Police Department mentioned above in this report were contacted and advised of the above information, as was the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department, in order that stop notices might be removed from their files. Similarly, the warden of the Michigan Branch Prison and House of Correction, Marquette, Michigan, was notified by letter under date of September 10, 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. H. Espey:

Prison records of Ed Summers, alias Phillip Amersbach, #3764, Michigan Branch Prison and House of Correction, Marquette, Michigan, were reviewed and a list of all correspondents, relatives and friends of Summers was obtained. The records were also searched for the names of visitors and the dates on which they visited Summers, along with the names of persons who credited money to Summers' account at the prison. The information obtained is not being set out in detail due to the receipt of information that Amersbach has been taken into custody. The notes of Agent Espey are being retained in the Detroit Office file on this case.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

Oct. 21 1937

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:-

I am taking the liberty of writing your office direct about a matter I have reasons to believe your department will be interested; Time and space here will not permit a detailed description of what I have to relate but I will be glad to talk to any one you choose to have see me.

By the way of a little explanation, I have been, recently, swindled out of a sum of money by a supposedly good friend whom I have known at intervals for some years; At one time or another, he mentioned some prominent under world characters stating he knew them very personally.

After having thot the manner out very carefully in which I was swindled, I happen to recall of one instance he disclosed a connection with Karpis and Barker in the City of Havana, Cuba. At the time, I did not give it more than a passing conversation but since the swindle, I am confident your department will be glad to interview the gentleman, if he can be called such, if we can find him and I know your department CAN.

If I can be of any help to you, and I know you can be of help to me, I will be glad to meet you or any operator you choose to hear my story. I have not talked to any person or persons concerning this matter and with the exception of my good wife, no one in the world knows that I am writing you or your department.

Very sincerely,

Stuart A. Lawrence.

SAL/p

Stuart A. Lawrence.

P.S. My home address is 410 S.W.26 Road, Miami, Florida.

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October 29, 1937

Mr. Stuart A. Lawrence,
410 S. W. 26th Road,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 21, 1937, in which you indicate that you have information concerning certain crimes.

Please be advised that I have furnished this information to Mr. R. L. Shivers, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1300 Biscayne Building, Miami, Florida, who will assign an Agent to interview you relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc Miami with copies of incoming letter

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1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

October 18, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Mr. William Herrin, Secretary to Congressman J. Mark Wilcox, called at this office on October 14, 1937, to make what he termed a "courtesy visit".

Mr. Herrin informed me that Congressman Wilcox regarded the Bureau very highly from both the standpoint of achievment and personnel but that the Congressman did not have such a high regard for the Department. He also stated at the risk of political defeat, the Congressman had come to Miami in behalf of Joe Adams, during the latter's recent trial, and had appeared here not as an attorney, but as a witness. I did not ask him what the Congressman would have testified to had he been called, nor did I comment on any of Mr. Herrin's observations.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 21, 1937.

Honorable Charles W. James,
United States Marshal,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Re: BREKID

Dear Mr. James:

The United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, has referred to me a copy of your letter dated October 18, 1937, inquiring as to the present address of Beatrice Amersbach, sister of Anthony Amersbach.

The latest information in the files of this office reflect that Beatrice Amersbach resides at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

F. W. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 21, 1937.

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRISKID

Dear Mr. Freed:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 19, 1937, enclosing copy of a letter received from the United States Marshal at Indianapolis, Indiana, and inquiring as to the present address of Beatrice Amersbach.

Please be advised that according to the latest information in our files, Beatrice Amersbach was residing at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This information has been furnished the United States Marshal at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

T. M. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. ...
Mr. Tracy ...

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Before I ask any favors from you let me introduce myself. I am Gertrude Billeter Millet Campbell wife of Harry Campbell, inmate at Alcatraz.

You always were so kind and nice to me, and wished to offer my appreciation. Your agents told me to take some sort of a course and make something of myself, so as I've always desired am going to take a beauty course. Will have helping my mother all summer and winter and gotten to where I must ask if you could do me a favor. I either get my husband had [illegible] or get that [illegible]

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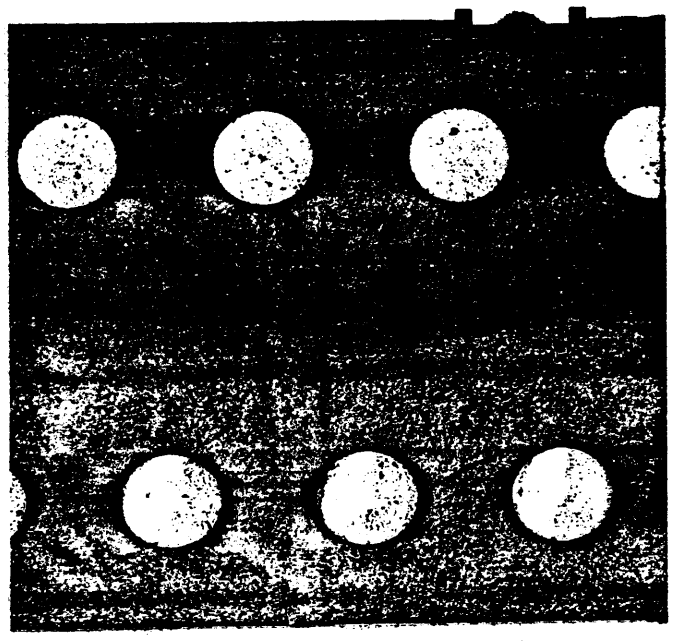
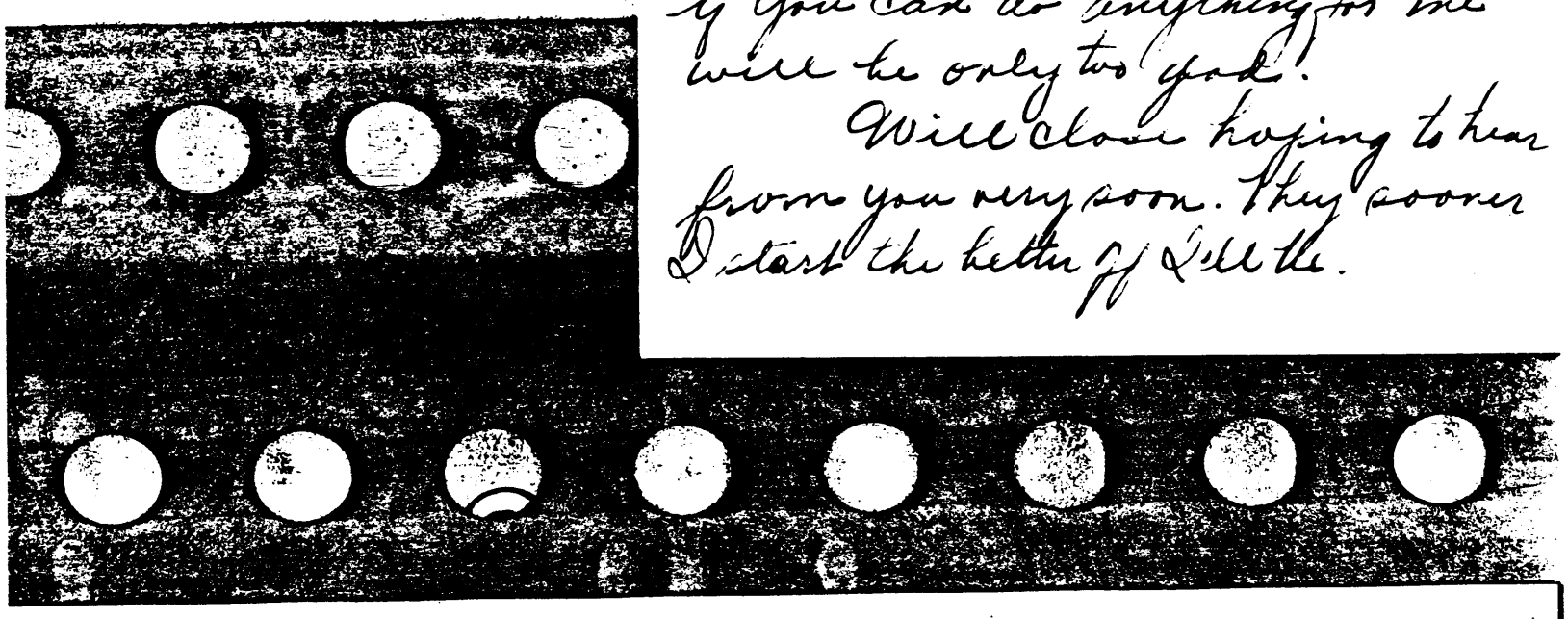


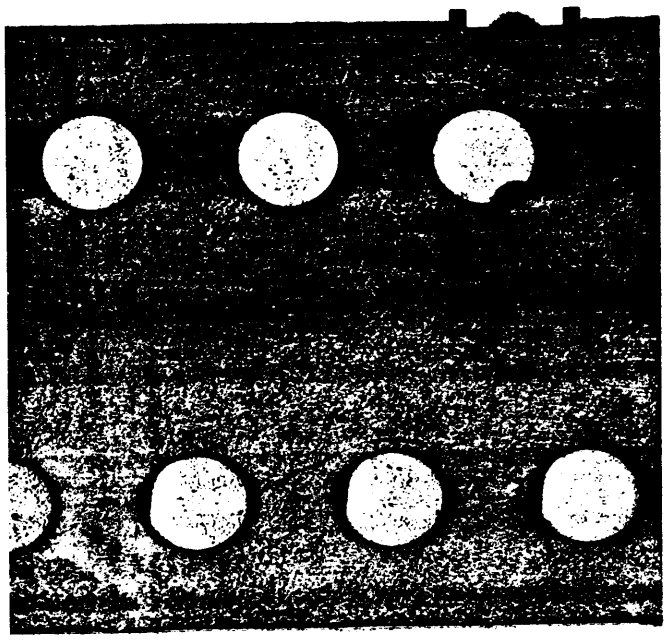


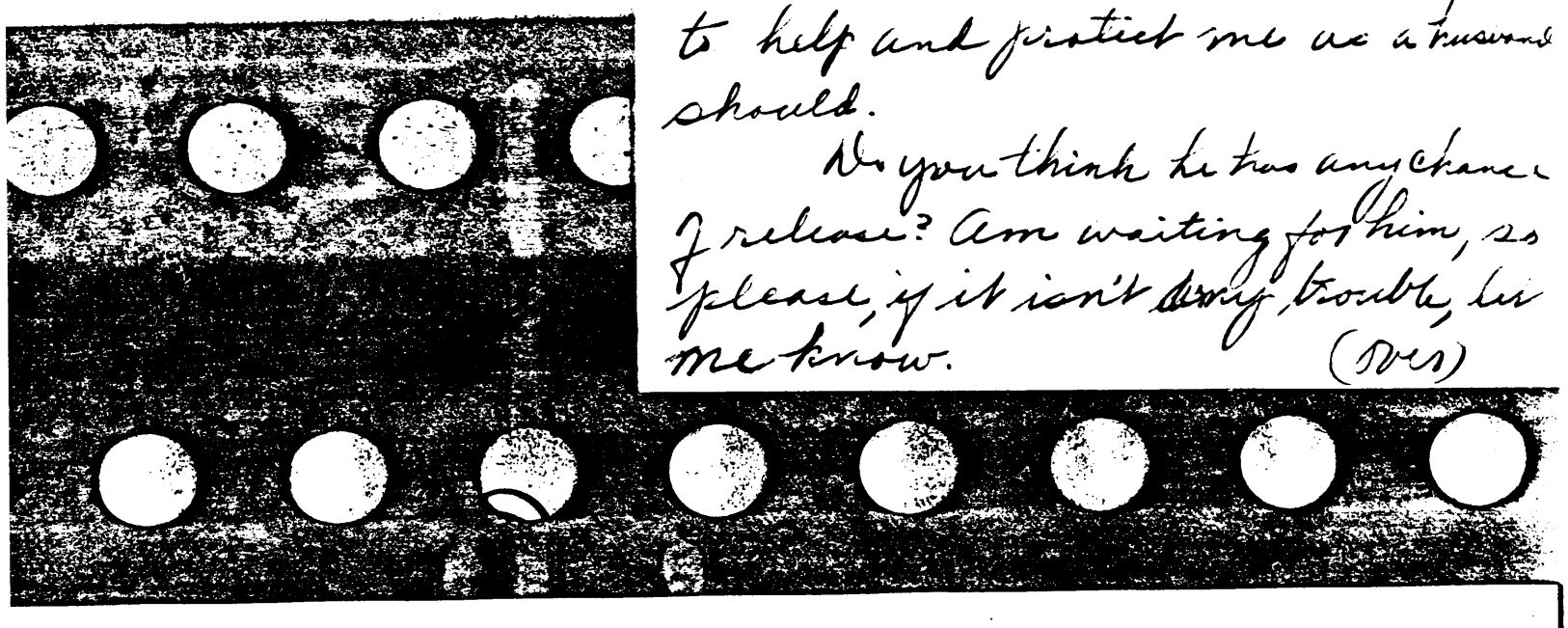
appreciate any further information in regards wit. I am not a bad person or am I a criminal, nor do I try to wear it out I'm an angle. We all have our faults. Am going to try and do that and occupy my mind and it costs the full amount of $150.00 total. P100.00 tuition and $17.42 for kit besides extra's.

Now don't want to be of any trouble to any one as my pride has been walked on enough, so if you can do anything for me will be only too glad!

Will close hoping to hear from you very soon. The sooner I start the better off I'll be.

Please Mrs. Haines help me.





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Do you think he has any chance I release? Am waiting for him, so please, if it isn't doing trouble, let me know.

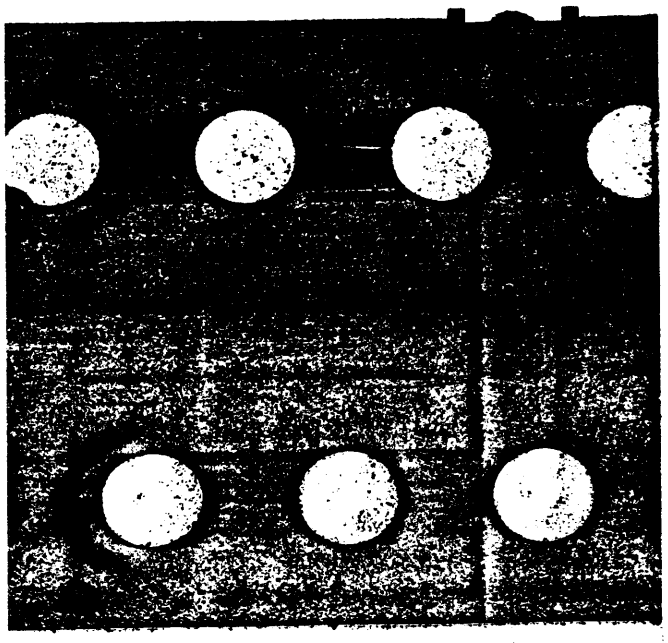
(Yes)

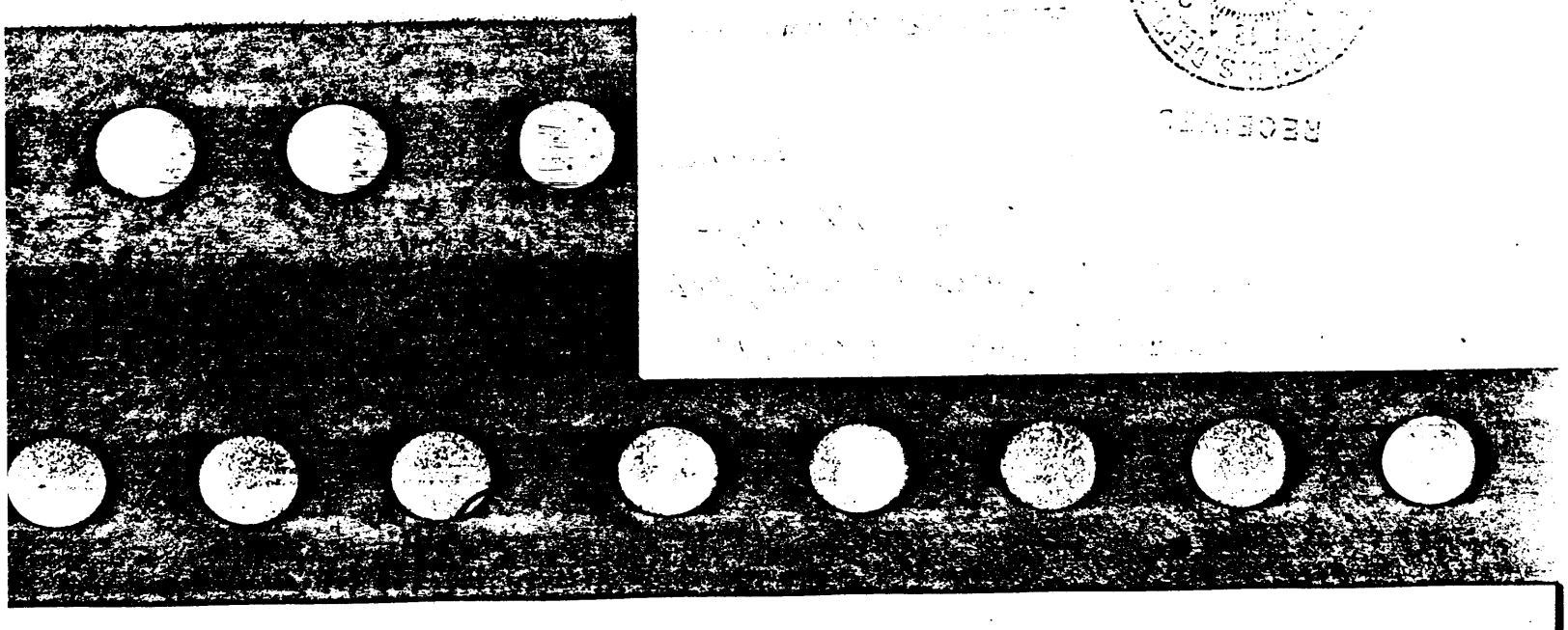
As Ever.

Miss. Gertrude Campbell.
750½ Tecumseh St.
Toledo, O.

% Henry Gillette.

P. S. Thanks You a Million and hope you will listen, read and help me.





7-576 -14802 December 30, 1937

JEL:MK

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Re: BRENDD

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated October 19, 1937, from Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, the wife of Harry Campbell, who is presently incarcerated in the Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California.

The Bureau desires that your office have an Agent immediately call upon Mrs. Campbell and advise her that the Bureau is without authority to assist her in the matter set forth in her letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

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Oct. 19, 1937
Toledo.,O.

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As Ever:-

/s/ Mrs. Gertrude Campbell
750½ Tecumseh St.
Toledo., O.

% Henry Billeter.

P.S. Thank You a Million and hope you will listen, read and help me.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio. St. L. FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Oren Farris has no information as to present location of Mrs. Milton Lett. RUC

Reference: Report of Special Agent C. A. Grill, Kansas City, 9-9-37.

Details:

At Callao, Missouri

W. P. Clarkson, Postmaster at Callao, advised that Oren B. Farris had moved from Callao and had left a forwarding address of Brookfield, Missouri.

At Brookfield, Missouri

Oren B. Farris advised that he had not seen his niece, Lucille, daughter of Constance Farris since she was a young girl. He could furnish no information as to her present whereabouts, but advised that if he learned where she was located, he would advise the Saint Louis Field Office. He was furnished the address of the Saint Louis Office. He was questioned as to the names and addresses of the immediate relatives of Mrs. Lett, but he furnished no names that are not reflected in reference report, other than that of Mrs. John Hopper, Kansas City, Kansas (exact address unknown), an aunt. Since it is believed that the Kansas City Office has her name and address, no lead is being set out herein to interview her. He explained that there are a large number of Farrises in and around Brookfield, Missouri, and that most of them have never seen Mrs. Milton Lett.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Rosa Shaffner of Brookfield, who advised that she is a great aunt of Mrs. Lett. She said that she had seen the girl only one time in her life, that being several years ago. She stated that she had a brother, Willie Farris, who lives at Brookfield, Missouri, a brother, John Farris, who lives at Saint Catherine, Missouri, and a brother, Alfred Farris, who lives three miles northwest of Saint Catherine, Missouri. She was sure that none of these relatives has ever seen Mrs. Milton Lett.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. W. Fitzgerald SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Drawer V,
Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri,
October 25, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of October 16, 1937, to the Cincinnati Office relating to this case.

For your assistance in conducting investigation relative to J. W. Mullins, I am enclosing one copy of the report of Special Agent William T. Morton, Memphis, Tennessee, dated September 3, 1937, which explains the connection of J. W. Mullins with this case.

Very truly yours,

W. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

10-26-37

JOHN N. EDY
City Manager

Dear Director: —

Regarding our conversa
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for me. I am anxious to get started
would appreciate any help you might
give me, in the way of recommending the
right party.

Could you tell me about what ti
Mr. Dill and his partner will call —
me.

Congratulations on the fine work you
did up in Maine, sorry to know that —
of your men were injured.

Please address all correspondence personal

Sincerely,
Ray E. Allen
Chief of Police
Toledo Oh

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CITY OF TOLEDO
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10-26-37

Mr. Nathan ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

Dear Director: -

Regarding our conversation selecting a man to do some work for me. I am anxious to get started would appreciate any help you might give me, in the way of recommending the right party.

Could you tell me about what time Mr. Dill and his partner will call on me..

Congratulations on the fine work you did up in Maine, sorry to know that one of your men were injured.

Please address all correspondence personal.

Sincerely,

(s) Roy E. Allen,

Chief of Police,
Toledo, Ohio.

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November 23, 1937.

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Mr. Ray E. Allen,
Chief of Police,
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Chief:

Your letter of October 26, 1937, was called to my attention immediately upon my return to Washington.

With reference to your request for the recommendation of an individual to assist you, I regret that I have been unable to locate a person who would meet with the necessary requirements.

Relative to your request concerning the call to be made upon you by Special Agent H. B. Dill, you are advised that in view of emergency situations which have recently arisen, it has not been possible for Mr. Dill to furnish you the desired information to date. However, I have instructed Mr. T. N. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Field Division of the Bureau, to telephonically communicate with you in order that Agent Dill or another Agent fully acquainted with the facts can arrange to furnish you with the desired information.

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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November 23, 1937.

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Mr. T. M. Stapleton,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Stapleton:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated October 26, 1937 from Mr. Ray E. Allen, Chief of Police at Toledo, Ohio. Chief Allen is desirous of securing information concerning certain phases of the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, relative to the activities of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

It is desired that you immediately communicate by telephone with Chief Allen and arrange to have either Special Agent H. B. Dill or another Agent fully acquainted with the facts at Toledo verbally furnish him with the desired information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Kansas City, Missouri,
October 28, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter dated October 5, 1937(7-576), Special Agent H. L. Scott, while at Jefferson City, Missouri, called on Edna Murray, inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Agent Scott advised Edna Murray that the rules and regulations of the Department precluded the writing of a letter such as she had requested in reference to her parole by anyone connected with the Bureau.

Agent Scott advises that he had quite some conversation with Edna Murray and when she was advised that the Departmental regulations precluded the writing of a letter in her behalf to the parole authorities, she was entirely satisfied.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
October 29, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of September 28, 1937 in this case (Bureau File 7-576) instructing that investigation to determine whether Attorney Hugh Larimer at Topeka, Kansas has harbored subjects in this case be conducted.

You are advised that Special Agent J. M. O'Leary has been working on this case for the past several days and a report is expected within the not distant future.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
October 30, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the original and two copies of a letter written by Bryan Bolton, an inmate of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri, addressed to Dr. M. R. King, Superintendent of that institution, which he turned over to an Agent of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 1000

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, [illegible] 19

[illegible]

I [illegible] solicited in Cleveland, Ohio for [illegible] member of the Barker Karpis gang.

Two of these men Arthur Hobbs and [illegible] known as Shimmy - entertained [illegible], Karpis and Harry Campbell at their night club during the summer of 1931 on several occasions. At the time of the arrest of Paula Harmon, Verona Richards and Elizabeth [illegible] they immediately drove out to the [illegible] Lake Road where they stayed [illegible] advised them to leave town [illegible]

I am giving this information [illegible] and will testify to it in court if I am subpoenaed.

Respectfully
Bryan Bolton.

Am 11-1-37 JH

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JEL:EAM November 11, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated October 26, 1937, addressed to Dr. M. R. King, Springfield, Missouri, and signed by Bryan Bolton, concerning the harboring investigation in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case in Toledo.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Dallas, Texas	10-29-37	10-26-37	H. W. Kage

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TLAINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.	KIDNAPING- OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE- HARBORING OF FUGITIVES- NATL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neither Sheriff Edwards nor Constable Elliott of Baird, Texas, have any information as to whereabouts of Milton Lett. Mary Lou Howell claims does not know Letts or Kenneth Lang. Lang has no information since last interviewed.

R.U.C.

Reference: Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Dallas, Texas, dated 3-14-37; report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 3-22-37.

Details:

At Baird, Texas.

R. L. Elliott, Jr., City Marshall, stated that he has been keeping close watch on Kenneth Lang since last interviewed by an Agent and that Lang has been steadily employed andhas been in no trouble. He further stated that Lang has been working night at the T & P Cafe which is owned and operated by Frank E. Stanley, who bears a very good reputation in Baird and to whom he thinks Lang has been paroled. He further stated that Lang married Anita Styles of Baird a few months ago and that the couple are residing at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. V. Rudder of Baird.

In reference to Milton Lett, Mr. Elliott, stated that he was positive Lett had not been in Baird and that he has no information as to his present whereabouts.

Sheriff R. L. Edwards, Baird, stated that Deputy Sheriff Nordyke is at present out of the city but that no information had been received relative to the whereabouts of Lett. In reference to Mary Lou Howell, he stated, she was still in his employ and that he was positive she did not know Lett or Land and further

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that she has had no callers nor has she associated with any men since she has been in his employ now about three years.

Mary Lou Howell was interviewed at the County Jail at Baird. She stated that her home was at Rising Star, Texas, where her parents reside. She further stated that she is not acquainted with either Milton Lett or Kenneth Lang and does not understand how her name has ever been linked with these men and further that shehas not associated with any men since she has been in the employ of the Sheriff.

Kenneth Lang was interviewed at his home. He stated that he is employed as night waiter at the T & P restaurant, Baird and expects to continue his employment there. In reference to Milton Lett he advised that he had not seen Lett nor had he received any infromation as to where he might be located since last interviewed by an Agent. He further stated that his promise to cooperate in an effort to obtain information was still good and that in the event he receives any information he would immediately advise the Dallas Division.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
October 30, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the Little Rock to the San Antonio office dated September 4, 1937 requesting that all available information relative to 1937 Texas license #37231 be obtained from the State Motor Vehicle Bureau at Austin, Texas and that appropriate leads be set out to ascertain whether the car bearing these license plates was reported stolen, please be advised that the records of the Automobile Registration Division of the Texas Highway Department, Austin, Texas, reflect that 1937 Texas license #37231 was issued to Mr. John Rose, Killeen, Texas, for a Whippet Sedan, Motor #96A530998, and that these plates have not been reported as stolen.

Investigation at Killeen, Texas disclosed that Mr. John Rose is a farmer and has been residing in the vicinity of Killeen, Texas all of his life and bears a good reputation in that community.

In view of this fact Mr. Rose was interviewed and he advised that he had purchased a Whippet automobile from Miller Brothers, Waco, Texas, on January 10, 1936 and had obtained 1937 Texas license #37231 in April, 1937 and that he had never been out of the State of Texas in the Whippet automobile and had never lost either of his license plates and that neither of them had been stolen.

An examination of this Whippet automobile disclosed that both license plates #37231 were on the car and that the motor # was 96A530998.

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Yours very truly,
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Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Kansas City	11/3/37	10/28-30/37	R. F. Newkirk

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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mary Collins, sister of Milton Lett; Hazel Anderson, and Thelma Fritz, nieces of Milton Lett and Lewis Ray Thornton deny any knowledge of Lett's whereabouts or any recent contact with Lett.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, 8/31/37.

DETAILS:

At Tyro, Kansas.

Roy Collins, brother-in-law of Milton Lett, who resides one mile east of Tyro, advised that he has no further information concerning Milton Lett and has heard nothing concerning Lett since last interviewed by a Bureau Agent. He said he is certain his wife, Mary Collins has not heard anything concerning her brother, Milton Lett, in at least a year and a half and has no knowledge as to his whereabouts.

Mary Collins stated Lett had not visited her in at least two years and she has no knowledge as to where he might be at this time and is certain none of her family have heard from Lett since February, 1936. Mrs. Collins stated Milton Lett was very much attached to his mother, Maggie Lett, and if he contacted any of the family, she would be the one he would likely contact. Mrs. Collins further stated that several weeks ago her sister, Jane Collins, had visited her at one time and she and Jane had talked about their brother Milton Lett and wondered where they might contact him in the event any of his relatives should die and Jane had told her that she had no idea where Lett might be.

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Concerning the various relatives of Milton Lett as set out in report of reference, Mrs. Collins advised that Lela Mize, who was formerly Lela Forth, is now living at Mojave, California; that Ethel Walker, sister of Lett, is now located on Rural Route #1, Coffeyville, Kansas; that Fred Collins, nephew of Lett, is now located at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma; and that another brother, Sig Lett, is now at the home of his mother, Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma.

It was ascertained that the Collins family receive their mail through the Caney, Kansas Post Office and in the absence of the Postmaster, Post Office Clerk G. S. Carinder was requested to place a 30 day cover on the mail of the Collins family.

At Iola, Kansas.

Sheriff Clarence Warren advised he has been keeping close watch on Lewis Ray Thornton, friend of Milton Lett and is quite certain Lett has not contacted Thornton recently. He stated Thornton has been bootlegging at Iola for the past year and that he intends to see to it that Thornton leaves Iola in the near future. Sheriff Warren further advised he believed that one Hiram Lieurance, who is now in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, could furnish information as to Lett's whereabouts since Lieurance was quite friendly with Lett at one time.

Agent accompanied by Sheriff Warren contacted Lewis Ray Thornton who resides on RR#1 3 miles west of Iola, who admitted he is and has been a good friend of Milton Lett but stated he has not seen Lett since Bureau Agents started looking for him. He stated further that he had no idea where Lett is at this time but is quite certain Lett was not in Kansas because he is too well known to remain very long without being arrested. He was interviewed at length but no information of value to this investigation was obtained and it is not believed that Thornton would be inclined to give information concerning Lett's whereabouts even if he had such information.

In the absence of Postmaster B. F. Scarborough, Miss Thelma Brewer, Clerk in charge of the Iola Post Office, was requested to place a 30 day cover on all mail received by Lewis Ray Thornton.

At Chanute, Kansas.

Miss Hazel Anderson and Mrs. Thelma Fritz, nieces of Milton Lett, 21 South Allen Street, both advised they had no information concerning Lett and they have very little to do with other members of the Lett family and

and it is unlikely they will learn anything concerning Milton Lett. They both stated they had no particular regard for Lett and stated if they learn of any information that might be helpful in locating him they will transmit same to the Kansas City Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Coffeyville, Kansas will contact Ethel Walker, sister of Lett for any information she may have as to his whereabouts.

At South Coffeyville, Oklahoma will contact Fred Collins, nephew of Lett, for any information he may have as to Milton Lett.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Lansing, Kansas at the Kansas State Penitentiary, will interview Hiram Lieurance for any information he may be able to furnish as to Lett's whereabouts or to former associates of Milton Lett.

At Kansas City, Missouri will report the results of covers placed on the mail of the Collins family at Tyro, Kansas and of Lewis Ray Thornton at Iola, Kansas.

P E N D I N G

1616 Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Missouri,
November 3, 1937.

Mr. C. E. Hanlon,
Postmaster,
Caney, Kansas.

Attention: Mr. G. S. Carinder

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the recent request of Special Agent R. F. Newkirk of this Bureau that a 30 day cover be placed on all mail received by the Collins family, Caney Route #1.

It is kindly requested that tracings obtained through this cover be marked for the attention of our file #7-37.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Missouri,
November 3, 1937.

Mr. B. F. Scarborough,
Postmaster,
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the recent request of Special Agent R. F. Newkirk of this Bureau that a 30 day cover be placed on all mail received by Lewis Ray Thompson, RR #1, Iola.

It is kindly requested that tracings obtained through this cover be marked for the attention of our file #7-37.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	11/3/37	10/20,21/37	W. E. Hopton

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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In an attempt to locate Milton Lett efforts presently being made at Coffeyville, Kansas to locate his wife, Lucille Ferris Lett, through former girl friends, as well as associates and schoolteachers of her younger brother, Lyle Ferris. Bert Zigenfuss advises Lett was recently at Neodesha, Kansas. Arrangements made with Bill Lett, Nowata, Okla., to take his mother to visit with her sister, Maggie Lett, Wann, Okla., in effort to determine location of Milton Lett.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Okla. City, 8/21/37; report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, 8/31/37; and report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, 10/13/37.

DETAILS:

In an effort to locate Eddie "Doc" Lett at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Agent checked the directories and made inquiries at the Post Office, as well as the Bartlesville Police Department. No record of Lett was located in the directories and advice was received from J. P. Campbell, Bartlesville Post Office, that Eddie Lett has not received any mail there for quite some time.

Lee Gimlin, Sergeant of the Bartlesville Police Department, ad-

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vised that he originates from Wann, Oklahoma and was acquainted with the Lett family at that place; that about a year or so ago he had occasion to make inquiries in Bartlesville for several Kansas officers for the purpose of assisting them in locating Eddie Lett to determine if Milton Lett might possibly be contacting him, and at that time he had ascertained that the Lett family at Bartlesville had moved to Kansas City and he was unable to secure their address. Gimlin mentioned that he knew a Hattie Lett who had indulged in bootlegging activities and who at the present time is believed to be living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At Coffeyville, Kansas.

Mrs. Esther Twilley, 1311 Spruce Street, advised that Edith Morris is presently residing with her husband, Earl Morris, at 108 North Cherry, Commerce, Oklahoma. Mrs. Twilley stated that she has received no information since the last interview with Agent concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett or his wife. She advised Agent that within the next few weeks she expects to visit several persons whom she knows at Wann, Oklahoma, at which time she will make discreet inquiries concerning Lett. Mrs. Twilley related that she feels fairly certain in her own mind that Mrs. Constance Ferris, who resides with Mrs. Bessie Haggard at 605 West 10th Street in Coffeyville, positively knows the location of her daughter, Lucille. When Agent inquiried of Mrs. Twilley whether she was acquainted with Bessie Haggard, she stated that she knew her and that in her opinion Mrs. Haggard would not furnish any information relative to the Ferris family, particularly Lucille Ferris.

Bessie Haggard, 605 West 10th Street, upon interview advised that Mrs. Constance Ferris is still residing with her and is working at the WPA sewing room in Coffeyville. Mrs. Haggard stated that she has on various occasions conversed with Mrs. Ferris relative to her daughter Lucille and that Mrs. Ferris told her that she does not hear from her daughter and that she has not seen her since she left home. Mrs. Haggard related further that she has never seen any mail which appears to have come from Lucille Ferris, nor has she seen anything to indicate that Mrs. Ferris might possibly know the location of her daughter.

The individual mentioned in the report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, October 13, 1937, as George Gobler, a former Deputy Sheriff, is no doubt identical with George Tobler, who is a former Deputy Sheriff and resides at Coffeyville, Kansas. This person is known to the writer and has been contacted on numerous occasions in the past relative to this case and although Tobler is cooperative, he has not been able to secure any definite information as to the location of Lett.

Virginia Thurston, timekeeper and foreman of the WPA sewing room, old City Hall, and who is a sister of George Tobler, advised Agent that

her brother had told her some time ago that Lett was no longer wanted. Upon being advised by Agent that Milton Lett is wanted by the Bureau she stated that she would cooperate with Agent in every possible way in an effort to locate Lucille Ferris Lett, whom she stated she had known when she lived in Coffeyville with her mother, Constance Ferris, who presently works under her in the WPA sewing room. Miss Thurston stated that she feels quite certain Mrs. Constance Ferris knows of the location of her daughter but that she will not under any circumstances reveal any information that might indicate her location. Miss Thurston stated that a lady friend of hers who is well acquainted with the Lett family might be of some assistance in this case and that she would contact her as soon as possible and solicit her assistance and cooperation in locating Lucille Ferris Lett. Miss Thurston stated also that she is acquainted with several girl friends of Lucille Ferris in Coffeyville, Kansas and through them, as well as others whom she will attempt to develop, will endeavor to aascertain if they have heard anything from Lucille Ferris since she left Coffeyville. She stated that immediately upon receipt of any information as a result of her inquiries she would notify the writer at Tulsa, Oklahoma. During the course of the interview Virginia Thurston related also that F. B. Hanlon, whom she knows and who has been mentioned in previous reports of the writer, has telephoned her several times in the past month in an effort to solicit her help in locating Milton Lett for him. In this connection Miss Thurston stated that she would not go out of her way to assist F. B. Hanlon because she did not like him. While Agent was at Coffeyville, Kansas, several attempts were made to locate F. B. Hanlon for interview but he was not found at his office or at his residence. Miss Thurston stated further that Lucille Ferris has one brother named Lyle Ferris, who is about seventeen or eighteen years old, who is presently attending the Junior High School or the High School in Coffeyville; that Lyle Ferris, to her knowledge, is living with his mother, Mrs. Constance Ferris, at 604 West 10th Street.

J. H. Venefiel, Roosevelt Junior High School, advised that Lyle Ferris is presently enrolled in the Field-Kindley High School.

Victor Klotz, Principal, Field-Kindley High School, advised that Lucille Ferris was known to him when she was enrolled in the high school and that her brother, Lyle Ferris, is presently attending the Field-Kindley High School. Mr. Klotz expressed his desire to cooperate in every way with Agent and stated that he would attempt in a discreet manner, through the medium of teachers as well as known associates of Lyle Ferris, to determine the present location of Lucille Ferris. A franked envelope was left with Mr. Klotz in order that he might immediately furnish any information that he secured through this source.

Bert Zigenfuss, who resides about five or six miles from the Lett family, near Wann, Oklahoma, stated that since Agent last contacted him he

has been developing contacts and informants in that vicinity in an effort to locate Milt Lett. He stated that he received what he considered reliable information several days ago that Milt Lett about three or four weeks ago was at Neodesha, Kansas. He stated he has received no definite information indicating that Milt Lett has contacted or made visits at his mother's place near Wann, but that he feels positive in his own mind that Maggie Lett knows the location of her son. He related that the mail carrier on the route on which the Lett family is located is a good friend of his and will advise him of any pertinent information relative to this matter. It was Mr. Zigenfuss' opinion that one M.D.L. Cox, a negro attorney at Coffeyville, Kansas, keeps in close touch with the Lett family and because of the fact that he was very well acquainted with Milton Lett, may possibly be in possession of information that would assist in locating Milton Lett. Zigenfuss stated, however, that an open interview with Cox would be of no avail and that he had recently been in touch with a rather close acquaintance of Attorney Cox, who he stated will endeavor to secure what information he can through that source. Mr. Zigenfuss stated that any and all information that may be of any assistance whatsoever in this case which he might receive will be immediately transmitted by him to Sheriff Hugh Owen at Nowata, Oklahoma, who in turn will immediately contact Agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At Nowata, Oklahoma.

Sheriff Hugh Owen stated that he has received no information relative to this case since Agent last contacted him. Sheriff Owen advised Agent that Bert Zigenfuss is a good man to keep in touch with in connection with this case because of his connections in the vicinity in which the Lett family resides and stated that Zigenfuss, who is a former peace officer, is a reliable individual.

Agent in company with Sheriff Owen contacted Bill Lett at his residence at Nowata, at which time Lett advised the writer that he is positive his cousin, Eddie "Doc" Lett, is presently residing somewhere in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. In this connection he stated that he had about a week or two ago talked with Eddie Lett, at which time Lett stated he was married and living in Bartlesville. During this interview Bill Lett related that he considered Eddie Lett as being an unreliable individual and that very little credence could be placed in anything he might say. At the request of Sheriff Owen and the writer Bill Lett agreed to drive his mother to the home of Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma within the very near future in order that either himself or his mother might in a discreet manner secure some information from Maggie Lett concerning the location of her son, Milton Lett. Arrangements were made whereby he would immediately furnish whatever information he might secure during this visit to Sheriff Owen, who would transmit same to the writer.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION at Neodesha, Kansas will exhibit the photograph of Milton Lett and Lucille Ferris to employees at the Post Office, as well as local officers, to determine whether Lett has been seen in that vicinity within the past month or two.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Commerce, Oklahoma will interview Edith Morris, wife of Earl Morris, 108 North Cherry, and solicit her cooperation in this case.

At Coffeyville and Nowata, Oklahoma will maintain contact with the individuals mentioned in the body of this report.

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BRIEN McMAHON
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice
Washington

November 5, 1937.

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

There is attached hereto for your information, a copy of a letter dated October 30, 1937, addressed to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Charles H. Carr, from Ellis Hollums, Managing Editor of the Miami Herald, wherein it will be noted that Andrew Guarante has engaged counsel in Miami to bring a suit against the above newspaper charging libel as a result of alleged improper statements concerning him appearing in the Miami Herald of May 20, 1937. I am also attaching a copy of my reply thereto.

It will be noted that I have declined to furnish the information requested by Mr. Hollums. It will be further observed that the statement appeared on May 20, 1937. I am informed by Mr. Waters that he arrived in Miami on May 24, 1937, while Mr. Carr arrived on May 22, 1937.

Brien McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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November 5, 1937.

Mr. Ellis Hollums,
Managing Editor,
The Miami Herald,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Hollums:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 30, 1937, addressed to Mr. Charles H. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, wherein it is noted that one Andrew Guarante has engaged an attorney in Miami to bring suit against you for libel for statements allegedly published in your paper on May 20, 1937.

I should like to be of assistance to you in this matter, but it is the unalterable policy of the Department not to furnish information in matters of this kind because all records and information obtained during the course of official investigation must of necessity be considered strictly confidential. I am sure that you will appreciate the necessity of regulations of this nature.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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Ellis Hollums
Managing Editor

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October 30, 1937.

Hon. Charles H. Carr,
Special Assistant to the Attorney-General
Department of Justice
Criminal Division
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carr:

Last May, during the time when preparation was being made for the trial of Joseph H. Adams on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, we published in our issue of May 20 an item to the effect that one Andrew Guarante, when served with a subpoena as a witness, tore it into shreds and later went to the office of the U.S. Marshal, threw the shredded subpoena on the Marshal's desk and said, "Damn the United States." Our story continued to the effect that a bench warrant was issued by Judge John W. Holland, ordering Guarante brought to Miami to face a citation for contempt of court. I am writing you at the suggestion of Mr. Lloyd C. Hooks, Assistant U.S. Attorney for this district. Guarante has engaged a local attorney to bring suit against us for libel, alleging that the incidents reported did not take place. I shall greatly appreciate it if you will advise me what did happen in connection with Guarante's being summoned and also in connection with the contempt citation. Our reporter who covered the story does not remember whether he obtained his information on Guarante from you or from Mr. Herbert S. Phillips, U.S. District Attorney here.

I shall be under obligations to you if you will give me whatever information you have about Guarante that may be useful to us in defending his suit.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

EH:kb

(S) Ellis Hollums

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Portland, Oregon	11-4-37	10-15,26,30-37	S. B. Dennis

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE PIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVES, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM	KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Elliston presently thought to be at Home Valley, Washington, and Vern Ferris thought to be at Tacoma, Washington.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. A. Grill, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-29-37.

DETAILS:

At Portland, Oregon:

The 1936 and 1937 City and telephone directories for the City of Portland failed to reflect the names of Elmer and Bernice Elliston, or Vern Ferris.

It was ascertained from the Credit Department of the Portland Gas and Coke Company that gas service for the period December 1, 1936 to January 11, 1937 was extended to Elmer V. Elliston at 1320 N. McClellan, Portland, Oregon.

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It was ascertained that Mr. Elliston had moved from 1320 N. McClellan and information was obtained from Mr. George Norvy, Superintendent of the Kenton Postoffice station that on February 5, 1937 Elmer Elliston left the forwarding address of Leadville, Missouri, and Vern Ferris left the forwarding address of 604 N. E. Couch, Portland, Oregon.

It was determined from Mrs. Brown, who resides at the Estate Apartments, 204 N. E. Grand, and who was the former landlady at 604 N. E. Couch, that Vern Ferris lived at the latter address alone and moved to 217 S. E. 7th Street, Portland, Oregon, during May of 1937. Mrs. Brown stated that Ferris was employed by the Asbestos Material Co., Portland, Oregon, and she was of the opinion that he later left Portland and went to Suleck, Washington, where he was employed in a mill. Mrs. Brown stated that before Ferris had moved to her place he formerly lived with his sister, Mrs. Bernice Elliston and that she understood that Mrs. Elliston and her husband Elmer, had left Portland for the middle west, and just shortly after Ferris moved to the South 7th Street address, his sister Mrs. Elliston and her husband returned from the middle west accompanied by her brother and father at which time they moved with Ferris on 7th Street. Mrs. Brown could not identify the photograph of Milton Lett as being any one who had visited there.

Mrs. L. D. Kunkel, Landlady at 217 S. E. 7th Street, advised that Mr. and Mrs. Elliston and Vern Ferris resided at her place; that Ferris first moved in and later Mr. and Mrs. Elliston, together with Mrs. Elliston's brother and wife, Clarence and Irma, together with their father came from Missouri, and that her brother and his wife and their father stayed a couple of weeks, and presumably went back to Missouri; that Elliston and his wife moved to 1635 S. W. Alder Street sometime in June and Vern Ferris left to go to Tacoma, Washington, where he is employed by some asbestos or roofing company. Mrs. Kunkel stated that she had never seen anyone resembling the photograph of Milton Lett visit either of the Elliston's or Ferris, and had never heard any of them mention Lett's wife.

Mrs. L. Young, Landlady of the Norris Hotel, 1635 S. W. Alder Street, advised that Mr. and Mrs. Elliston, together with a 3 year old girl, resided at her hotel for a short while and left about 2 or 3 months ago for Home Valley, Washington where they are employed on a farm owned by Mr. Frank Bergenfeld. Mrs. Young likewise could not identify the photograph of Milton Lett as resembling anyone who had ever visited the Ellistons.

Information was furnished by Mr. L. Hodes, manager of the Asbestos Materials Co. 989 S. E. Water Street, to the effect that Vern Ferris had left his employment on June 23, 1937 for the purpose of going to work for the Tacoma Roofing Co., at Tacoma, Washington. In this respect, it was ascertained that Vern Ferris left a forwarding address of general delivery, Tacoma, Washington on July 30, 1937.

ENCLOSURES TO SEATTLE: Copy of Reference report
Photograph of Milton Lett

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION, at Home Valley, Washington, will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. Elliston who are employed by Mr. Frank Bergenfeld for information they may have as to the present whereabouts of either Mr. or Mrs. Milton Lett. For the information of the Seattle Field Division in conducting this investigation, a copy of reference report is enclosed herewith as well as the photograph of Milton Lett.

At Tacoma, Washington, will locate and interview Vern Ferris, the Uncle of Mrs. Milton Lett for the same information. Mr. Ferris is thought to be employed by the Tacoma Roofing Co. and is thought to be receiving mail general delivery, Tacoma, Washington.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

APB:GOC
#7-43

November 8, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

Re GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases- FUGITIVE;
I.O.#1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER- VICTIM.

In view of the investigation which is presently being conducted to locate Milton Lett, the Bureau is requested to furnish this office as well as the offices to which copies of this letter are directed, with photostatic copies of any handwriting specimens the Bureau files may contain of Milton Lett's handwriting to be available to those offices for comparison purposes in connection with mail covers which are being maintained on the relatives of Milton Lett.

It is noted that Lett was arrested by the Akron, Ohio, Police Department on 10-19-35 under the alias Thomas J. Shaw. In event the Bureau is in possession of the fingerprint card bearing this signature which was forwarded to it by the Akron, Ohio, Police Department, it is suggested that the above offices be also furnished with specimens of that signature. Milton Lett's FBI number is 1008739.

Very truly yours,

H. D. Harris

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: George Timiney, with aliases;
Doctor Joseph P. Moran, with
aliases - Fugitive; L. O. #1232,
et al., Edward George Brewer-
Victim.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of November 8, 1937 in connection with the above-entitled case, there are being transmitted herewith to your office and with each copy of this letter to the offices indicated below, two copies each of a photographic chart of signatures of subject as appearing on the fingerprint cards in the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Baughman .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
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FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL.;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;

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NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Preston Leroy Paden, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, now states that he is uncertain as to whether Volney Davis was present at the home of Hugh Larimer at the time Larimer advised him he had read in the newspapers that Davis had been indicted in the Bremer kidnaping. Doris Stanley and Earl Stuchlik have no personal knowledge of Volney Davis' visit to Hugh Larimer. Chevrolet truck, allegedly the property of Volney Davis, sold by Hugh Larimer to Blevins Chevrolet Company, Topeka, Kansas, on May 21, 1935.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 3, 1937.

Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, Missouri, dated August 31, 1937.

DETAILS:

At Hutchinson, Kansas.

Preston Leroy Paden, register #12184, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, was thoroughly interviewed concerning any information which he might have relative to the alleged visit of Volney Davis to the home of Hugh Larimer in Topeka, Kansas. Paden advised that

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he had given all the information in his possession concerning this incident to Special Agents A. E. Farland and S. B. Landrum in a signed statement made to them on July 3, 1937. Paden made an additional statement, amplifying the remarks made by him to Agents Farland and Landrum, as follows:

Hutchinson, Kansas
October 27, 1937

"I, Preston Leroy Paden, make the following voluntary statement to James M. O'Leary, who has identified himself to me as being a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises having been made to me.

"On July 3, 1937, I made a statement to Special Agents A. E. Farland and S. B. Landrum of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and I am making this statement for the purposing of adding to the statement made to Agents Farland and Landrum.

"Concerning the 1934 Chevrolet Panel body truck mentioned in my statement I wish to state that this truck was purchased by Volney Davis in the State of Ohio during the year 1934. I believe this truck was purchased in Toledo or Cleveland, Ohio, and was purchased by Davis under the name of J. E. Hansen. At the time this truck was purchased Volney Davis traded in an old Buick Sedan and paid the balance in cash. I do not know the name or address of the dealer from whom this truck was purchased. During the summer of 1934 this truck was licensed in the State of Montana and Davis had a Montana title for same. This Chevrolet truck of which I am speaking is the one which I signed over to Hugh Larimer of Topeka, Kansas, and which he in turn sold to the Blevins Chevrolet people at Topeka, Kansas. I later learned that the Blevins Chevrolet Company sold this truck to a dairy in Topeka, Kansas, as I have seen the truck on the streets of Topeka, Kansas, with a dairy sign painted on the sides. This truck was painted black and had a well fender for spare tire on the right front fender and it also had a spotlight on the drivers side. This spotlight is the type that is operated from within the drivers compartment.

"The 1933 Chevrolet Coupe mentioned in my statement was painted blue and at the time bore 1935 Missouri license

plates 37-618, and was titled in my name, Preston Leroy Paden, in the State of Missouri. This car was "legitimate" and was purchased by me from a Chevrolet dealer somewhere near 32nd Street in Kansas City, Missouri. I believe that this automobile was purchased by me in January 1935. The records of this automobile motor number should be in the files of the F.B.I. and the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, as Earl Stuchlik had this automobile in his possession when arrested by Agents of the F.B.I., at Kansas City, Missouri.

"Concerning the private garage in which the 1934 Chevrolet Truck was stored in Topeka, Kansas, prior to my turning the papers for same over to Attorney Hugh Larimer I wish to state that this garage was rented by Earl Stuchlik upon the reccommendation of a friend known to me only as "Tom" This garage was on a side street on the north of west tenth street, Topeka, Kansas. I do not know in what name Earl Stuchlik rented this garage but think it was either in his name or that of J. E. Hansen.

"As to the reason for my turning the papers of the 1934 Chevrolet Truck over to Attorney Hugh Larimer I want to state that they were turned over to him for the reason that Earl Stuchlik and I were going to Kansas City, Missouri, and we both expected to be picked up by F.B.I. Agents on account of the arrests of Volney Davis and my mother. I did not want to lose the truck and did not want the papers found on my person in the event that I was arrested because I had spent four or five hundred dollars of my money in going to Montana to look after the roadhouse owned by Volney Davis and I expected to get my money back out of the Chevrolet Truck.

"When I turned the Chevrolet Truck over to Hugh Larimer I signed the title of the truck over to him. Larimer at this time told me that he wanted me to write him a letter as if he were absent from his office at the time I called and that in this letter I should tell him to sell the Chevrolet Truck and the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe belonging to me. Larimer dictated the letter and I wrote it out in my own handwriting. The letter was to the effect that the two automobiles were being turned over to him as attorney's fees for defending my aunt, Doris Stanley. I wrote the letter at Larimer's dictation and gave the same to him at the time.

"Concerning the statement made by me to Mr. Farland

that Hugh Larimer had given Doris Stanley one hundred dollars to give me as the proceeds of the sale of my Chevrolet Coupe. I wish to state that the amount was $140.00. I was later told by Vern Stuchlik, brother of Earl Stuchlik, that Hugh Larimer had told him or that he had heard that Larimer received $300.00 for the Chevrolet Coupe.

"At the time I was living at McPherson, Kansas, with my aunt, Doris Stanley, and I called Hugh Larimer by long distance telephone at Topeka, Kansas, on several occasions regarding the sale of the Chevrolet Truck. He always told me that he had not yet sold the truck. So I finally decided to go to Topeka and get the truck. When I arrived at Topeka, Larimer told me that he had removed the truck from the private garage and had placed it with the Blevins Chevrolet people. This was late at night and the following morning when I saw Larimer he told me that he had sold the truck to the Blevins people. I went to the Blevins garage and told them that I was going to replevin the truck and they told me that Larimer had sold them the truck and that they had sold it to some dairy in Topeka. I do not know the names of any of the persons with whom I talked concerning this truck. At the time of my visit to the Blevins garage Doris Stanley and Vern Stuchlik were with me. When I questioned Larimer as to what right he had to break the lock on the private garage, remove the truck and sell it he said that Earl Stuchlik owed him that much money for defending him on some charge in Federal Court at Topeka, Kansas. Doris Stanley had come to Topeka as a result of my calling her on long distance at McPherson, Kansas, and telling her what Larimer had done. She talked with Larimer and he told her that her ex-husband, Earl Stuchlik, owned him attorney's fees and that he was keeping the money from the truck to pay them and that he refused to turn any of the money over to me. Doris Stanley then tried to reach Agent Farland of the F.B.I., on the telephone but was unable to reach him.

"While Volney Davis and my mother, Edna Murray, were living in an apartment house as Mr. and Mrs. George Harper, I do not recall the date, Davis and I went to Topeka, Kansas, because Davis wanted to "case" a jewelery store which someone had given him as a "mark". I think that Davis did not know Hugh Larimer at this time. I might mention that this visit was before the arrest of Volney Davis and the truck deal with Larimer. I believe that I suggested that we call on Hugh Larimer and we went to his home. I introduced Volney Davis as "Curly" and do

not remember if I at that time told Larimer who he was. Larimer must have known that Davis was a "thief" because he told us about the night depository in the bank in which he had his office and how it could be "taken" some Saturday night. It may have been the next time that I saw Larimer that I told him who Davis really was. I think that it was a later date when Volney Davis was not present that Hugh Larimer told me that he had seen in the newspapers that Volney Davis had been indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the Bremer Kidnapping.

"That is all that I can remember which would help to make my statement to Agents Farland and Landrum any clearer.

"I have read this statement which consists of two typewritten pages and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true."

/s/ Preston Leroy Paden

/s/ James M. O'Leary
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

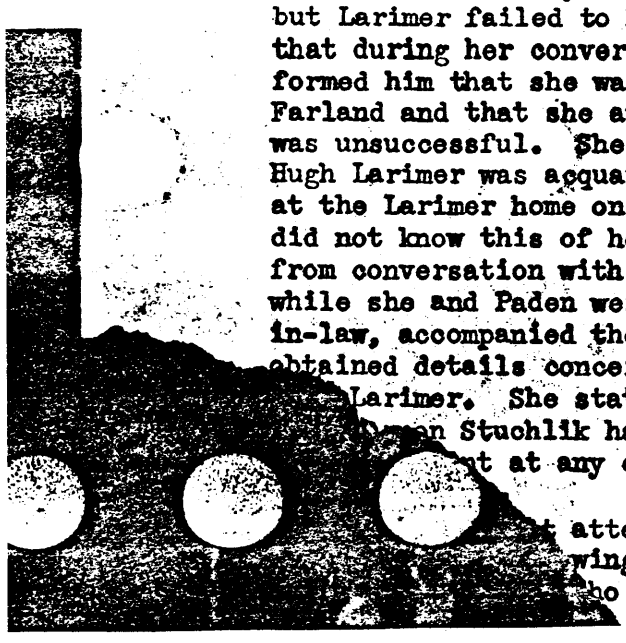
/s/ E. W. Ford
Parole Officer, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory,
Hutchinson, Kansas

At Lyons, Kansas.

Doris Stanley was interviewed at the speakeasy which is conducted by herself and Lexie Davis, girl friend of Preston Leroy Paden. She was questioned concerning any information which she might have relative to the alleged visit of Volney Davis to the home of Hugh Larimer. Miss Stanley stated that she desired to assist the Government in any way possible and that she had no personal knowledge of Volney Davis' visit to the home of Hugh Larimer and that her only knowledge concerning this visit was conversation which she had had with Preston Leroy Paden, in which he told her that he and Davis had visited with Hugh Larimer.

Relative to the Chevrolet truck and the Chevrolet coupe turned over to Hugh Larimer by Preston Leroy Paden, Miss Stanley stated that from about February 5 to June 1, 1935, she was in Federal custody at

Kansas City, Missouri, and that Preston Leroy Paden and her ex-husband, Earl Stuchlik, had gone to Glasgow, Montana, in connection with a road-house owned by Volney Davis and Corey Bales. She further stated that Volney Davis had a panel body Chevrolet truck and that this truck was in Montana and that Paden and Earl Stuchlik had brought the panel body truck back to Topeka, Stuchlik driving the truck and Paden driving his 1933 Chevrolet Coupe. She stated that Paden had informed her that, upon his arrival at Topeka, he had turned the Chevrolet truck and Chevrolet coupe over to Hugh Larimer in order that Larimer might sell them for him. When she was released from custody, she states that she drove to Cardin, Oklahoma, to get Paden and that they then drove to Topeka, Kansas, where Paden requested Larimer to pay him for the two automobiles; that at this time Larimer informed them that her ex-husband, Earl Stuchlik, owed him money for attorney's fees and that he was keeping the money obtained from the sale of the cars to pay this debt. Miss Stanley states that both she and Paden advised Larimer that Stuchlik had no interest in either of these cars and that the Chevrolet belonged to Preston Leroy Paden and that the Chevrolet truck was the property of Volney Davis. Miss Stanley states that Larimer told them that he declined to pay Paden for the automobiles and suggested they go to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth and visit Earl Stuchlik and inquire of him if he did not owe Larimer an attorney fee. Miss Stanley and Paden proceeded to Leavenworth but Larimer failed to keep the engagement. Miss Stanley further stated that during her conversation with Larimer in Topeka, Kansas, she had informed him that she was going to communicate with Special Agent A. E. Farland and that she attempted to get Agent Farland on the telephone but was unsuccessful. She further stated that she was of the opinion that Hugh Larimer was acquainted with Volney Davis and that Davis had visited at the Larimer home on several occasions. She stated, however, that she did not know this of her own personal knowledge but had gathered as much from conversation with Preston Leroy Paden. She further advised that while she and Paden were in Topeka, Kansas, Vernon Stuchlik, her brother-in-law, accompanied them to the Blevins Chevrolet Company, where they obtained details concerning the Chevrolet truck and the sale of same by Larimer. She stated, however, to the best of her recollection, Vernon Stuchlik had not accompanied them to Larimer's office nor was present at any conversations between Larimer, Paden, and herself.



t attempted to locate Betty McCartney at Lyons, for the wing her relative to the individual she believed to ho had visited at her bootlegging establishment on was ascertained from Sheriff Claude Suttle that cCartney on liquor charges and that on September r to the State Industrial Farm at Lansing, ntly incarcerated.

At Hill City, Kansas.

Agent interviewed Earl Stuchlik, who advised that he and Preston Leroy Paden had left Kansas City, Missouri, on January 28, 1935, in a 1933 Chevrolet coupe owned by Preston Leroy Paden and that they had proceeded to Glasgow, Montana, for the purpose of looking after a road-house owned by Volney Davis and Corey Bales. At Glasgow, they obtained from Bales a 1934 panel body Chevrolet truck, the property of Volney Davis. Stuchlik states that he drove the truck from Glasgow to Topeka and that Preston Leroy Paden accompanied him, driving the 1933 Chevrolet coupe belonging to Paden. Upon arriving at Topeka, Stuchlik states he drove around the city looking for a private garage and that he finally located a garage from a "For Rent" sign, but that he does not recall the address or street upon which this garage was located. He states no one assisted him in locating this garage and he cannot identify the individual, Tom, as mentioned by Preston Leroy Paden. Stuchlik stated he did not go to Hugh Larimer's office after he placed the truck in the garage, but he knows that Paden did go to Larimer's office and signed the papers for the Chevrolet truck over to Hugh Larimer in order that Larimer might dispose of the truck. He further stated he believed that Paden had turned the 1933 Chevrolet coupe over to Larimer in order that he might dispose of it, through sale. Stuchlik states he had no interest whatever in either of these automobiles and that at the time he did not owe Hugh Larimer for attorney's fees, although Larimer has represented him on several occasions. He further stated that he and Preston Leroy Paden had had no conversation relative to disposing of the title papers to the truck because they feared that they would be picked up by the authorities upon their arrival at Kansas City, Missouri. He states he was very much surprised when he was arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, and that at the time of his arrest he was driving the 1933 Chevrolet coupe owned by Preston Leroy Paden. Stuchlik states that he knows Volney Davis very well and that in 1927 or 1928 Volney Davis was arrested in the apartment occupied by himself and Doris Stanley in Kansas City, Missouri. Stuchlik stated that he has never seen Volney Davis in the company of Hugh Larimer and has never heard that Davis has visited with Larimer. He also stated that, at the time of his arrest in Kansas City with the 1933 Chevrolet coupe, Preston Leroy Paden sent Hugh Larimer to Kansas City for the purpose of effecting the release of the Chevrolet coupe and that Doris Stanley visited him in the jail and told him that Paden had signed the Chevrolet truck over to Hugh Larimer in order that Larimer might sell the same. Stuchlik advised that, if he did have any information concerning visits of Volney Davis to the home of Hugh Larimer, he would be more than glad to turn this information over to the Federal Government because "it will save me from killing him one of these days."

Earl Stuchlik advised that his brother, Vernon Stuchlik, now

resides at 4273 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Earl Stuchlik states that it is his intention to remain at Hill City, Kansas, as long as his father is ill, but that, upon the recovery of his father, he expects to leave Hill City but that he will leave a forwarding address in case the Bureau desires to communicate with him.

At Topeka, Kansas.

At the Blevins Chevrolet Company, Agent interviewed Mr. Lloyd Scott, Sales Manager, who exhibited to Agent the books of the company, which reflect that on May 21, 1935, there was credited to Hugh C. Larimer, 911 Douthitt, $289.73 for a 1934 Chevrolet sedan delivery truck, motor #4361390, serial #1DA05-31707, Montana title #27007, and that this amount was paid by Blevins check #3539.

Mr. Scott advised that Larimer had brought the truck to the garage and said that he wanted some repair work done on it as he wanted to sell it. The car was in the garage for some time and Mr. Scott stated that he learned that his salesmen were trying to sell it and he began making inquiries about it and was informed that Hugh Larimer had placed the truck there. He said there was some question in his mind as to how Larimer had come into possession of a truck and was informed by a salesman, whose identity he does not recall, that Larimer had told him that he had taken the truck in as a fee for professional services. Mr. Scott stated he then requested Larimer to come to his office and Larimer explained to him that he had taken the truck in on a fee and assured him the truck was strictly legitimate and that the title was in good order. Mr. Scott states Larimer did not tell him from whom he had obtained the truck but Mr. Scott later learned, from a source which he does not now recall, that the truck had been obtained from some person involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

Mr. Scott at this time called in Walker Jeffries, a salesman employed by his concern, who advised that Larimer had told him that he had obtained the truck at Kansas City through a deal with some men whom he had defended. Mr. Jeffries states Larimer asked him where he could sell the truck and that the truck had remained in the garage for some time when another salesman by the name of Anderson asked him who the truck belonged to and stated he had a customer who desired to purchase the truck. It was at this time that the Blevins Chevrolet Company purchased the truck from Larimer and later resold it to J. O. Fairbanks, 2735 Iowa Street, Topeka, Kansas.

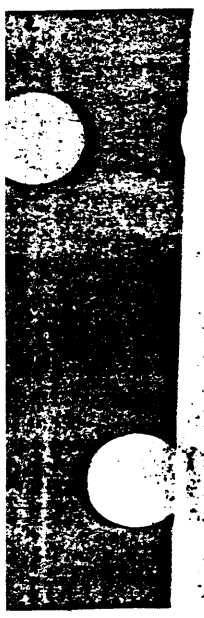
At the Title Section, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Agent examined Montana title #270070 in the name of J. E. Hansen, General Delivery,

Glasgow, Montana, for Chevrolet one-half ton truck, motor #4361390. The back of this title reflects the following information: purchaser's name - Hugh C. Larimer, 911 Douthitt, Topeka, Kansas, March 21, 1935, signed J. E. Hansen. The second endorsement, also on March 21, 1935, reflects the Blevins Chevrolet Company as the purchaser and Hugh C. Larimer as the person selling the truck.

Assistant United States Attorney Gordon Sloan, Topeka, Kansas, turned over to Agent copies of statements made by Preston Leroy Paden to Joe Anderson of the Kansas Highway Patrol concerning his associations with Volney Davis and other subjects in this case. These statements amplify the incidents mentioned by Paden in his statement to Special Agents Farland and Landrum and are being quoted herein for possible future reference:

STATEMENT OF PRESTON PADEN

Hutchinson, Kansas, October 2, 1936



"I, Preston Paden, possessing all my mental faculties, make the following statement to Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, voluntarily, knowing the same to be true, without threats or duress or promises of any nature having been made to me.

"I am nineteen years old, was born at Miami, Oklahoma, December 27, 1916. My father is George Paden who lives at Chetopa, Kansas. My mother is generally known as Edna Murray. I am at present confined in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

"The latter part of January, 1935, Earl Stuchlik and I drove to Montana in my car which was a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe. We had been there about two weeks when I read in the paper where Jess Doyle had hit a federal agent and escaped. I later learned that the paper had this wrong; that it was Volney Davis who had escaped instead of Jess Doyle. I was at Glasgow, Montana. Volney Davis had a night club at Wheeler, Montana. Cory Bales was running it for him. Earl and I started back to Kansas City, Earl driving Volney's 1934 Chevrolet panel sedan and I drove my car. When we got to Topeka Earl and I went to see Hugh Larimer and Earl gave Larimer the papers to this truck and told him it was Volney's truck. We put the truck in a private garage and Earl and I drove to Kansas City in my car.

"When we got to Kansas City we found that Jess Doyle and my mother were in jail at Kansas City, Kansas, and that Doris Stanley was in jail in Kansas City, Missouri. Earl and I stayed at the Missouri Hotel and sent to Topeka and had Larimer come to Kansas City to have him see Jess and my mother and Doris. They would not let him see Jess or my mother, but he did talk to Doris. After Larimer went back to Topeka, Earl and I saw Ralph Latshaw, Jr., who was Doris' attorney. When Doris was arrested she had about $1200 on her and got in the jail with this and later paid her attorney and sent the rest to me. I believe this was $150 which she sent me by Hugh Larimer, sending a note with it to me.

"I then went to the Lafayette Hotel at 12th and Troost and saw Helen, John Langdon's sister-in-law and told her I wanted to contact John. She sent me to the Sportsman's Club on Southwest Boulevard and to see Eddie Nettles. I saw him and told him who I wanted to see and he called up John someplace and John met me at the Sportsman's Club that night. I gave John some money, he was broke and I think he stayed at the Puritan Hotel that night. I told him I would call him up the next morning and I went back to the Missouri Hotel. At the Missouri, Earl told me had called Chris Rucker, an attorney, and I got out figuring that Rucker would tell the G-men, and later learned that he did, or must have, as someone tipped them off to my car.

"Next morning, I contacted John Langdon, and we stayed in Kansas City about two days at different hotels, and then went to the Sportsman's Club and John Langdon saw someone there he knew and got him to drive us to Osawatomie and there, I looked up Johnny Rose and he drove us to Joplin in an old Model A Pickup truck. We registered in at the Yates Hotel at Joplin and while at Joplin, John Langdon told me about robbing the treasurer at Independence, Kansas.

"Before I had gone to Montana, Jess Doyle and Volney Davis and John Langdon and I had a hot Ford that we were using, and Volney and I spotted on Oldsmobile sedan, black, with built in trunk and six wheels. This was the kind of car we wanted and we were in Volney's Pontiac at the time. I told Volney that was the kind of car we wanted and I went over and found the car was locked. We stayed there a long time watching it and finally a man came out and got in the car and drove to a school house under construction and got out and went in the

school house. He had brief case with him. Volney Davis and I followed him and at the school house I got out and found the car was still locked. Volney said we did not to take the Oldsmobile then as we were in his Pontiac which was a square car and he did not want any heat on it. We drove back to Kansas City to get the Ford and go back after the Oldsmobile as we figured this man would be in the school house quite a while. When we got back to Kansas City, he said let's go get Jess to drive the Oldsmobile home for us. Jess wanted to take John along, so all four of us drove back to Independence, Missouri at the school house in the Ford. The man was still in the school house, and we parked near a vacant house nearby and we went in the vacant house and when saw the man coming out, we got in our car and met him when he was almost to his car, about ten feet behind it. We stopped our car and Volney jumped out, showed him his pistol but did not put it on him, and told him to get in our car. Jess and John got out of our car and took the man's keys to his car and got in his car and drove it off. I set in the back seat of our Ford coach and put the man in the bottom of the back seat and put him on the floor and I put my feet on him and Volney drove the Ford and I told this man not to look at me, I would shoot his head off. This man said "Boys you can have my car and money and everything but please don't take me out in the country and leave me." We drove him out in the country and took him up in some timber and tied him to a tree with clothesline rope. Going up there Volney was joking and said he did not believe he would bother to tie him up, he would just shoot him. While Volney was tieing him up, I went through his pockets and got sixteen dollars. I believe it was sixteen, it might have been fifteen. Volney said don't leave him anything to call or get a taxicab with. I started to take his watch but Volney said not to take it, it would only get me in trouble. We blindfolded him; I had already done this in the car with Volney's handkerchief, first tearing the laundry marks off. We went back to Kansas City and met Jess and John at Jess's apartment. They said they had put the car in the garage behind the Plamor.

"At Joplin after John and I were taken there by John Rose as related on first page of this statement, I asked John what he had done with the Oldsmobile. He said they had wrecked it; that they had robbed the County Treasurer at Independence, Kansas, and coming back, it was sleeting and Volney was driving and had run into a car that some niggers were pushing up a hill. John said that one of these nigger girls said "officers nothing,

look at them getting those license tags." Volney had previously told them after the wreck that they were officers chasing bank robbers. They got out on the road and heisted a 1934 Chevrolet Coach and drove back to Kansas City in it. John told me that Jess drove the car going to Independence but Volney drove coming back. John said that Jess drove and he, John and Volney, made the "heist". He also told me that they set the Oldsmobile on fire. He said they put the Chevrolet that they heisted in a garage near the Blackstone Apartments at Kansas City, and the keys were later found in his apartment. He said he knew they would trace the keys to the Chevrolet and then to the burned Oldsmobile and that he would get a rap on the Independence, Kansas job. John told me that Al Sherwood had figured the mark at Independence. One time several months before this, Volney, Jess and I drove to Parsons to look over a mail robbery, and we did not see the money come in, so Volney said lets drive to Coffeyville and ask Al Sherwood more about it, so we drove to Coffeyville and to Tommy Hill's place in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and Tommy came out and talked to Volney and said that Al was not there, that he was home, and we drove to Al's place which is a tourist camp in Coffeyville, Kansas, and Volney and Jess went in and talked to Al, and they later told me that Al was going on the "mark" at Parsons.

"I have made the above and foregoing statement of my own free will and accord without fear of intimidation or promise of reward."

(SIGNED) Preston Paden.

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STATEMENT OF PRESTON PADEN

Hutchinson, Kansas, Oct. 2, 1936.

"I, Preston Paden, being in possession of all my mental faculties, make the following statement to Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, voluntarily, knowing the same to be true, without threats or duress or promises of any character whatsoever having been made to me.

"I am nineteen years old, was born at Miami, Oklahoma, December 27, 1916. My father is George Paden who lives at Chetopa, Kansas. My mother is generally known as Edna

Murray. I am at present confined in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

"In the spring of 1934, I stayed for a while with Jess Doyle and Doris Stanley, my aunt, at Wichita, Kansas. While staying with them, Jess Doyle told me about an attempted bank robbery at Topeka, Kansas, in January, 1934. The way he told it, Eddie Green got the "mark" from Hugh Larimer, an attorney at Topeka, Kansas. When Eddie Green got the "mark" he and Jess were friends but later fell out and Jess was not in on the attempted robbery. I was with Jess the day this bank was robbed and when he read about it in the paper he told me that Eddie Green had called him up and wanted to see him but that he knew what Eddie wanted and not liking him did not go and see him. Jess said that he thought Eddie Green, Tommy Carroll, Baby Face Nelson, Homer Van Meter, and John Dillinger did this job. At one time, Jess Doyle, Doris Stanley and Eddie Green and Bess Green lived at the Senate Apartments at Topeka. At the time Eddie Green called Jess Doyle, Jess and Doris were living Commerce, Oklahoma with Mott Stanley and Helen Stanley. Eddie Green called Pearl's barbecue which is next to Mott's. This was the job where they got the banker at the house, as I understood it, and made him open up the bank.

"In 1926 or 1927, I was staying with some people on a five acre tract on the old St. Joe road north of North Kansas City. I was staying with my aunt, Doris, who at that time was married to George Stuchlik. He was bootlegging out there. It was about five miles north of North Kansas City. Fisher Paris owned the place. Paris formerly lived at Abilene. Paris' wife's father lived on the next farm north. During that summer, George Chase and Gus Nichols, were out there and several times Sammy Hoyt and Tom Underwood came out there. I heard George and Gus talk about robbing the Kaw Valley State Bank at North Topeka. In their conversation, I learned that Sammy Hoyt and Tom Underwood were with them on the job. They said that on the way back, something happened and they had to abandon their car and grabbed a truck and made the truck driver take them to Kansas City. They hid in the truck. After they left Doris and George Stuchlik, George Chase and Gus Nichols went to St. Paul. I remember they were there on the fourth of July as George Chase gave me twenty dollars on the fourth, which was the most money I had ever had up to that time. Gus Nichols is now serving time at Stillwater, Minn., George Chase is now dead; Tom Underwood is at Alcatraz, and

Sammy Hoyt is serving time at Jefferson City.

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(SIGNED) Preston Paden.

WITNESSES:

F. E. Bailey (SIGNED)

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"In the fall of 1934 I was at Jess Doyle's apartment at Kansas City, Missouri. Jess Doyle and my aunt, Doris Stanley, were living at the Blackstone Apartments under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Conley. John Langdon was living in the same building, having an apartment on the floor above. While staying with Jess and Doris, I heard Jess and John talk several times about a mail robbery at Coffeyville which had taken place a short time before. From the conversation, Jess Doyle, John Langdon, Jack Rich and Clarence Sparger were in on this robbery. This was a stickup of a mail truck just as the truck left the depot. There was supposed to be $49,000 in this mail, and they said they only got four dollars out of it. They said just as they made the "heist" that they had a flat tire and Sparger and Rich did not want to go through with the "heist" but Doyle and Langdon did, so they went ahead. Jess was doing the driving and Langdon, Sparger and Rich made the "heist". They were using a 1934 Ford V-8 Sedan which I think they had stolen in Kansas City, Kansas

a short time before that. From what I heard them say, Jess and John were going to kill Rich and Sparger if they had got the $49,000 as they were sore at them. They burned the mail sacks somewhere on the road back to Kansas City. I believe this four dollars was in one registered letter.

"Jess Doyle is now serving ten years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska. John Langdon is serving ten years at the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City. Clarence Sparger is serving twenty-five years, I believe, at Leavenworth, as he was wanted on the Neosho Bank robbery when arrested. I believe Jack Rich is serving time at Leavenworth for the Neosho Bank Robbery.

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(SIGNED) Preston Paden

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"I am nineteen years old, was born at Miami, Oklahoma, December 27, 1916. My father is George Paden who lives at Chetopa, Kansas. My mother is generally known as Edna Murray. I am at present confined in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

"In connection with the robbery of the Blankenship brothers at Winnwood Beach in January, 1936, wish to make additional statement concerning the car used in this robbery, which was a Ford coach.

"Volney Davis had a square Pontiac. We wanted another car and one night shortly before Christmas, 1934, Volney and I were riding around in the Pontiac looking for a car and at the Safeway Market near 40th and Main, Volney saw a man get out of an Oldsmobile. We could see that the motor was running and Volney said there is just the kind of car that we want and he got out and got in the Oldsmobile and drove it off and I followed in the Pontiac. He took it to his garage at his apartment and then went to Jess's and got Jess and John and they got a Dodge that was hot, which was stolen in Osawatomie, and left the Dodge in Kansas City, Kansas, and put the Oldsmobile in the garage where had formerly kept the Dodge. This garage was near the Blackstone apartments.

"A few days later, Volney, John, Jess and I started to Oklahoma, Volney knowing where some machine guns were kept in a fire station, and we intended to get the town afire and then get the machine guns. We had twenty gallons of gasoline with us. A short distance out of Kansas City we had a wreck and flagged a car down and we took this car. There was a young fellow driving and an elderly man and woman in the car. There was a quart of homemade wine in this car, which a 1934 tan Ford Coach. We left the Oldsmobile there. The gasoline was in the car. This Ford coach we kept for some time and is the car used in the Blankenship holdup. There was a mail man's sticker in the dash box of this Ford.

"Sometime after the Blankenship robbery, Volney told me he took this Ford to Fort Scott and left it. I believe he said he burned it but am not certain.

"I have read the above and foregoing statement of my own free will and accord without fear of intimidation or promise of reward."

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"In September, 1934, I was living with my grandmother, Mrs. N. D. Stanley, at Cardin, Oklahoma. Jess Doyle, Volney Davis and John Langdon were all living in Kansas City. They had been down several times and asked me about the money transfer from the Miami bank to the Picher bank on Saturday mornings. This particular morning they drove down in a Dodge and parked it about a half mile down a dirt road from my uncle's, Mott Stanley, and Jess come up on foot and got me. This was on a Friday night that they drove down, the morning before the robbery. We drove down to Afton and stayed all night in a tourist cabin near Afton. We got up early the next morning and eat breakfast at Afton and then drove to cemetery between Miami and Commerce. We had the tag number of the Chevrolet used to carry the money, and waited until saw him go to Miami. We then drove out on the highway and stalled along until he passed us. We then took after him, a woman was driving, and there was a man in the front seat with her. They "ranked" to us just before we got into Commerce and they started driving fast but we stayed close to her and went through Commerce. Jess was driving and John was in the front seat and Volney and I were in the back, Volney on the right side. When hit the car on the curve between Commerce and Cardin she opened the Chevrolet up and we took after her and tried to catch her. Volney and I were masked; black silk stockings and Volney had on brown unionalls over his suit and I had overalls over my suit. We stayed crouched down coming through Commerce and when hit the second curve between Commerce and Cardin, Jess said raise up and we would take her and he caught them on the curve and just as got up to them, John stuck a shotgun out the window, and as he did the young woman pulled the emergency brake and stopped the car. Volney and John got out of the car; John carried a shot gun and Volney a pistol and Volney "poked" them up and got them out of the car and they turned their backs and John searched the car, pulled the silver out and set it down and there was a bunch of windshield stickers in the car which he thought was money and he put these and the silver in

the car. Volney said put up your hands and asked the boy where his pistol was and he said behind my car and the woman said "he said pistol, silly, not your pencil". He told them where it was and John got it out of the dash pocket of the Chevrolet. We took the keys of the car and her purse and went north and straight north on a dirt road and as we started out, John threw the keys of her car out on the road. We then drove to Kansas City and cut the money at the Blackstone Apartments. There was $1165 all in silver. We cut this even four ways.

"I have made the above and foregoing statement of my own free will and accord without fear of intimidation or promise of reward."

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"In January, 1935, I was living at Kansas City, Missouri, staying with Jess Doyle and Doris Stanley who is my aunt. We were living in an apartment that I believe was on Locust Street. I think the number was 1012. In the same building in another apartment John Langdon and Francis Taylor were living, using some Irish name. Jess Doyle and Doris Stanley were known as Mr. and Mrs. Conley. My mother, Edna Murray, and Volney Davis, were living on Broadway, south of 32nd Street. They had a ground floor apartment in the second apartment building from the north in the row of apartments on east side of Broadway at that location. They were known as Mr. and Mrs. Hansen.

"While living there, Volney Davis got the "mark" on two old men by name of Blankenship who lived at Winwood Beach and who were supposed to carry thirty grand around with them. Volney and I drove over there one night in his Pontiac and he sent me down to the house to knock on the door and see if they would answer at night. I got the name of a neighbor off a mailbox and when they answered the door, I asked them about these people and they told me where they lived. I then went back to the car and Volney and I drove back to Kansas City. The purpose of this was to learn if they would answer the door at night.

"About a week later, Jess Doyle, John Langdon and I were all at Jess Doyle's apartment and Volney Davis came over and got us in his Pontiac. We got our guns and got in the Pontiac. John Langdon had a 38" revolver; Jess Doyle and Volney Davis and I each had a 45" Colts Automatic. In the car were a 303 Automatic Rifle and a sawed off Remington automatic shotgun. We went to Volney's apartment on Broadway and parked the Pontiac in front of his apartment. Volney had a "hot" Ford coach which he had stolen in Kansas City and which he kept in a garage in back of the Plamor at Kansas City. We walked from the apartment to this garage and got the Ford. We had the rifle and shotgun in cases and carried them with us.

"When we left the garage in back of the Plamor in the Ford, it was about six or seven o'clock in the evening. Volney drove the car; Jess Doyle was with him in the front seat and John Langdon and I were in the back seat. We drove to North Kansas City using the bridge near the airport, and on to Winwood Beach. We drove to Blankenship's house and Jess Doyle and John Langdon went up to the house. Volney and I could hear what was said. Langdon knocked and someone said "what do you want" and he said he wanted to talk to Baker or some off name, and they would not let them in.

"Langdon and Doyle came back to the car and we went back to Kansas City. Going back to Kansas City, Volney asked them why they did not go in and asked Langdon what in the world he said Baker for instead of Blankenship and I do not remember just what John answered. Volney also asked Jess Doyle why he didn't go in the house and Doyle said "that old man had a pistol" and Volney said, "you've got one haven't you" and said if it had been him, he would have kicked the door down and went on in; also said "what do you think we came out here for, we

came out to rob those people, didn't we". We drove back to the Plamor and put the car in the garage, then walked to Volney's apartment and he took us home in his Pontiac.

"About six o'clock the next morning Volney came to our apartment and asked Jess and I if we wanted to go on over there and get that money; said that he had not slept all night, thinking about it. He sent me to John's apartment to get him up, which I did. Volney was in the Ford when he came over. I got John up and we dressed and went out and got in the car. We had the same guns that we had the previous night but I do not believe we had the shotgun and the rifle.

"We drove to North Kansas City, then to Winwood Beach and drove up right in front of Blankenship's house. Volney had a brass colored badge and he, Volney, John and Jess, went to the front door and I went to the back door. Volney knocked on the door; I do not know just who answered, but Volney had got the tag number on the Blankenship car and when the door opened, Volney gave them the rush act; said I'm an officer, showed them his badge, said who has been driving that maroon colored Ford and told them the tag number. The three of them crowded into the house and I came around from the back and went in behind them.

"In the house were the two old men, a girl who looked to be about twenty or twenty-two but who was probably older as she had an eight year old boy, her husband, who looked to be in his late twenties or early thirties, and who was taller than I, heavy set and looked husky enough to be a wrestler. He was dark complexioned. The girl, I believe, was the niece of the Blankenships. There was also a little boy about eight years old who was the son of the girl and the heavy set fellow. They had been eating breakfast and Volney had them all on their feet when I got in and he called the big guy from the kitchen, saying to him, "you've been driving that car too, haven't you."

"Off to the right of the living room was a bedroom and the kitchen was straight back from the living room. The kitchen and dining room were together. They were all in the living room when I got in, and all of we four were in there, Volney, Jess, John and I. Just as I came in, Volney, Jess and John "drug" their pistols and told them to lay down on the floor. One of the old men put up a "scream" about it; said he had never been arrested in his life and he didn't think officers were supposed

to treat people like that. They all got down on the floor, however, and John went in the bedroom, tore up some sheets, and started tieing these people up.

"Both of these Blankenships looked to me to be past seventy. One of them said he could not lay down because of his rheumatism but he finally got down after Volney convinced him he did not have it so bad. I also remember one of these old men told the other, "Eddie, you've got your feet in my face." We tied them all up and the mother of the little boy kept screaming that she wanted the little boy near her, and Volney finnally "boxed" her and then laid the little boy by her. When he "boxed" her, her husband started to raise up and Volney asked him if he wanted to be "boxed" too and he laid back down. I helped tie this big boy up and tied his feet with some baling wire that I found. This big boy reached in his pocket for something, he was wearing overalls, and I told him to jerk that hand back out and Volney jumped over there and put his pistol right in this man's ear.

"Jess Doyle and I stayed in the living room with these people and Volney went out in the kitchen and poured out the flour, sugar, etc., thinking might find some money in there. John Langdon went in the bed room and under the mattress and in a striped canvas sack and the money was pinned in the sack with a safety pin. The sack was made out of mattress cover. In the sack was $2500. There was one hundred bill on the outside, and $2400 in tens and twenties, mostly in tens, ten in a bundle, each bundle tied with a rubber band, and the twenties was in bundles of five. The rubber bands were so old they had stuck to the money. John searched them and got their purses and got several five dollar pieces and some five dollar gold pieces that had been used for watch charms. We also got an old fifty dollar bill and an old twenty dollar bill of their persons. This was the old type bills, larger than the new bills. The old man had several things wrapped up with names of them; had an old silver dollar. We also got a Spanish type 38" pistol and a 410 shotgun pistol. Volney and I later threw these in the river. John searched them and took their purses and after searching them put them back in their pockets, keeping the money, of course.

"As we left, Volney told them we would look at their car and if it had not been wrecked, we would come back in and untie them. The young man knew we were robbing them but the two

old men seemed to think all the time that we were officers. We then went back to Kansas City and at Volney's apartment, Jess and John went in the apartment and Volney and I put the Ford in the garage and walked to the apartment and "cut" the money. The guy that give Volney the "mark" got the gold and the old time money, probably a hundred and fifty dollars. I do not know who this was; Volney took care of this. The rest of it was split even and I got five hundred and something for my share. We were back to Volney's apartment by about nine o'clock that morning.

"I have made the above and foregoing statement, consisting of two pages, of my own free will and accord, without fear of intimidation or promise of reward."

(SIGNED) Preston Paden.

WITNESSES:

F. E. Bailey (SIGNED)

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STATEMENT OF PRESTON PADEN

Hutchinson, Kansas
October 5, 1936.

"I, Preston Paden, possessing all my mental faculties, make the following statement to Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, voluntarily, knowing the same to be true without threats or duress or promises of any nature having been made to me.

"The car we used in the Drexel, Mo. Bank Robbery was a 1934 Oldsmobile (8) Sedan. We stole this car at 10th & Main Sts., in Kansas City, Mo. This car was a big black sedan with six wheels, trunk rack and it had a heater in it. Jess Doyle and Vollney Davis had a trunk put on the rear. We intended to put a heater on the car but we wrecked it. We kept this car in a private garage at 39th and Broadway in an alley across from the Blackstone Apartments.

"Vollney got car and brought it to Locust Street, Jess, John and I got in car with two sawed off shot guns, a high power rifle and we all had a pistol, we had a crowbar, chisels and a hammer to get thru a brick wall. About 10:30 P.M. we started to Drexel, Mo., intending to get there about midnight but we had

trouble with the fuel pump on the car and we didn't get to Drexel until about 3:00 A.M. We drove up behind the bank and John and Vollney got out. Jess and I then drove to the high school and turned 3 blocks to the right then 2 miles left. John and Vollney walked down the railroad tracks to where we were carrying all their tool and guns, they were loaded down. They met us there about daylight and told us they couldn't get in the bank because they didn't have time. They had broken into a store and tried to get thru the brick wall of the bank from the store. The store they broke into was just to the left of the bank (I don t remember the directions).

"John Langdon was wearing a dark blue suit and a tan hat. Vollney Davis had on a grey suit, greyish blue top coat, grey hat and had on a pair of high galloshes or overshoes with his pants tucked into them. Jess Doyle was wearing a heavy (double breasted) blue overcoat and a grey hat. I was wearing a greyish blue suit and tan top coat.

"We then decided to drive to town and rob the bank as it was opened. We drove to town and Jess and I filled up the car with gas while the other boys stopped at a cafe. Jess and I drove on a side street close to the bank and waited for the bank to open.

"Davis and John Langdon walked to the back of the back and run a crowbar thru the door and ran around in front to see if the alarm would go off, the alarm didn't go off so they went back and went in the rear door of the bank and waited for the employees to come to work. When the employees came in John and Vollney put them to "work" just as if they were doing their regular job. I was across the street in front of the Post Office - A postal employee, a mail carrier, I think, was loading sacks of mail into a truck. This man had a pistol and he kept watching me -- Jess was down the street a ways with the high powered rifle and it would have been bad if this postal employee had "shook" me.

"I waited across the street where I was in a position to look thru the bank window to where I could see the vault. The time lock had gone off when the man came into the bank that opened the vault and John put a gun on him and told him it was a robbery and for him to open it up. He got excited and started to grab at John's gun - Vollney would have shot him if John hadn't prevented it.

"When I saw the man open the vault I got back to the car and Jess was under the wheel. I got in and we pulled up behind the bank in the alley. Just as we got there Vollney came out first, John behind. John had a big pasteboard box in his arms, it was used to carry the money out in, John had put the bills, money trays and silver into the box. Just as they were coming out of the rear door of the bank a big fellow came walking down a wooden stairs (outside stairs) from a building near the bank, he evidently saw what was going on and he turned and started to go back but Vollney caught him and told him to get on the side of the car if he was bothered with nose trouble he could go along but on the way to the car the fellow got a building between him and Vollney and started to run down the alley. Jess told me to jump out of the car and catch him - I jumped out of the car and put a sawed-off automatic shotgun on him and brought him back to the car. We put him on the running board on the left side where Vollney could watch him (Vollney was sitting on the left side). Vollney told him if he jumped off he would shoot him thru both kidneys. However, when we got about two blocks away Vollney pushed him off.

"We then drove back to Kansas City, and just as we were near the Missouri Kansas line, down close to the old police station, Vollney and I took the paper money (Jess & John kept the silver) put it in our coat pockets and went to a saloon. Jess and John put the car in a garage. After Vollney and I had a drink we took a cab to his apartment and got his own car and drove to Jess's and divided all the money."

(SIGNED) Preston Paden

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STATEMENT OF PRESTON PADEN

Hutchinson, Kansas
October 5, 1936.

"I, Preston Payden, possessing all my mental faculties, make the following statement, as told to me by Jess Doyle, to Joe Anderson of the Kansas Highway Patrol, voluntarily, knowing the same to be true, without threats, or duress, or promises of any nature having been made to me.

"Jess Doyle, Freddie Barker and Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis, Vern Miller, Frank Nash and Larry DeVol robbed the

Concordia Bank about July 26, 1932, obtaining some $22,000.00. A 1932 Model 7 passenger Hudson Sedan was used in this robbery. This car was disguised somewhat, they having put on different hubcaps. Upon robbing the bank, they had trouble with the President of the Bank. He wouldn't open the vault, and they had to whip him for 45 minutes, using .45 caliber pistols. The president still refused to open the vault, so Barker got a girl stenographer and brought her in in front of the president, threw her on the floor at his feet and threatened to shoot her head off if he didn't open the vault. The president said he would gladly open the vault, but that he wasn't physically able to do so due to the violent beating; however, he wrote the combination out, and they opened the vault themselves and got the money.

"After robbing the bank they went directly back to St. Paul, Minnesota, and went to a saloon in St. Paul. This hangout was known as "Harry Sawyer's Place".

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The statements set out in this report are being retained in the Kansas City file of this case.

The report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-21-35, page 82, reflects that the automobile owned by Preston Leroy Paden was a 1933 standard Chevrolet coupe, black in color, motor #MM4155, 1935 Missouri license #37618

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, is requested to interview Vernon Stuchlik, 4273 South Vermont Avenue, concerning any possible information that he may have relative to any visits Volney Davis may have made to the home or office of Hugh Larimer and also any information which he may have concerning the disposition of the Chevrolet truck and the 1933 Chevrolet coupe belonging to Preston Leroy Paden. It is requested that this investigation be given expeditious attention inasmuch as the Statute of Limitations will have expired within the next few months.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Topeka, Kansas, at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, will search the records concerning the disposition of

1933 Chevrolet coupe, motor #M14155.

Upon the completion of the interview with Vernon Stuchlik, will vigorously question Hugh Larimer relative to any dealings which he may have had with Volney Davis.

Upon the completion of the interview with Hugh Larimer, will present the facts of this case to the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, for his opinion.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. FILE NO. 7-63

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

"Stop" notices previously placed still in effect.

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Reference: Letter from Chicago Division to Washington Field dated November 4, 1936.
Letter from Cincinnati Division to Chicago Division dated August 5, 1937.

DETAILS: The "flash" notices previously placed by this Division with the Maryland and District of Columbia Bureaus of Motor Vehicles on a 1935 Ford V-8 tudor sedan, Motor No. 2044337, and a 1935 Plymouth sedan, Motor No. PJ 322772, as well as the "flash" notice placed with the Veterans' Administration on Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, were rechecked and found to be still in effect with these agencies.

It is requested that the office of origin advise this Division when the above "flash" notices are no longer desired.

A review of the file on this case fails to reveal any investigation to be conducted by this Division and, therefore, this case is

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Guy Tolson — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-43

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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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

File reviewed looking toward the apprehension of Milton Lett who is wanted by this Bureau in connection with harboring investigation which is presently being conducted.

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Reference: Bureau letter dated 9-28-37;
Bureau letter to Oklahoma City, 7-26-37.

Details: AT CINCINNATI.

The file in this case was reviewed in accordance with the instructions contained in above letters of reference from the Bureau that the file of the Cincinnati office be reviewed with a view of immediately initiating investigative action to effect the apprehension of Milton Lett.

It is being pointed out at this time that there is no Federal process of arrest outstanding for Milton Lett at this time. However, his apprehension is desired in order that he may be questioned in connection with the harboring investigation which is presently being conducted in connection with this case.

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It is also to be noted that extensive investigation has been conducted by the Post Office Inspector's department to cause the apprehension of Lett in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery which occurred on 11-7-35.

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A review of the file reflects that Milton Lett's name was first directed to the attention of the Bureau as possibly being associated with the Barker-Karpis gang in the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 9-7-35, wherein [redacted] advised Agent Hanson that Harry Campbell had been driven [redacted] by "a boy" from South Correyville, Oklahoma, during either April or May, 1935. It was also noted that about the same time he drove Campbell to the home of Mildred Jones near Turley, Oklahoma, where Campbell left $50.00 for Mark Whinnery. However, Hanson indicated that from the various conversations he had previously had [redacted] it was his opinion that this boy without a doubt was the son of Maggie Lett who resided at Wann, Oklahoma. Lett was contacted shortly thereafter and his cooperation solicited to serve as an informant of the Oklahoma City office in causing the apprehension of the subjects of this case, and more specifically the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

The next apparent incident of interest concerning Lett is contained in the report of Agent Hanson, dated 11-25-35, wherein information is set forth concerning the discovery of the fact that Lett's mother had received five registered letters from Cleveland and vicinity from May 6, 1935, to October 7, 1935. At that time it was thought that HarryCampbell was the author of these letters and was using the Lett address as a post office whereby he could maintain contact with his relatives in that vicinity.

The report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, dated 12-11-35, reflects that great difficulty was experienced in locating Lett for an interview although he had indicated he would act as an informant for the Oklahoma City Office. He was finally located and interviewed at his mother's home at Wann, Oklahoma, at which time he informed that his absence from his mother's home was occasioned by the fact that he had obtained a position with Ted Thornton, who operated a tavern near Nevada, Mo. Subsequent investigation has developed that Lett could not have been steadily employed by Thornton at that time, inasmuch as investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity disclosed his presence in those places at approximately the time he claimed he was working for Ted Thornton. At the time Lett claimed he was employed by Thornton

at his tavern at Nevada, Mo., which was known as the "State Line Tavern", the tavern was operated by Thornton and his brother-in-law, Earl Morris. These persons as well as his mother-in-law, Mrs. Esthen Twilley, Coffeyville, have since been interviewed from time to time to locate Milton Lett, with negative results. It is to be noted that this tavern is presently being operated by Verne Griffin, who is acquainted with both of the former owners and he has likewise been interviewed with negative results. However, he has indicated his desire to cooperate and has been interviewed periodically without any information of value being developed.

It is to be noted that shortly after the last indicated interview with Milton Lett, he disappeared from South Coffeyville, Okla., and no definite information has been developed concerning his whereabouts since 2-21-36, on which date he married Lucille Ferris at Oswego, Kansas, and on 7-31-37, on which date one Mae Goodwin, who claimed a personal acquaintance with Lett, stated she had observed Lett walking in the direction of the Hollingsworth home, 427 South Washington St., Wichita, Kansas. This last information concerning Lett's whereabouts is reported in report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 8-31-37.

At approximately the same time as the investigation which is set forth in the above reports, of Special Agent Paul Hanson, investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity developed that Lett had been associated with Karpis and Campbell from about April, 1935, to May, 1936. It was established that he had been employed as a "shill" at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, a notorious gambling establishment, from April to September, 1935. It was also determined that Lett was in close contact with Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, from 10-1-35 to 5-1-36.

The first definite information indicating that Lett was an associate of this gang is contained in a letter directed to the Bureau by Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Ill., on 1-27-36, which informed that Lett had been identified as a person who under the alias Carl Baker had purchased the automobile which was used in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on 11-7-35, this identification having been effected through an arrest record of the Akron, Ohio, Police Department, where Lett was arrested under the alias Thomas J. Shaw, on 10-19-35. It is to be noted that the automobile, a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772, Serial 2619857, which was used in the Garrettsville robbery has not been recovered to date.

The Kansas City Division was also advised by letter from Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Ill., 1-28-37, that Lett's apprehension was desired, together with other pertinent information concerning Lett's connections in Coffeyville, Kansas. A summarization of the investigation conducted in connection with this letter

is set forth in the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 8-31-37, and although active investigation was immediately instituted, no information was ascertained concerning Lett's whereabouts.

It has been definitely established that Karpis and Campbell participated in the Garrettsville robbery. It has also been established that Lett did not participate in this robbery although it has been positively determined that Lett purchased the automobile, namely the Plymouth Sedan, which was used in the robbery, inasmuch as through his criminal record and other information, it developed that he voluntarily surrendered himself to the authorities at Coffeyville, Kansas, on the day of that robbery, apparently to establish an alibi for himself in order that he could vindicate himself of being a participant in the robbery in the event he was identified as the purchaser of the bandit car.

Considerable investigation has been conducted by the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Division offices to date to locate and apprehend Lett, with negative results. During the course of this investigation, it was ascertained, as set forth in the report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 3-2-36, that Lett married Lucille Ferris of Coffeyville, Kansas, at Oswego, Kansas, on 2-21-36. Investigation has likewise been conducted by the above offices to locate Lucille Ferris with a view of thereby causing the apprehension of Lett, with negative results.

The following is a description of Milton Lett with aliases, together with his criminal record and knownrelatives:

Name	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"
Age	21 (1935)
Height	5'7"
Weight	143 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
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Residence — Wann, Oklahoma
Occupation — Makes pretense of being gambler
Relatives — As follows:

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, Kansas
Peggy Mize, sister (Raymond husband), Mojave, Cal.
Ora Collins, brother-in-law, deceased, Wichita, Kansas
Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas
Lucille Ferris Lett, wife, address unknown
John Lett, great uncle, Binger, Oklahoma
Ira Lett, cousin, Corpus Christe, Texas
Ella Anderson, sister (husband Walter), Coffeyville, Kansas
Eddie "Doc" Lett, cousin, Bartelsville, Kansas
William Lett, cousin, Nowata, Oklahoma

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Criminal records — FBI-1008739, Akron PD #26337

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* WANTED BY BUREAU: As Carl Baker, alias Thomas J. Shaw. Suspected of participation in mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on 11-7-35. Location desired for questioning re whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell (also suspected in this robbery). Notify Bureau Office, Cleveland, Ohio, per inf. rec. therefrom 1-7-36, Bureau file 7-576-8836.

The following is a description of Mrs. Milton Lett, nee Lucille Ferris:

Name	Mrs. Milton Lett nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 (1936)
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 lbs.
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 band of brown fur on cape. On little finger of left hand wears a small signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls
Relatives	As follows:

A. V.Ferris, father, Wichita, Kansas
Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother, c/o Mrs. Bessie Haggard, 605 W.10th St., S. Coffeyville, Okla.
Eva Hooper, aunt, 836 S. National Blvd., Springfield, Mo.,
Andrew Ferris, grandfather, 419 N. 7th St., K.C., Mo.,
Bernice Elliston, aunt (husband Elmer), Portland, Oregon
Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th St., K.C., Kansas
Addie Murrain, aunt, (husband Ben), Carrollton, Mo.
Ruth Drake Collins (closest friend), 602 Sycamore St., Coffeyville, Kans.
Clarence Ferris, uncle, (wife Irma), Hale, Mo.
Vern Ferris, Portland, Oregon (with Bernice Elliston)
Oren Ferris, uncle, 59 Clay St., Callao, Mo.,
Hazel Hooper, aunt (husband John), 419 North 7th St., K.C., Kansas.

It is to be noted that a review of the file looking towards the apprehension of Milton Lett was made by the Cleveland Division Office, as set out in report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchen, dated 3-22-37, and that another review was made by the Kansas City

Division on8-31-37, as set out in the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond of that date.

A review of the file further reflects that all of the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent Kitchen have been covered but no information of value developed thereby. It is noted that the report of Special Agent Richmond contains numerous leads to be covered by the Kansas City Office but the review fails to reflect that the majority of these leads have been covered by that office. In accordance with Bureau instructions, the Kansas City Office is being requested to expedite the investigation as outlined in Agent Richmond's report. Attention is being directed to the fact that most of the investigation looking towards the apprehension of Milton Lett is confined to the territorities covered by the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Divisions, and accordingly these offices are being requested to conduct prompt and virogous investigation in order that Lett's apprehension may be effected in the near guture. Particular attention is directed to the fact that in view of the approaching holiday season, appropriate mail covers should be placed on the mail of the immediate relatives of both Lett and his wife and that any tracings which indicate any possibility that Lett or his wife is communicating with their relatives, should receive immediate attention. In this connection, a letter is being directed to the Bureau requesting that this office as well as all interested offices be furnished with available specimens of Lett's handwriting for comparison purposes in connection with these tracings.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 4-5-37, reflects that information was developed through George Tobler, 305 Ellis Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, to the effect that Mrs. Constance Ferris, who is employed in a W.P.A. sewing room at Coffeyville, Kansas, made the remark that "her daughter was smart", in that she was living down south in New Orleans where they don't have cold weather. This information was advanced to Mr. Tobler by his sister, who is employed as superintendent of the W.P.A. sewing room.

Attention is directed to the fact that investigation has also developed, as indicated in report of Special Agent F. R. Hammack, Kansas City, on 1-2-37, that Mrs. Eva Hooper had left for New Orleans, La., during the early part of January, 1937; further that a confidential informant of the Cleveland Office identified Lett's picture as a person known to him as "Willie" from New Orleans. In view of these facts, it can be presumed that Lett has visited New Orleans in the past and that further efforts should be made to determine whether or not he is presently located in that city.

In this respect, it is suggested that the Oklahoma City Office

make appropriate arrangements through some official or employee of the W.P.A. sewing room where Mrs. Ferris is employed in order that the confidence of Mrs. Ferris may be obtained and in this manner, it may be definitely developed whether or not Lett is presently residing at New Orleans, La. It is noted that investigation has been conducted by the New Orleans Division but that no information was developed which would indicate Lett was in that city at that time.

It is also believed that Mrs. W. T. Wiley, 1109 South 33rd St., St. Joseph, Mo., should be re-contacted at this time to determine whether or not she might be able to furnish further information indicating that Lett is presently at New Orleans, La. It is being pointed out that at the time she was interviewed, Mrs. Eva Hooper was a neighbor; however, that Mrs. Hooper is presently residing at Springfield, Mo., and in view of this fact, it is believed that possibly Mrs. Wiley will be more inclined to furnish all information in her possession due to the fact that Mrs. Hooper is no longer a neighbor. It is noted that Mrs. Wiley received a post card from Mrs. Hooper, dated at New Orleans, La., on 1-8-37, and in view of this fact, there is some possibility that Mrs. Wiley was in closer contact with Mrs. Hooper than she indicated at the time she was interviewed by Agent Hammack.

It is noted that reports of Special Agent R. M. Pranke, Los Angeles, dated 7-2 and 9-7-37, set forth interviews with Len Jordan, Long Beach, Cal., who is an acquaintance of Lett and that Jordan has assured the Bureau of his cooperation. He should be periodically contacted in order that his present cooperative attitude be maintained. Attention is also being directed to the fact that although Len Jordan has indicated a cooperative attitude, it is believed that appropriate contact should be made with the present manager of the apartment where Jordan lives to maintain a surveillance of the Jordan home in event Lett or his wife should appear at that place. Investigation as set forth in the above mentioned reports of Special Agent Pranke indicates that Jordan has furnished all the information in his possession concerning Lett. However, it is noted that he indicated he believed Lett might visit him in event he knew of his address at Long Beach, Cal. In view of this fact, it is believed that appropriate arrangements should be made with the present custodian of the apartment in order that the Los Angeles office be immediately notified in event anyone answering the description of Lett appears at Jordan's home. This action is deemed advisable inasmuch as it is felt that Lett might depart from the Jordan home prior to the time that Jordan would be able to get word to the Los Angeles office of Lett's presence at his home.

It is also noted that Peggy Mize, a sister of Lett, who resides at Mojave, Cal., has been interviewed several times and has maintained a very belligerent attitude towards Bureau Agents. On one occasion she flatly stated that she would not divulge any information concerning the whereabouts of Lett if she was in possession of such information. It is noted that arrangements have been made whereby Don Brink, Deputy Sheriff, at Mojave, Cal., will maintain a surveillance of the Mize residence for Lett. It is suggested that Brink be contacted at intervals to be sure of the fact that this surveillance is being maintained.

It is also suggested that if possible, some one residing in the immediate vicinity of the Mize home be developed to serve as an informant in likewise maintaining a surveillance of the Mize home. In this connection it is to be noted that the Bureau has authorized the payment of any sum up to $50.00 for information leading to the location and apprehension of Lett.

It is to be noted that 13 mail tracings were forwarded to the Cincinnati Office, with the report of Special Agent R. M. Pranke, dated at Los Angeles, 9-7-37. An examination of these tracings reflects that there is only one bearing a return address which should receive further investigation, that being the letter directed to Miss Bertie Jordan, 526 Orange St., Apt. #15, Long Beach, Cal., bearing postmark Wichita, Kansas, 7-1-37, and also bearing the return address, Mrs.C.W. Traup, 1815 South Broadway St., Wichita, Kansas. Investigation should be conducted at this point to ascertain the identity of Mrs. C. W. Traup.

It is noted that the report of Special Agent W.E. Hopton, dated at Oklahoma City, Okla., on 8-21-37, reflects that Constance Ferris was working at the W. P. A. sewing room, Coffeyville, Kansas, at that time and residing at the residence of Bessie Haggard, 605 W. 10th Street. This report reflects the last active investigation by the Oklahoma City office and that office is being requested to immediately conduct the investigation requested in the leads set forth in that report. It is being pointed out that the character and reputation of Mrs. Haggard should be determined before she is approached with a view of causing her to act as an informant for the Oklahoma City Office. It is believed that if she is determined to bear a good character and reputation she may possibly be induced to serve as a confidential informant and has the confidence of Mrs.Ferris to the extent that Mrs. Ferris might divulge the whereabouts of subject Lett and his wife to her.

This report further reflects that Mr. F.B. Hanlon informed that he had recently heard that a young brother of Lucille Ferris is now living at Coffeyville, Kansas, with his mother and suggested that possibly the brother might know the present location of his sister Lucille. It is noted that one Vern Ferris (his relationship to the Ferris family is not indicated) is presently residing with Mrs. Bernice Elliston, an aunt, at Portland, Oregon. This individual may be the younger brother of Lucille Ferris. However, the Oklahoma City Office should bear this matter in mind when conducting interviews with various relatives of the Ferris family in that vicinity, with a view of determining the name and present whereabouts of this brother.

A review of the file of the Kansas City Office, as contained in the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 8-31-37, discloses that this report contains several outstanding leads which should receive immediate attention. Inasmuch as investigative action to be taken in connection with these leads is clearly set forth in Agent Richmond's report, no further comment will be made concerning them. It is also noted that investigation which was conducted by Special Agent S. B. Landrum at Wichita, Kansas, is reported in this report. It is noted that a lead is contained therein to maintain an appropriate contact with Jack Goodwin, Santa Fe Special Agent, and his informant Mae Goodwin. This lead should receive preferred attention and appropriate arrangements made whereby Lett can be apprehended in event he appears in the vicinity of the Hollingworth home in the future.

Detective Ezra O'Connor of the Wichita Police Department should be contacted at frequent intervals in order that he in turn may contact William Thompson who resides two doors from the Hollingworth home, in order that assurance may be had that William Thompson is actually maintaining a surveillance of that place.

It is also noted that Mr. A. E. Ferris, father of Milton Lett's wife, was interviewed at Wichita, Kansas, without any information being secured as to Lett's whereabouts, he stating that he had not seen his daughter since her elopement with Lett. It appears that Mr. Ferris has told the truth at the time of this interview. However, it is suggested that appropriate arrangements be made either through his employer, the Yingling Brothers Motor Company, Wichita, Kansas, or some employee of that company, to secure Mr. Ferris' confidence to actually determine whether or not he has been in communication with his daughter in the past. There is also some possibility that Lucille Ferris might attempt to communicate with her father by directing a letter to him at his place of employment. Arrangements could be made with officials of this company whereby information concerning any letters which might be received by Mr. Ferris, might be immediately relayed to the Kansas City Office. Mr. Ferris should also be contacted in the immediate future to determine whether or not he has been successful in developing any information through Mrs. Eva Hooper concerning the present whereabouts

of Lett.

It is also believed that an informant should be established in the immediate vicinity of Mrs. Hooper's home at Springfield, Mo., in order that the Kansas City Office might be immediately advised in event any one answering the description of either Lett or his wife appear at the Hooper home. It is also suggested that a mail cover be placed on the mail of Mrs. Hooper and that it be maintained over the Holiday period.

Under date of 10-11-37, the Kansas City Office forwarded two mail tracings to this office by letter. One of these tracings did not contain any return address while the other, which was directed to Mrs. D. C. Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas, bore the return address, "Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1924 Locust St., Omaha, Nebraska". It is not known who Mrs. Johns is and accordingly the Omaha Division is being requested to conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of the Johns' residence to ascertain the identity of this individual. A photograph of Milton Lett is being forwarded to the Omaha Division with two copies of this report for its assistance in conducting investigation.

A letter was directed to the Chicago Division by this office under date of 8-5-37 with copies to all Field Offices, setting forth information concerning 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor 2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772, Serial 2619857. The Ford automobile was registered in Kansas in 1935 under the name of J. M. Lett, 113 Ea. 8th St., Coffeyville, Kansas, and the Plymouth automobile was registered in Ohio during 1935 in the name of Carl Baker, who is identical with Milton Lett. Neither of the above cars have been recovered to date. All offices to whom the above letter was directed were requested to make a re-check to ascertain if either of these cars is registered in their territories at the present time and if no registration was found, to place appropriate stop notices against these cars.

Attention is directed to the fact that in event any information is received concerning the whereabouts of these automobiles, immediate investigative action should be taken to develop all information concerning them, with a view of causing the apprehension of Lett.

No leads are being set forth for the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices, inasmuch as most of the investigation looking towards the apprehension of Lett is confined to the territories covered by those particular offices and in view of Bureau instructions, those offices are requested to give outstanding leads in their divisions preferred and vigorous investigative attention.

Each of the other offices to whom copies of this report

have been designated should carefully note the contents thereof and conduct any investigation which might come to their attention, with a view of causing the apprehension of Lett.

Particular attention of the New Orleans Division is being directed to the fact that information has been developed from several sources that Lett was reported to be residing at that city. It is suggested that Police officials in charge of vice and gambling squads of that city be contacted and fully informed of the gambling activities of Lett, with a view of soliciting their cooperation in canvassing the various gambling establishments at New Orleans, with a view of causing the apprehension of Lett. Lett is known to be a gambler and to have been employed by gambling establishments in the past and it is believed that he will continue to follow this line of endeavor.

Likewise no leads are being set forth for the Cleveland Office but it is being pointed out that Lett has been formerly closely associated with theproprietors and employees of the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio. It is to be noted that several people interested in the operation of this club have recently been prosecuted at Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with this case and it is not believed that any information of value could be secured from them concerning the whereabouts of Lett. However, the Cleveland office will consider the advisability of approaching Shimmy Patton, one of the owners of the Harvard Club, to ascertain if he has any information concerning the present whereabouts of Lett. It is also entirely possible that Lett might be in communication with some of the employees of that club at the present time. However, inasmuch as this office is not familiar with the present set-up of the club at this time, no further suggestion is being made in this connection.

Attention is also directed to the fact that Lett was likewise closely associated with Clayton Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, who has served as an informant in this case in the past.There is some possibility that Lett might be in communication with this individual and the Cleveland Office will likewise consider the advisability of re-contacting him for this purpose.

Enclosures:

TO PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE- photograph of Milton Lett bearing Akron PD #26337.

TO OMAHA FIELD OFFICE- photograph of Milton Lett bearing Akron PD #26337.

Undeveloped Leads:

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION at Portland, Oregon, is requested to expedite the investigation requested in report of Special Agent C. A. Grill, dated at Kansas City, Mo., 9-9-37. Particular attention is invited to the fact that there is some possibility that the Vern Ferris who is presently residing with Bernice Elliston may be a brother of Mrs. Lett, and may be in possession of information concerning the present whereabouts of Lett and his wife.

THE ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION is requested to expedite the investigation set forth in the report of Special Agent C. A. Grill, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 9-9-37.

THE OMAHA FIELD DIVISION at Omaha, Nebraska, will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 1924 Locust Street to ascertain the identity of Mrs. M. C. Johns who has been recently corresponding with Mrs. D. C. Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM	KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Pauline Hargrove, guest at Henry Grady Hotel on several occasions during the early part of October, 1937. Informants at Henry Grady Hotel state she has not been there recently.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William T. Morton, Memphis, 10-4-37; Letter from Little Rock, 8-27-37.

DETAILS: Upon inquiry at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, it was ascertained from Mr. Poole, Assistant Manager, that Pauline Hargrove has been seen in the Henry Grady Hotel on several occasions during the early part of October, 1937. She on one occasion was known to have occupied Room 804 where she went under the name of Pat Hargrove. Mr. Poole stated that a package was received at the Henry Grady Hotel on one occasion addressed to Pauline Hargrove and the woman known as Pat Hargrove called for the package and same was given to her. Mr. Poole did not know anything about her activities but informed that he would contact this office in the event she reappeared at the Henry Grady Hotel at any time and registered. Mr. Poole made inquiries among the bell boys subsequent to the above interview and he advised after conferring with them that Pat Hargrove has frequently appeared in the lobby of the hotel and it was thought that she at the present time was occupying an apartment in Atlanta, exact place unknown.

Arrangements were effected with Mr. Poole who is personally known to Special Agent R. L. Fagan to notify the Atlanta Field Office in the event she should return to Atlanta and call at the Henry Grady Hotel for any purpose.

In accordance with the request contained in reference letter, the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris are being returned to the Little Rock Office with its copies of this report.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Special Agent in Charge

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This case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin subject to being reopened in the event any information of any kind is received at this office concerning Pauline Hargrove. Should further investigation be requested of this office to locate Pauline Hargrove, it is suggested that if new photographs of her are available that they be furnished the Atlanta Office.

ENCLOSURES: TO LITTLE ROCK OFFICE, photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 13, 1937

87-76

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
MARTIN WUNDERLICH, VICTIM
CONFIDENCE GAME.

Tommy Thompson, a reporter for the St. Paul Dispatch, telephoned me on November 12, 1937, inquiring whether we had any information indicating that John J. Curry, with aliases, subject of case entitled "John J. Curry, with aliases; Robert Ballentine, Victim; NSPA; Confidence Game", had an alias of Meade. I informed Thompson that I did not recall whether Curry had such an alias and asked him why he was inquiring. He stated that he had just received a tip from an informant of his that a fellow named Meade was one of the confidence men who swindled Martin Wunderlich out of $200,000 in 1933, and that his informant had advised him that he believed John J.Curry, who at present is on bond on the charge filed against him at St. Paul in connection with the confidence game perpetrated on Robert Ballentine, was probably the Meade who was involved in swindling Wunderlich. Thompson stated that he had perused his files at the newspaper office and had found an Identification Order issued by this Bureau on William Elmer Mead and that his inquiries had indicated that John J. Curry had not used the alias of Meade. He believed that the informant was mixed up on the information he was giving concerning the connection between Mead and Curry, but that he believed his informant probably had some good information indicating that William Elmer Mead was connected with the swindle of Wunderlich. Thompson informed me that he was digging into the matter further and was again contacting his informant and that he would let me know if he obtained any good information. Thompson, of course, if he obtains any definite information, will undoubtedly write a newspaper article concerning him.

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After the telephonic conversation with Thompson, I reviewed our files for information concerning the swindling of Martin Wunderlich and found a memorandum by Special Agent R. G. Reed, who was then attached to the Kansas City Office, dated February 11, 1934, in our file on the Bramer case, which memorandum

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was transmitted to this office by letter of SAC Conroy, Kansas City, dated February 11, 1934, in the case UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping. This letter was in response to a letter dated February 6, 1934, at St. Paul by Assistant Director Harold Nathan, requesting the Kansas City Office to interview Martin Wunderlich concerning the confidence game perpetrated on him, because at that time it was thought that the confidence men probably had some connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

In reading this memorandum covering the interview with Martin Wunderlich, it appears that the modus operandi employed by the confidence men in the Wunderlich case compares very closely with the modus operandi employed in the case entitled TOM MESSICK, with aliases, et al; Henry C. Husman, Victim; NSPA; Conspiracy Confidence Game.

In this connection, please refer to the memorandum of Special Agent R. G. Reed in the Bremer case above referred to relating the modus operandi employed in the Wunderlich case, and the report of the writer dated September 16, 1937, at St. Paul, and report of Special Agent A. G. Berens, St. Paul, dated September 28, 1937, in the Messick case.

On page three, paragraph one, of the memorandum of Agent Reed in the Wunderlich case, it will be noted that the steerer, Layton, and Wunderlich were waiting for the "old man" and that Layton recognized an acquaintance in the hotel who identified himself as Bill Farley and that he put up a hard luck story of undue publicity which was about to cause him his job with the syndicate and later displayed several newspaper clippings with his picture appearing therein and later exhibited checks on the New York Exchange, Incorporated.

In connection with the Messick case, please refer to page three of my report of September 16, 1937, beginning at the first paragraph, wherein Husman, the victim, and Messick, the steerer, were loafing in the Warrior Hotel and Messick recognized a party whom he introduced as Bennett, a stock broker, and Bennett indicated he had been making big money in stock deals as the result of which he had been suspended from the brokerage house with which he was connected in Kansas City or Joplin.

I do not find this reflected in the report, but I recall that the Victim, Husman, stated that Bennett at this time exhibited newspaper clippings indicating that he, Bennett, was to be suspended from the stock brokerage house. The other modus operandi employed in both cases, in the Wunderlich case with reference to bidding on a horse race and in the Messick case with reference to buying stock, indicates almost identical modus operandi.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, dated July 23, 1936, at Omaha, Nebraska, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping, etc., covering the interview with William Elmer Mead upon his apprehension at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 8, 1936, it is stated on page 16 of this report, that Mead would not admit that he participated in swindling Martin Wunderlich at St. Paul. It may be that Meade gave further definite information concerning the Wunderlich case, but I am unable to locate it at this time in our files.

It is realized that the confidence game employed on Wunderlich did not at that time constitute a Federal offense, but I thought that because this is still apparently one of the largest unsolved swindling cases that the Bureau might be interested in having photographs of the subjects in the Messick case and the subjects in the case entitled John J. Curry, etal, Robert Ballentine, Victim, displayed to the Victim, Martin Wunderlich, who is indicated by the telephone directory as now residing at 530 Desnoyer Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is also thought that the Bureau, in view of the large file on well known confidence men now in possession of the Bureau, might desire to forward photographs of confidence men answering the approximate description of the confidence men as described in the memorandum of Agent Reed, and show same to Wunderlich in an effort to have the identification of the confidence men made at least, even though the same would probably not result in any Federal prosecution, but of course might possibly result in State prosecution.

I do not know the exact status of the State prosecution and do not at this time desire to make any inquiries in view of the activity of Thompson of the Dispatch.

Will the Bureau please advise me in the premises?

Very truly yours,

E. E. Guinane

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Date Recorded: 1-5-38 10:00 A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

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Number: ~~7-576-1822~~

Case: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Specimens:

Requested that a General Appearance search be conducted from the information contained in the Memorandum dated February 11, 1934 from the Kansas City, Missouri for;
Charles Layton — Ben Taylor, with alias.
"Bill" Farley — Mr. Hopper

Examination requested by: Mr. Scott

Date received: chp Jan. 5, 1938.

Examination requested: G. A. search

Result of examination:

Examination by: Keenan

G.A. completed. 2F photos
January 5, 1938

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January 7, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
MARTIN WUNDERLICH, VICTIM;
CONFIDENCE GAME.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 13, 1937, in the above entitled matter, in which you suggested that photographs of the subjects in the case entitled Tom Nessick, with aliases, et al; Henry C. Hussman, Victim; National Stolen Property Act - Conspiracy Confidence Game, be displayed to victim Martin Wunderlich.

It is noted that you state that you realize that the confidence game employed on Wunderlich did not at that time constitute a Federal offense. However, in accordance with your suggestion, the Bureau feels that these photographs should be submitted to Mr. Wunderlich, in order that if an identification is made this information will be in the Bureau's files for possible future reference.

For your further use in this connection, there are transmitted herewith copies of photographs of the following confidence men whose descriptions, as a result of a search of the Bureau's general appearance file on confidence men, appear similar to the descriptions set forth in the memorandum of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated February 11, 1934 at Kansas City, Missouri:

Marshall Donald Houston, FBI-#435571
J. C. Perkins, #3819
John Morell, #16181
Harold Van Wagner, #25764
Jack Rochelle, #52769
Norbie Frederick Poor,
Robert Leland Smith, #9450
Wm. Lee Harriman, FBI-#356885
William Arthur Young, #17564
Jesse M. Gretcher, #028029
Merle Thomas Farmer

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J. C. Howard, #1114
David E. Beight, #64257
G. A. Kelly, Jr., #1914
Thomas L. Ryan, #120388
Edward Carter
Hugh H. Reeves,
D. M. Roll
Charles Bangs, #12625
John H. Adams
Henry Horn, #10303
Alvin Greenburg, #150313
Carl Lugowski, #887456
George Vanhooser
Jacques Gerhardt, #49525
Fletcher F. Craig, #5745
Lester Parker
Abe Zwillman, #A741.

These photographs should be returned to the Bureau when they have served their purpose. In the event an identification is effected, complete details should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 18, 1937

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has recently instructed that every effort be made to apprehend Milton Lett in order that he may be questioned in connection with harboring investigations in this case. The file reflects that he was a contact of Karpis and Harry Campbell and purchased the automobile which was used by Karpis, Campbell, et al. in the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery. However, at the present time, no Federal process is outstanding for him.

On November 10, 1937, Sheriff Hugh Owen, Nowata, Oklahoma, telephonically advised this office that Sergeant Andrew Bidwell of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, had learned through Anita McDonald, a waitress in the Snack Shop at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, that Milton Lett, accompanied by a girl answering to his wife's description, ate lunch at the Snack Shop on November 9th and 10, 1937. She stated that the woman who was accompanying Lett had a badly scarred face, apparently from an automobile accident. She reported that Lett was driving a 1936 gray Ford coach, license unknown.

For your information, Lett has numerous relatives in the vicinity of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, while his wife, the former Lucille Ferris, resides in Coffeyville, Kansas where she has numerous relatives as well as in Wichita, Kansas.

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Eddie Lett, cousin, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, better known as "Doc" Lett, has been assisting this office in securing information as to Milton Lett's whereabouts. On November 18, 1937, "Doc" Lett, accompanied by Special Agents L. E. Kingman and W. E. Hopton of this office, proceeded to Independence, Kansas where "Doc" Lett interviewed Ira Lett, a cousin of his and Milton, who was confined in the county jail there on a grand larceny charge under a year's sentence. It is not believed that Ira Lett would openly assist this Bureau in locating Lett. He did

inform "Doc" Lett, however, that the last time he heard from Milton Lett was when he received a letter on June 27, 1937 who wrote from Lovington, New Mexico.

"Doc" Lett will contact Ira Lett at Independence, Kansas again within the next week after the latter has had time to secure additional information although confined in jail.

Following is a description of Milton Lett:

Name	Milton Lett, with aliases: Milt Lett, J. M. Lett, J. M. Lett, J. M. Lett, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker, Mary Forth, George Benton, G. R. Benton, "George", "The Kid", and "Willie" and "Jimmie".
Age	21 (1935)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
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Residence	Wann, Oklahoma
Occupation	Makes pretense of being gambler
Relatives	As follows:

Maggie Lett, mother, Rural Route No. 2, Wann, Oklahoma
Charles Lett, brother, Wann, Oklahoma
Clifford Collins, nephew, 130 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas
Lola Mize, sister, in California
Jane Lett Collins, sister, 130 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, Kansas
Peggy Mize, sister (Raymond husband), Mojave, Cal.
Ora Collins, brother-in-law, deceased, Wichita, Kansas
Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas
Lucille Ferris Lett, wife, address unknown
John Lett, great uncle, Binger, Oklahoma
Ira Lett, cousin, Corpus Christi, Texas
Ella Anderson, sister (husband Walter), Coffeyville, Kansas
Eddie "Doc" Lett, cousin, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
William Lett, cousin, Nowata, Oklahoma

The following is a description of Mrs. Milton Lett, formerly Lucille Ferris:

Name	Mrs. Milton Lett nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 (1936)
Height	5' 4"
Weight	120 lb.
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 band of brown fur on cape. On little finger of left hand wears a small signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls
Relatives	As follows:

A. V. Ferris, father, Wichita, Kansas
Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother, c/o Mrs. Bessie Haggard, 605 W. 10th St., S. Coffeyville, Okla.
Eva Hooper, aunt, 836 S. National Blvd., Springfield, Missouri
Andrew Ferris, grandfather, 419 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Kansas
Bernice Elliston, aunt (husband Elmer), Portland, Oregon
Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Kansas
Addie Murrain, aunt (husband Ben), Carrollton, Mo.
Ruth Drake Collins (closest friend), 602 Sycamore St., Coffeyville, Kans.
Clarence Ferris, uncle, (wife Irma), Hale, Mo.
Vera Ferris, Portland, Oregon (with Bernice Elliston)
Oren Ferris, uncle, 29 Clay St., Callao, Mo.
Hazel Hooper, aunt (husband John), 419 North 7th St., Kansas City, Kans.

I am enclosing two photographs of Milton Lett and one of his wife. Please conduct the necessary investigation at Lovington, New Mexico, noting that in all probability, Lett has been following the occupation of a gambler.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
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SAC KANSAS CITY

BRYKID. ANITA MCDONALD, WAITRESS, SNACK SHOP, BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, ADVISED AGENTS L E KINGMAN AND W E HOPTON THAT ON NOVEMBER NINTH AND TENTH LAST MILTON LETT, WHOM SHE KNOWS AS JIMMIE, HAD LUNCH AT THE SNACK SHOP. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL ANSWERING TO HIS WIFES DESCRIPTION, BUT SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HER PHOTOGRAPH. SHE STATES THIS WOMAN'S FACE IS SCARRED APPARENTLY FROM AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT. LETT WAS DRIVING A NINETEEN THIRTY SIX GRAY FORD COACH, LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN. ANITA MCDONALD DATED LETT ONCE OR TWICE DURING THE WINTER OF NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND THIRTY SEVEN. SHE STATES THAT LETT DID NOT RECOGNIZE HER THIS WEEK WHEN EATING AT THE SNACK SHOP. SHE HAS PROMISED HER COOPERATION AND WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION AT FORMER STATE LINE TAVERN WHERE SHE FIRST MET LETT. AGENTS KINGMAN AND HOPTON ARE CONDUCTING THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AT LIKELY POINTS IN OKLAHOMA AND COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS. SUGGEST YOU BEAR THIS INFORMATION IN MIND WHEN COVERING LEADS IN KANSAS.

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Chicago
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

BREKID. REFER REPORT O'LEARY NOVEMBER THIRD. VERNON STUCHLIK IS IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA BUT WILL PICK UP WIFE AT FOUR EIGHTEEN CHANDLER STREET, TOPEKA, KANSAS, WHERE THEY WILL PROCEED TO HIS FATHER'S HOME AT HILL CITY. WON'T RETURN HERE UNTIL TWO WEEKS. SUGGEST ENDEAVOR CONTACT AND INTERVIEW STUCHLIK YOUR TERRITORY.

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Los Angeles, California
November 13, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID - L.A.File 7-42

It is requested that you immediately forward to this office twelve photographs each of MILTON LETT, Akron, Ohio P.D. No. 26537 and MRS. MILTON LETT.

Copies of these photographs are not being forwarded to your office, inasmuch as your files undoubtedly will contain same.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

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ONE

903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
November 13, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: BREKID
7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 3, 1937, and my telegram dated November 13, 1937, relative to interviewing VERNON STUCHLIK.

On November 13, 1937, Special Agent R. N. Franke was advised by Mrs. HAROLD STUCHLIK, 4273 South Vermont Avenue (home address, 4251½ Kansas Avenue, Los Angeles) cousin to VERNON STUCHLIK, that the latter is presently on a vacation and is visiting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but that he is expected to leave there shortly and proceed to 418 Chandler Street, Topeka, Kansas, where his wife is visiting her relatives; that from this address, both VERNON and his wife will then proceed to his father's home at Hill City, Kansas, to visit his father, who is ill; and that they will not return to Los Angeles for about two weeks.

MRS. STUCHLIK mentioned to Agent that VERNON had served eleven months in Lansing Prison for bootlegging, and thought that was what Agent was inquiring about, but she was merely advised that he was wanted for questioning in connection with another matter.

In view of this, the above-mentioned telegram was forwarded to your office requesting that you endeavor to contact and interview STUCHLIK either at Topeka or Hill City, Kansas. If you are unable to locate him, advise this office and he will be interviewed upon his return to Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BRKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 12, 1936, indicating that a petition had been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota for the return of $2,710.00 of the ransom money which was recovered from the possession of Vidler and John McLaughlin, Jr. and impounded by the court, the hearing on this petition being set for February 15, 1936.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to the outcome of this petition.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: B R E K I B

Dear Sir:

A review of the file in this office fails to reveal any handwriting specimens of either Mr. or Mrs. Milton Nett. A letter dated November 8, 1937, from the Cincinnati Office, directed to the Bureau, indicates that the Bureau has been requested to furnish to interested offices any photostatic copies of the handwriting specimens of the above individuals, which may be contained in the Bureau files. In view of the fact that these specimens have not as yet been received by this office, there are being transmitted herewith the following mail tracings received in connection with mail covers in this district:

1. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hollingworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas; return address - Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, 312 Inca Street, Denver, Colorado.

2. Addressed to Mrs. Ethelmae Hollingworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas; return address - Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1924 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

3. Addressed to Mrs. Ethelmae Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas; return address - Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1924 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

4. Postcard addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas, signed Don and Pat.

No leads have been set out to determine the identity of the writers of these letters.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

November 13, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TEGTMEY, W.A.
DR. JOSEPH P. HORAN, W.A.-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, etal
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping, etc.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of report of Special Agent R. P. Barber, Cincinnati, dated November 5, 1937, in the above entitled case, requesting that Bernice Elliston and Vern Ferris be located and interviewed. There is also forwarded herewith a photograph of Milton Hett, which photograph is mentioned in Agent Barber's report.

It is noted that Mr. and Mrs. Elliston, as well as Vern Ferris, are located in your territory, as set out in report of Special Agent S. K. Dennis, Portland, dated November 4, 1937.

Very truly yours,

D. C. STEARNS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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.JGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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

JEL:TD
2:00 P.M.

Date November 8, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. William Shwaim, Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department, was referred to the writer from your office. He was desirous of ascertaining the amount of money demanded in the Bremer kidnaping case, the amount recovered and as to how and to whom the amount recovered was paid. He also desired to ascertain the name of the individual to whom the original ransom letter was addressed. Mr. Shwaim advised the writer that he was endeavoring to determine to which income tax return the loss sustained in this case should be given.

The writer advised Mr. Shwaim that if this information was available it would be forwarded to the Commission of Internal Revenue, Honorable Guy T. Helvering.

A letter is being forwarded to Honorable Guy T. Helvering furnishing the requested information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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JEL:TD
7-576 -14830 November 16, 1937

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Honorable Guy T. Helvering,
Commissioner,
Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helvering:

In accordance with the oral request of Mr. William Shwaim, of the Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue, this is to advise that Mr. Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934 and was released at Rochester, Minnesota on February 7, 1934 upon the payment of $200,0 0,00 by his father, Adolph Bremer.

The original ransom note, demanding the $200,000.00 in this case was addressed to Chas. McGee and was located on January 17, 1934 by Walter Magee, a friend of the Bremer family, in the stairway of his business address located at 118 West Central Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, after receiving an anonymous telephone call advising Walter Magee of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and the location of this letter.

$19,870.00 of this $200,000.00 ransom was located by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Of this $19,870.00, $17,160.00 was located in the various banks throughout the United States and in the Cuban treasury. This money was forwarded to the Redemption Division of the United States Treasury Department for mutilation purposes. $2,710.00 of this $19,870.00 was located on individuals involved in this case. This $2,710.00 was impounded by the court at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

November 18, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Twelve copies each have been prepared of the photographs of Milton Lett and Mrs. Milton Lett, and these copies are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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1443 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

November 18, 1937

Inspector E.J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BARKER

Dear Sir:

The Cleveland office has received from the Bureau copies of the following letter dated October 26, 1937, addressed to Dr. M.R. King, Springfield, Missouri, and signed by Bryan Bolton:

"Post Office Box 1000

"Springfield, Missouri, Oct. 26,1937

"Dr. King

"Dear Sir:

"I have heard several men have been indicted in Cleveland, Ohio, for harboring members of the Barker Karpis gang.

"Two of these men - Arthur Hebebrand and a man known as Shimmy - entertained the Barkers, Karpis and Harry Campbell at their night club during the summer of 1934 on several occasions. At the time of the arrest of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Gladys Sawyer they personally drove out to the house where the Barkers were staying and warned them to leave town at once.

"I am giving this information unsolicited, and will testify to it in court if I am subpoenaed.

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"Respectfully
Bryan Bolton /s/

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In view of the ramifications of this case and the fact that Special Agent E.J. Wynn is now absent from this district on special assignment, I would like to be advised of any suggestions you may have as to what, if any, investigation should be made, based upon the information furnished by Bolton.

Very truly yours,

T.M. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge

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Indianapolis, Indiana	11-20-37	11/8/37	FRANCIS X. JAHN MM

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH L. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On 9-10-37, Anthony Joseph Amersbach called long-distance from Toledo, Ohio, stating his sister Beatrice Amersbach would arrive in Indianapolis the next day with his written authority to secure the keys to his safety deposit box in Indianapolis, which box contained $5,000.00. These keys had been taken from him at the time of his arrest. Cleveland advised Amersbach had been fined $1,000.00 with costs of $40.35 and that process to attach the $5,000.00 would be issued until fine and costs paid. The matter of the attachment was handled through the office of the USA, Indianapolis, who subsequently advised U. S. Marshal at Indianapolis had secured and forwarded to Toledo, Amersbach's fine and costs. The balance of the money in his box was turned over to Miss Beatrice Amersbach.

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Reference: Teletype from Indianapolis to Cleveland, September 10, 1937 and teletype from Cleveland to Indianapolis September 11, 1937. Letter to Indianapolis from Cleveland, dated September 14, 1937.

Details: On September 10, 1937, Anthony Joseph Amersbach called this office by long-distance telephone from Toledo, stating his sister Beatrice Amersbach would arrive in Indianapolis the next day with his written authority to secure the keys to his safety deposit box, #1838 at the Merchant's National Bank in Indianapolis. This information

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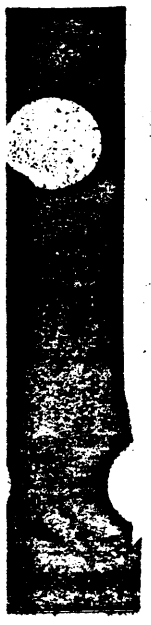

was immediately forwarded to the Cleveland Division by teletype from this office on the same date, with the request that Cleveland consult the U. S. Attorney to advise if the money could be delivered to her on proper identification and authority. On September 11, 1937, the Cleveland Division replied by teletype to Indianapolis that the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland had advised that inasmuch as Amersbach was sentenced to two and a half years and fined $1,000.00 and $40.35 costs, to stand committed until fine and costs paid, the keys to the safety deposit box and the money therein should not be released to any one unless the fine and costs were paid by Amersbach. The teletype stated further that the U. S. Attorney was of the opinion that after the fine had been paid, the balance in the safety deposit box could be delivered to a proper person, upon identification and authority. On September 11, 1937, Beatrice Amersbach appeared in this office and was advised by Special Agent in Charge Herold H. Reinecke, that the keys to her brother's safety deposit box could not be released to her at that time. On September 14, 1937, Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton of the Cleveland Division, called Indianapolis to say that the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland was causing process to be issued for the amount of the fine received by Amersbach, to attach the money in Amersbach's safety deposit box. This telephonic information was forwarded to the Indianapolis office, also, in a letter of confirmation from the Cleveland office, dated September 14, 1937, which letter also advised that the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland had instructed his assistant, Mr. G. P. Openlander at Cleveland, Ohio, to prepare the necessary papers, in order to let an attachment against the $5,000.00, in order that the fine and costs might be satisfied. It stated further that Mr. Openlander had informed all papers were being forwarded on the same date to the U. S. Attorney at Indianapolis, Indiana. Subsequently, Assistant U. S. Attorney, B. Howard Caughran at Indianapolis, informed agent that Amersbach's box was opened in the presence of himself, one of the officers from the office of the U. S. Marshal at Indianapolis and Beatrice Amersbach; that the U. S. Marshal deducted from the $5,000.00 contained in the box, the necessary sum to cover Anthony Joseph Amersbach's fine and court costs, which sum was forwarded by the Marshal to the Clerk of Court at Toledo, Ohio. The balance of the money contained in the box was released to Beatrice Amersbach, who produced original authorization, dated September 15, 1937, signed by Anthony Joseph Amersbach. The authorization mentioned, has been forwarded to the Indianapolis Division by the Assistant U. S. Attorney, B. Howard Caughran, and said authorization is now contained in the Indianapolis Division file of this case.

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Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
November 20th, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BRKID

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is directed to the lead set out in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, September 7th, 1937, requesting an immediate interview with LILLIAN ROY. The information requested is needed at this time in the preparation of a summary report and it is, therefore, requested that the suggested interview be conducted at the earliest possible date and that the results be forwarded Air Mail to this office. It is suggested that this interview be conducted by an experienced Agent.

I am attaching hereto a photograph of Former Chief of Detectives HERBERT AKERS, which was taken some years ago and which LILLIAN ROY may be able to identify as a visitor at 124 Clubb Street in Hot Springs, Arkansas. This photograph should be returned upon the completion of your investigation.

Very truly yours,

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CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BRESNER, Victim.

Inspector Conroy:

Bureau letter dated December 28, 1936 instructed the Washington Field Division to immediately conduct investigation which had been suggested by the Oklahoma City Division. Same has not been given attention.

Special Agent in Charge
Hottel:

The investigation requested in Bureau letter dated December 28, 1936 will be made as soon as possible and a report submitted.

Inspection Report.
Washington Field Division.
Inspector E. E. Conroy.
July 6, 1937.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 306
Butte, Montana.
November 22, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in Bureau letter dated November 3, 1937, requesting a detailed statement from Special Agent C. K. Fierstone, describing the exact conditions under which Special Agent F. E. Wright worked with Mr. Fierstone in Atlantic City on the Alvin Karpis case, there is being transmitted, herewith, memorandum dated November 20, 1937, from Agent Fierstone.

Mr. Fierstone has attempted to furnish all of the information in his possession concerning that assignment, and if there are any additional phases which he has not covered, will you so advise me in order that I may furnish such additional data as he may recall.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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EL PASO, Texas.	11-19-37	11-17-37	B.L.Damron jfa

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Milton Lett unknown to Deputy Sheriff, Postal officials, and others at Lovington, N.M. Deputy Sheriff continuing inquiries.

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REFERENCE: - Letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the El Paso Office dated 11-12-37.

DETAILS: AT LOVINGTON, N.M:-

Deputy Sheriff D.B. Witcher upon viewing the photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett stated he had never seen anyone in Lovington resembling these parties; that if Lett is a gambler and remained in Lovington for only a short time, he would have heard of it; that if Lett sent mail from Lovington, he either did so while driving through town or ceme from Hobbs to mail a letter.

Deputy Sheriff Witcher and Agent made inquiries at the Post Office and of several acquaintances of Witcher, but without results.

The photographs of Lett and his wife were left with Mr.Witcher at his request in order that he might continue inquiries. It was his opinion that if Lett is in this vicinity he would be at Hobbs, which is an oil center and "wide open." He said he would make inquiries at Hobbs the next time he went there.

For the information of interested offices, Lovington, N.M. is a very small town and it is believed that Lett would come to the attention of Mr.Witcher if he remained there for a short time. Witcher, it is believed, can be relied upon. Lovington is located 19 miles north of Hobbs, N.M., an oil center inhabited by floaters, rough necks, etc., and which is poorly policed. Escaped convicts, etc., have resided in Hobbs without molestation.

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EL PASO OFFICE - At Lovington, N.M.

Will interview Deputy Sheriff D.B.Witcher for any information he might have obtained concerning the Letts.

At Hobbs, N.M. Through Postmaster A.L. Langford and Sheriff W. Kerley will ascertain if the Letts are known in Hobbs.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 22, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of November 18,1937 quoting letter received from BRYAN BOLTON under date of October 26, 1937, which he addressed to Doctor M. H. King at Springfield, Missouri where he is incarcerated, as to certain information concerning Arthur Hebebrand and "Shimmy" Patton.

As is reflected by the file Arthur Hebebrand has already been prosecuted on plea of guilty in connection with this matter, and "Shimmy" Patton was not included in the indictment by the United States Attorney at Cleveland and was not prosecuted. The substance of the information indicated by Bolton was available to us at the time this was submitted to the United States Attorney. However I do not believe that Bolton could testify of his own knowledge as to the facts he states, as he could not furnish this information to us when we interviewed him prior to the prosecutions for harboring at Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector

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Washington, D. C.	11-24-37	11-23,24-37	I. E. NITSCHKE IEN:GS

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:

Lillian Roy in a signed statement places Grace Goldstein at 124 Clubb Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, at time Karpis was alleged to have been at this address. Identifies photograph of Goldstein. Admits acquaintance with Akers, et al, but denies ever seeing them at above address. Roy apparently willing witness. Original signed statement of Roy and pictures forwarded with reference report are being returned to the Little Rock Office.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 7, 1937.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Inquiry at 1416 Monroe Street disclosed that Lillian Roy has not been residing at that address for over a year, but is presently employed at the Alba Beauty Salon, 8425 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Guy Hottel SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

LILLIAN ROY was located at the above beauty salon and the information was obtained that she was presently residing at 3548 Hertford Place, N. W. and her telephone number at this address was Adams 7695. Miss Roy was requested to accompany the writer to the Washington Field Office for interrogation with reference to instant case.

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On the evening of September 23, 1937, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Lillian Roy made the following written statement:

"Washington, D. C.
November 23rd, 1937.
9:35 p.m.

I, Lillian ROY, make the following written statement to I.E.Nitschke who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I make this statement of my own free will and accord, no threats, promises or inducements cause me to make this statement:

I am employed at the Alba Beauty Salon 8425 Georgia Ave. Silver Springs, Md. I have been employed at this place some fourteen months as a beauty operator. I live at 3548 Hertford Place n.w. and my telephone number at my residence is Adams 7695. I am a sister to Mrs. Philip David of Monroe, La. formerly Mrs. Toby Fincel of Hot Springs, Ark.

About 1933 I moved to Hot Springs, Ark. where I lived with my sister at 202 Fincel St. At this time I was employed as a waitress in Crosley's Place on Ouchita St. this place has since gone out of business.

In the fall of 1935, I do not remember the exact month, but I do remember it was cool enough to have a fire in the fireplace, a woman came to my sister's house on Fincel St. one day and inquired about renting a place my suster and brother-in-law owned at 124 Clubb St. next to door to their home on Fincel St. As I remember this woman was sent to my sister by a lady that handled all of the real estate

dealings for my sister, I think her name was Mrs. Cafferty (phonetic), I do know this lady was in the real estate business in Hot Springs. During the course of conversation between this woman and my sister about the house on Clubb St. I recall that she mentioned she was from the City and wanted to move out a ways from town where it was quiet. My sister showed her the place next door and after some discussion my sister told her the rent would be $75.00 per month, the woman then paid her for a month in advance and I distinctly remember she paid her in $5.00 bills, some comment took place between my sister and I at the time about this fact. This woman was driving a new coupe, the make or color I do not know, she was alone at the time she came to rent the place.

The next day she moved, into the place. I do not remember seeing anyone with her when she moved, however I do recall that she had a large Great Dane dog. During the time she lived in this house I was working Bloom's Place on Central Ave. my work being mostly day work, I never had an opportunity to observe any callers or persons that visited next door. One day while I was in Jim Mikas Place on Central St. with Emma Harrell, the woman passed who had rented the house from my sister and I remarked that she was renting from her. Emma then told me her name was Goldstein, that she operated a house of prostitution and was not considered of very good standing. Upon returning home later that day I told my brother-in-law and sister of the conversation about the Goldstein woman and Toby became very angry when he heard of this and stated that he was going to ask her to move. If he ever did or not I do not know.

I do recall however that shortly after this she left rather suddenly and did not return again. I never heard any conversation the whole time I lived with my sister about the names of any persons who visited next door and as I previously mentioned I was not home during the day and did not see anyone come or go next door, nor do I ever recall seeing any car other than the coupe that belonged to the Goldstein woman parked next door.

Having lived in Hot Springs, Ark. for a number of years I knew a large number of people in this City among them were, Chief of Police

Joe Wakelin, Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Police Lieutenant Cecil Brock, in fact Brock at one time went with a good girl friend of mine, Dasy Kilgore, I did not know City Attorney AT "Sonnie" Davies, but I had heard of him a number of times. At no time while I lived with my sister and during the time the Goldstein woman lived on Clubb St. do I ever remember seeing any of these persons next door at the Clubb St. place.

Mr. Nitschke, the person to whom I make this statement has exhibited a number of photograps to me and the only person that I can identify is the picture of Grace Goldstein, this picture is a good likeness of the woman that was pointed out to me as the Goldstein woman.

I do not ever recall seeing any cars on Clubb St. that were Police cars, I mean at 124 Clubb St.

I have read the above statement consisting of approximetely one and a half typewritten pages and the facts stated therein are true to the best of my knowledge. If anf when necessary I will gladly testify to any statement made herein.

Signed Lillian ROY

Witnessed:
I. E. Nitschke
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 2266
U. S. Dept. Justice Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

The original signed statement of Lillian Roy is being forwarded to the Little Rock Office with copies of this report.

The writer exhibited the photographs of Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Sam Coker, Alvin Karpis, Connie Morris, Fred Hunter, and Grace Goldstein and from the photographs above mentioned, Miss

Roy picked the photograph of Grace Goldstein and identified same as being identical with the individual that she had observed at her sister's home mentioned in the foregoing signed statement.

Miss Roy related to the writer that she had resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas off and on since 1931 and that she was very well acquainted throughout this city and that she knew Akers, "Sonnie" Davies, Lt. Brock and Chief of Police Wakelin on sight and at no time during the period when Grace Goldstein was living at 124 Clubb Street did she ever see these individuals at this address. She was questioned very closely along this line and further questioned with reference to her observation of any police cars or cars that could be identified as police cars ever having been parked at this place and she denied ever having observed same.

From the general attitude of Miss Roy she seemed to be a willing witness and advised the writer that prior to giving this signed statement she had not written or conversed with anyone with reference to this matter and that this was the first time that she had any knowledge of the fact that Alvin Karpis had ever resided at 124 Clubb Street.

ENCLOSURES: FOR LITTLE ROCK OFFICE one photograph each of Alvin Karpis, Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Grace Goldstein, Sam Coker, Fred Hunter, and Connie Morris.

Original signed statement of Lillian Roy.

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New Orleans	11-27-37	11-26-37	C. E. Weeks

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Leads in this district presently exhausted.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. P. Barber, Cincinnati, 11-5-37.

DETAILS: It appears from a review of the file that there are no leads presently outstanding in this division of any value.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 27, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please forward to this office the complete criminal record on George Keady, alias "Burrhead" Keady.

Age:	About 40 years
Height:	About 6 feet
Weight:	About 175 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Black, kinky
Eyes:	Dark brown
Complexion:	Dark

This man was arrested by the United States Marshal at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation in 1932 or 1933. Keady is said to have been arrested at various times by the Tulsa Police Department. I am attaching a copy of the photograph of Keady, being # 28714, which possibly may be a Tulsa Police Department number. His photograph may be of some help in locating Keady's record.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley

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Kansas City	11/26/37	11/13/37	C. A. Grill

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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation conducted at Russell, Kansas to ascertain whereabouts of Milton Lett with negative results. Frank Jensen and S. Spencer now located at Wichita, Kansas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, 8/31/37.

DETAILS:

At Russell, Kansas.

Inquiry at the National Supply Company revealed that Frank Jensen is now in charge of the Wichita, Kansas office of that company. Agent was advised that Jensen has been associated in the oil business for a number of years and is well acquainted in Russell.

R. C. Williams, who operates a trucking concern located one-half mile west of Russell on Highway #40, advised that he has received no information concerning Lett since last interviewed by an Agent. He stated he is not familiar with Jim Harp who is stated in reference report to be a local gambler of Les McCabe. Efforts were made through Mr. Williams to locate Orval Donnelley, a bootlegger, but this party was not at his home or at any of his usual haunts. Donnelley has been previously contacted in connection with this case through Williams and Williams advised that if Donnelley secures any information concerning the whereabouts of Lett he will communicate the same to him, Williams, and therefore no further effort will be made to contact Donnelley. It is noted

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that Williams is widely acquainted throughout the oil fields in this district having been in the trucking business for a number of years there.

Interview was had with Sheriff Harry Reiff of Russell, who advised he is familiar with all of the local gamblers and bootleggers in town but he has never heard of any one by the name of Jim Harp or any similar name. He advised that the name of Les McCabe is familiar to him and he believed that he had a warrant for this party but was unable to locate the warrant after a considerable search through his records.

It is noted in reference report that information as to the whereabouts of McCabe can be secured through Frank Jensen and it is believed advisable, through interview with Jensen, to first determine if McCabe is reliable before attempting a direct contact with him.

Sheriff Reiff stated he was not familiar with Milton Lett and had never seen or heard of Lett being in Russell or vicinity.

Mr. Charles Gilbert (not Gilbrith), Superintendent of the Central Petroleum Company, home address, 433 East 4th Street, stated that no one by the name of Lett or Kelly which is said to be an alias of Lett is now employed by his company. He advised there are four casing crews in operation in the vicinity of Russell, one of which is operated by Fred Haynes, of the Haynes-Homan Motor Company and the others by J. L. Stanfield, Santa Fe Spencer (Santa Fe is the first name of Spencer) and Jim Thompson. Mr. Gilbert suggested that perhaps contact with the Social Security Office at Wichita, Kansas might be productive of information concerning Lett.

Reference is made in this case to Bureau letter dated 10/8/37, advising that requests for information contained in the records of the Social Security Board should be set forth in a letter to the Bureau, and that information through this source will be available only in cases involving unknown dead persons, bank robberies, kidnaping and murder. It is suggested that the office of origin consider the advisability of directing such a letter to the Bureau to cover the possibility that Lett is employed under his correct name by some firm which complies with the provisions of the Social Security Law.

At the Haynes-Homan Motor Company it was ascertained that Fred Haynes has sold out his interest in the casing crew to Jack Blizard, 436 East 4th Street. Upon interview, Mr. Blizard advised that he has no one on his crew by the name of Lett or Kelly and has never seen anyone resembling Lett. He advised that Santa Fe Spencer is now operating his own oil company at Wichita, Kansas.

Similar interviews were had with J. L. Stanfield and Jim Thompson, casing crew operators, both of whom advised that they had no one on their payrolls by the name of Lett or Kelly or anyone who answered Lett's description.

All of the above mentioned operators stated their crews are composed of old, experienced hands who have been engaged in this line of work for the last five or more years.

At the Russell Post Office, Agent was advised that no one by the name of Jim Harp, Les McCabe or Milton Lett was receiving mail there. Lett's photograph was displayed but none of the employees was able to recognize same, stating they had never seen anyone resembling Lett.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Wichita, Kansas will locate and interview Frank Jensen of the National Supply Company for any information he may have concerning Lett and determine through him the present whereabouts of Les McCabe and whether he is reliable. Reference report indicates that Les McCabe may be in contact with Lett.

Will locate and interview Santa Fe Spencer, casing crew operator, for any information he may have concerning Lett, who it is believed may be working on a casing crew in Russell, Kansas or vicinity.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
November 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Denver, Colorado

RE: BRKID
L.A. File No. 7-42

Dear Sir:

The United States Post Office, Long Beach, California, advised by letter today that GLEN JORDON, 537½ Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, received a letter several days ago from BUDDY STEVENS, Sterling Hotel, Durango, Colorado.

GLEN JORDON is a very good friend of MILTON LETT, who is wanted by the Bureau for questioning in connection with instant case. It is therefore requested that your office conduct appropriate investigation at Durango, Colorado, to ascertain whether BUDDY STEVENS may be identical with MILTON LETT. There is being enclosed herewith a photograph and description of MILTON LETT.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Seattle, Washington	11/27/37	11/15,19/37	A. T. Deere

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Elmer Elliston does not know of present whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Milton Lett. Lucille Ferris has not been heard of since her disappearance a year ago. Vern Ferris has not heard from or seen either party in similar length of time.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent S. E. Dennis, Portland, Oregon, dated November 4, 1937, and report of Special Agent A. P. Barber, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated November 5, 1937.

DETAILS:

The writer located Mrs. Elmer (Bernice) Elliston, aunt of Lucille Ferris, on the farm of Frank Bergenfeld, Home Valley, Washington.

Mrs. Elliston was interviewed in the presence of her husband, and they both appeared to be quite willing to cooperate with the Bureau in every way, expressing a desire to locate their niece if possible. They stated that Lucille Ferris has not been heard of in over a year by any of her relatives, and that they are quite concerned about her welfare. According to Mrs. Elliston the relatives of Lucille Ferris know very little about Milton Lett, and the writer observed that the Elliston's were quite solicitous for information as to his identity and criminal background, apparently very concerned. Mrs. Elliston stated she had been previously interviewed in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Elliston stated they would immediately notify the Bureau or the Seattle Field Division if they receive any information as

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to the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Milton Lett. Mrs. Elliston advised that her brother, Vern Ferris, is presently residing at the Tower Hotel, Room #12, Centralia, Washington.

At Centralia, Washington the writer interviewed Mrs. Vern Ferris, Room #12, Tower Hotel. Mrs. Ferris advised her husband was out of town at the time and would not be in until sometime in the night following. Due to the fact the writer was enroute to Seattle, Washington on other expeditious matters, it was not possible to await the arrival of Vern Ferris; however, Mrs. Ferris assured the writer that her husband was not in possession of any information as to the present whereabouts of Lucille Ferris. She stated that she was sure her husband did not know Milton Lett and had never seen him. She assured the writer that if they receive any information as to the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Milton Lett, they will immediately communicate with the Seattle Field Division.

The writer displayed the photograph of Milton Lett to Mrs. Elliston and to Mrs. Vern Ferris, but in each instance they stated they had never seen the man before.

It is believed that the Elliston and Vern Ferris families are sincere, and that they will cooperate with the Bureau if they obtain any information of value. In each instance the writer supplied sufficient information as to how to communicate in case any information is obtained by either party.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION at Centralia, Washington will interview Vern Ferris in connection with this matter.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.	KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Vern Griffith has no further information as to Milton Lett. Lett unknown to Bud Sellers. Petie Sellers states that she saw Lett at one time at the State Line Tavern but can furnish no information as to his present whereabouts.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8-31-37.

DETAILS: At Nevada, Missouri:

Inquiry at Nevada, Missouri, reflected that the State Line Tavern is no longer in operation, but that Vern Griffith, former operator of this tavern is now living at 1615 West Austin Street, Nevada, Missouri.

Vern Griffith was contacted at the above address and advised that he has been constantly on the lookout for any information concerning Milton Lett, but to date has received no information that might be of assistance in locating Lett. Photograph of Lett was exhibited to Vern Griffith and he positively identified it as being identical with the person who had been at the State Line Tavern on several occasions. Vern Griffith advised that he had closed the State Line Tavern in May, 1937, and did not intend to reopen it inasmuch as it was a financial failure. Vern Griffith further advised that he has not seen Earl Morris or Owen since last interview with a Bureau Agent, nor did he know where either of these persons could be located at this time, although

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he believed that Earl Morris was presently residing at Coffeyville, Kansas; that Bud and Petie Sellers were now located at Joplin, Missouri, where they were employed at the Cotton Club. Mr. Griffith stated that it was his intention to go to Coffeyville, Kansas, in the near future and that he thinks he might be able to develop some information as to Lett at that place, in which event he will immediately notify either the Kansas City or Oklahoma City Field Division, he now having the addresses and telephone numbers of both of these offices.

At Joplin, Missouri:

George Kahler, Missouri State Highway Patrolman, upon interview, advised that he and the other men assigned to his troop have been constantly on the lookout for any information concerning Milton Lett, but have been unable to develop any information as to the present whereabouts of Lett. Mr. Kahler stated he would continue his efforts to develop information concerning Lett and should any information be developed, he will immediately so inform the Kansas City Office.

Bud and Petie Sellers were jointly interviewed at their rooms, 505 West 2nd Street, Joplin, Missouri. Bud Sellers advised that Milton Lett is unknown to him and upon being shown a photograph of Lett stated that this person is entirely unfamiliar to him. Petie Sellers, wife of Bud Sellers, upon viewing the photograph of Lett, stated that she is quite certain that she had at one time observed this person at the State Line Tavern, Nevada, Missouri, and that he had at that time been in company with Ted Thornton. Petie Sellers stated that she was quite certain that this was the only time she had seen Lett. Neither Bud nor Petie Sellers could offer any information of value to the instant investigation.

No lead is being set out for the Oklahoma City Office to interview Earl Morris at Coffeyville, Kansas, inasmuch as a lead set forth in reference report for that office suggests that Mrs. Earl Morris, Coffeyville, Kansas, be contacted in an endeavor to develop her as a confidential informant.

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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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Thomas J. Shaw, Glendale, California, not identical with Milton Lett.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. H. Rice, San Francisco, Calif., dated Sept. 1, 1937.

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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the writer was allowed to examine their records pertaining to THOMAS JOSEPH SHAW, 410 Glendale Avenue, Glendale, California, telephone Douglas 8782, which disclosed that according to a purchaser's statement dated June 5, 1937, this individual is twenty-one years old, white, an American, is single, and has no dependents; that he has been working for R. S. SHAW, 67 Valley Street, Pasadena, California, for four years, earning $85.00 per month, his occupation being "cabinet shop"; that previous to that he went to school. In this file it was noted that he purchased the car described in reference report from RALPH MENNING, who operates Ralph's Garage at 5479 Huntington Drive, Los Angeles, California. The records also show that this car was repossessed August 3, 1937.

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The file further reflected that Shaw carried $1,000.00 life insurance with the Prudential Insurance Company, and gave a list of business and personal references, among which he listed his brother, KENNETH B. SHAW, 121-2/3 Avenue 63, Pasadena, California.

At Ralph's Garage, 5479 Huntington Drive, agent interviewed RALPH R. MENNING who advised that he has known THOMAS J. SHAW of Pasadena, California, the party who bought the Ford Coupe, for over three years; that this individual previously purchased two other cars from him; that Shaw is a cabinet worker and has been around Glendale, California, for quite some time.

Menning was shown miscellaneous photographs, including that of MILTON LETT, and was instructed to pick out the photograph of THOMAS J. SHAW. Upon examining the unselected photographs he stated that the writer did not have a photograph of Thomas J. Shaw amongst the group, and when specifically shown the photograph of MILTON LETT he stated that Thomas J. Shaw does not resemble the photograph of Lett in any way at all.

In order to secure corroboration of Menning's statements, the writer interviewed DALE HAGAN, same address, who operates a filling station. Mr. Menning had no opportunity to talk to Mr. Hagan regarding this matter, and Hagan stated that he has known THOMAS J. SHAW for approximately four years, Shaw having gone to high school in South Pasadena, California. He stated that Shaw is a thin-faced lad about twenty-one years of age. He was shown the miscellaneous photographs and also was unable to pick out a photograph of Shaw, and upon being shown specifically the picture of MILTON LETT he stated that Shaw did not resemble Lett's photograph at all.

In view of the above statements, no investigation was conducted regarding THOMAS J. SHAW.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION, at Long Beach, California, will ascertain from LEN JORDAN, 526 Orange Avenue, Apartment #15, whether he has obtained any information concerning the present whereabouts of MILTON LETT'S married sister, whose first name is LELLIA, as outlined in report of Special Agent R. N. Franke, Los Angeles, dated July 27, 1937.

PENDING.

JEH:CBS

November 29, 1937.

Time: 4:55 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Chief of Police Allen at Toledo.

SAC Stapleton called from Cleveland and stated that he had received a letter from Chief Allen at Toledo asking that an agent come to see him concerning the Bremer case; that he, Stapleton wondered if this should be done. I stated that when Chief Allen had been in Washington in September I had told him that I would have an agent discuss with him the instances in which members of the Toledo Police Department had been involved with the subjects in this case. I stated that this information should be discussed informally; that no memorandum should be left and the conversation should not be taken down stenographically. I stated that I had told Chief Allen that I would not allow any of our men to appear and file charges before a trial board; that this is merely for the Chief's personal information and all that should be given is a general background of the case in Toledo. Mr. Stapleton stated that they could give him the substance of the memorandum prepared on this matter by Agents Wynn and McKee. I stated that this was what should be furnished.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ebenhuman
Mr. Clegg
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Manchester, Ga.
Dec. 1, 1937

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

Dear Sirs:

Please send me all the information you can concerning the Criminal life of Fred Barber. Please include the time and place of his birth. The nationality of his parents and where he recieved his early schooling.

This information will be used in the Social Problems class of the Manchester High School. We are studying crime and punishment.

Thanking you in advance,
Miss Bessie Jackson
Manchester, Ga.

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8 December 14, 1937.

Miss Bessie Jackson,
Manchester, Georgia.

Dear Miss Jackson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 1, 1937, requesting information with reference to the criminal activities of Fred Barker.

I regret to advise that the material which you desire is not available for general distribution. However, I am enclosing a number of publications of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which I trust you will find of value, as well as several addresses in which I have briefly mentioned the activities of some of the most notorious American gangsters.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

FBI; Selec. & Tng; Criminal Ident;
True Costs of Crime
Crime's Challenge to Society
Adventures in Scientific Law Enforcement

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

November 29, 1937

Special Agent In Charge
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases;
DOCTOR JOSEPH P[illegible]KORAN with
aliases - FUGITIVE; I.S. #1432,
etal, EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - Victim
Kidnaping, etc.

For the information of your office, there is enclosed herewith copy of letter of the Cincinnati office dated November 8, 1937, to the Bureau, together with copy of letter directed by the Bureau to the Cincinnati office under date of November 25, 1937. One copy of the photographic chart and signature of subject, referred to in Bureau letter, is being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
December 2, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who is in this District on special assignment in connection with the BRISKID CASE, is presently residing at 5420 "F" Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Agent Sullivan is at this time making arrangements for the installation of a telephone at this address.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge

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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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

State Motor Vehicle Commissioner's Office, Topeka, Kansas, shows Missouri title for 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #M14155 in name of P. L. Paden, Kansas City, Missouri, assigned 3-19-35 by Paden to Hugh C. Larimer, Topeka, Kansas. Transfer by Larimer by bill of sale to Dan Emrich dated 4-12-35. Bill of sale Emrich to Carson Buick Motor Corporation, Topeka, Kansas, dated 4-13-35 thence through transfers to present registered owner, R. C. Marken, Topeka, Kansas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 11-3-37.

DETAILS: Miss Leona Addington, Clerk in the office of the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, produced the records pertaining to 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #M14155, which show the following:

1935 registration - Missouri title #4213177 issued to P. L. Paden, 3830 Main, Kansas City, Missouri, for the year 1934. Title was assigned March 19, 1935, to Hugh C. Larimer, 911 Douthitt, Topeka, Kansas. Bill of Sale was furnished from Hugh C. Larimer to Dan Emrich, address not shown, dated April 12, 1935, and from Dan Emrich to the Carson Buick Motor

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Corporation, Topeka, Kansas, dated April 13, 1935. Carson Buick Motor Corporation furnished dealer's sales report #49530, dated April 13, 1935, to H. L. Plackett, 1401 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. 1935 license #3-19644 was issued to H. L. Plackett, 1401 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, 5-4-35. The bills of sale mentioned above showed consideration of one dollar and other valuable consideration.

1936 registration - #3-262 issued 1-2-36 to H. L. Plackett, 1401 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas.

1937 registration - #3-544 issued 1-2-37 to H. L. Plackett, 1401 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Transferred 2-20-37 to Mosby-Mack Motor Company, Topeka, Kansas, and transferred 3-26-37 from Mosby-Mack Motor Company to R. G. Marken, 2408 West 6th, Topeka, Kansas.

The proper person to subpoena to produce the records referred to above is Mr. Carl Newcomer, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, or Mr. Frank J. Kamback, Chief Clerk, Office of State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, State House, Topeka, Kansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE, at Topeka, Kansas, upon completion of the investigation requested of the Los Angeles Office, will interview Hugh Lerimer, as requested by reference report, and present the facts to the U. S. Attorney.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
December 1, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
SAM COKER	FBI-355433		

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Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
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KANSAS CITY.	12-3-1937	11-3,5,18,26,28-1937	S. B. LANDRUM ebc

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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Clifford Collins, nephew of Milton Lett, recently indicated to Captain Bowery, Wichita, Kansas, P.D., that he could furnish information that would lead to the apprehension of Lett. Captain Bowery is now trying to secure that information from Collins. Leads set out to interview possible contacts of Lett. P.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8-31-37.

DETAILS:

AT WICHITA, KANSAS.

Captain Leroy Bowery advised that Clifford Collins, a nephew of Milton Lett, recently heard that he was wanted for questioning in connection with a safe cracking job in Wichita, and that Collins voluntarily appeared at Police Headquarters and submitted to questioning. Bowery stated that he talked with Collins for sometime and during their conversation he asked Collins where Lett could be located. Collins advised Bowery that he last saw Lett in February, 1936, and did not know his present whereabouts, but Bowery said that Collins indicated that he could locate Lett when he wished to. During the conversation Clifford Collins asked to be advised of the specific charge on which Lett is being sought and Captain Bowery stated that he told Collins that so far as he knew, Lett was wanted for questioning, and he also told Collins that there was no process outstanding for the arrest of Lett. Bowery further advised Collins that the FBI was determined to locate Lett and that it would be far better for

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Lett to voluntarily submit to questioning than to continue dodging about as he has for the past two years. Collins asked Bowery if he would put in writing his statement that there was no process outstanding for Lett, but Bowery declined to do that. Collins then told Captain Bowery that he would see Lett sometime and advise him that it would probably be better to submit to questioning than to continue on "the lam."

Agent has kept in close contact with Captain Bowery for the purpose of securing any information he gets from Clifford Collins, but to date nothing of value has been secured. Captain Bowery has agreed to immediately contact a Bureau Agent should he secure information from Collins relative to Lett's present whereabouts.

Detective J. E. Tapp advised that on 10-14-37 Lucian Elmer Hollingsworth and Joe Roland Brown, juveniles, were arrested by the Wichita Police Department and when questioned they confessed to a burglary at Coffeyville, Kansas, and were subsequently returned to that place to face charges. Tapp stated that Lucian Elmer Hollingsworth is a brother to Doyle Hollingsworth and Vivian Mantooth. Vivian Mantooth and Doyle Hollingsworth are both well acquainted with Lett, and in the past Doyle Hollingsworth has been used as an informant by the Kansas City Office. Tapp stated further that he questioned both Lucian Elmer Hollingsworth and Joe Roland Brown concerning their knowledge of Milton Lett's whereabouts, but secured very little information of value from either. Joe Roland Brown is Doyle Hollingsworth's nephew.

Those boys advised Tapp that Charles Lett, Milton's brother, resides between Wann and Nowata, Oklahoma, and is presently unemployed. Charles Lett has possession of a Ford V-8 believed to belong to Milton Lett. They further advised that Charles Lett is closely associated with a man who resides on a farm one mile east and one-half mile north of Tyro, Kansas, and that Milton Lett might hang out at that farm. They were unable to furnish the name of the man who resides on the farm near Tyro, Kansas, but the possibility exists that they were referring to Roy Collins, Milton Lett's brother-in-law. (The reference report set out a lead to interview Roy Collins.) These boys

further stated that a man who drives an ice truck for Uncle Tom's Ice Dock, South Coffeyville, Kansas, and who resides in Tyro, Kansas, is a close friend of Charles Lett, and that individual might be able to furnish some information relative to Milton Lett. Tapp also ascertained that Charles Lett and his associates hang out at a cafe operated by Earl Hackney, former chief of police at Coffeyville, Kansas. Tapp is of the opinion that the cafe operated by Earl Hackney is located in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma; however, he is not certain.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION at Wichita, Kansas, will maintain contact with Detective Captain Leroy Bowery for the purpose of securing any information Bowery may get from Clifford Collins relative to Milton Lett's whereabouts.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION at Coffeyville, Kansas, will locate and interview Lucien Elmer Hollingsworth and Joe Roland Brown, juveniles, for any information they may have concerning the possible contacts of Milton Lett. The names of Charles Lett's associates at Tyro, Kansas, mentioned in the body of this report, who may possibly have some information concerning Milton Lett should be secured and those individuals should thereafter be interviewed.

Will interview Earl Hackney, who is believed to operate a cafe in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, for information relative to the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

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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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Milton Lett believed to have been seen recently in vicinity of Wann, Okla., to have been chased by an Okla. State Highway Patrolman through Nowata, Okla., and to have been seen at Bartlesville, Okla. by one Anita McDonald, who was formerly slightly acquainted with Lett and has been developed as an informant in this case. The 1935 Ford Coach which has been in the possession of Charles Lett, brother of Milton Lett, bears Okla. license 330-741 for 1937, which license was issued 3/18/37 at Nowata in the name of J. M. Lett, one of the aliases of Milton Lett, by C. R. Lett as agent. Parties who claim to have seen Lett in the vicinity of Wann, Okla. and Bartlesville, Okla. state he was driving 1936 gray Ford Coach, license number unknown. Assistance of State Highway Patrol enlisted, and known hangouts visited by Bureau Agents with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. P. Barber, Cincinnati, 11/5/37.

DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On the night of November 10, 1937 Sheriff Hugh Owen of Nowata, Oklahoma advised Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein that a car had been recently seen in the vicinity of Nowata, Oklahoma by a member of the

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Oklahoma State Highway Patrol, and that this member of the Highway Patrol, namely Andrew Bidwell, had ascertained through one Anita McDonald, a waitress at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, that she had recently seen Milton Lett in Bartlesville, on two different occasions.

The Kansas City Division was advised by teletype, copies being routed by mail to the Bureau and the Cleveland, Chicago, Little Rock and Cincinnati Field Divisions.

The writer was instructed by Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein to immediately check on this information, and was joined at Tulsa in this investigation by Special Agent W. E. Hoyton.

At Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Andrew Bidwell, member of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol, was contacted at the patrol headquarters, and also his superior, Sergeant J. W. Wheeler. Mr. Bidwell stated that while patroling in the vicinity of Nowata, Oklahoma on the evening of November 8, 1937 an individual in a 1935 black Ford Coach, bearing Oklahoma license plates which were obscured by mud, pulled up beside the patrol car in which Bidwell was driving, drove alongside the patrol car for a short distance, and then gathered speed and ran away from the patrol car. He said he gave chase as this car was being driven in a reckless manner, but he was unable to get a license number; that this car ran through several stop signs going through Nowata, and almost caused two or three accidents; that he successfully eluded Mr. Bidwell. Mr. Bidwell stated he later conferred with Sheriff Hugh Owen at Nowata in an effort to determine the identity of this individual, and when he described the man to Mr. Owen, Mr. Owen stated he believed this man must have been Milton Lett, and that it was not Charles Lett, his younger brother, who generally drove this automobile. He stated that later he saw a photograph of Milton Lett, and recognized it as being the photograph of the individual he saw in this incident. Additional photographs of Milton Lett were furnished to members of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol at Bartlesville. Mr. Bidwell stated that after returning to Bartlesville he was eating a sandwich at the Snack Shop, which is located at 2nd and Cherokee Streets in Bartlesville, and was kidding with a waitress named Anita

McDonald. He told her he had had a chase a day or two before at Nowata, and the man had out run him, stating this man's name was Lett. He stated Miss McDonald informed him she knew a young man named Lett, known to her as Jimmy Lett, whose right name was Milton Lett, and she had known him two or three years ago around Coffeyville, Kansas. She informed Mr. Bidwell she had seen Milton Lett at the Snack Shop on two different occasions, about November 2 and 3, 1937; that he had a woman in the car with him, and was driving a gray Ford Coach, about a 1936 model, and that he and the woman accompanying him stopped at the Snack Shop for sandwiches.

Agents, in company with Mr. Bidwell, interviewed Anita McDonald, who resides at 318 S. Rogers, and is employed as a curb waitress at the Snack Shop, 2nd and Cherokee Streets, Bartlesville. She stated that during the winter of 1935 and 1936, which she believes was about the first part of December, 1935, she went with several young people from Bartlesville to a dance at Coffeyville, Kansas; that while the crowd was dancing she noticed a young fellow give a valuable wrist watch set with diamonds to a young girl on the dance floor; that everyone at the dance remarked about this valuable gift, and she inquired as to the identity of this young man; that she was informed that his name was Jimmie Lett, otherwise known as Milton Lett. She stated that the girl was a Coffeyville, Kansas girl, whose name she did not learn; that this girl was young and a blonde. She stated that subsequent to this dance on the same night her crowd, en route back to Bartlesville from Coffeyville, stopped at the roadhouse at the state line just south of Caney, Kansas; that while they were there Milton Lett and another girl came into the roadhouse; that this girl was not the one to whom he had given the wrist watch. The photograph of Lucille Ferris, Milton Lett's wife, was exhibited to Anita McDonald, and she stated this picture did not resemble either of the girls with whom she had seen Milton Lett on the night described. She stated she danced with Milton Lett several times at the roadhouse, and he became quite attentive to her. She stated that this roadhouse was operated by one Bob Hitch, and that on a later occasion when she went to this roadhouse he asked her if she were well acquainted with Milton Lett, with whom she had been dancing on the previous occasion. She stated she told Hitch that she did not know him very well. She stated she then told Hitch about Lett giving the expensive watch to a girl on the dance floor at Coffeyville, and he told her that Lett was in a position to make many expensive gifts to women, as he was a criminal and made lots

of money. She stated Hitch also told her that she had better not associate too much with Lett as Lett was wanted by Federal authorities. Miss McDonald stated that the way Hitch stated this was to say, "he is wanted by old man whiskers." Anita McDonald stated she had never seen Milton Lett since this occasion until on November 2, 1937, when a Gray 1936 Ford Coach drove up to the Snack Shop where she was working in Bartlesville, and honked the horn for service; that the car contained a couple; that she went out to wait on them, and she recognized Milton Lett. She stated they appeared at the Snack Shop about one in the afternoon, and ordered sandwiches, which they ate, and drove away. She stated they had no baggage in the car, and that Lett was dressed in a dark gray suit, wearing no hat, and that the girl wore a black cloth coat. She stated the girl had a badly scarred face, which looked like freshly healed scars that might have resulted from an automobile wreck, and these scars were prominent all over her right cheek and forehead. She described this girl as being a blonde, apparently about twenty-four years of age, weight 119 pounds, and medium height. She stated that on the next day, which was November 3rd, as well as she can recall, she again served this same couple, again recognizing Milton Lett, and that their visit on this day was about 12:30 P.M. She stated they had not returned to the Snack Shop since that occasion. Miss McDonald stated she would be only too glad to cooperate with Bureau Agents and with members of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol in causing the detention of Milton Lett; that she would be willing to go at the first opportunity to a dance at the state line joints near Caney, Kansas, and attempt to secure information there from Bob Hitch, if she could locate him, or any of the other attendants. Arrangements were made for her to visit the state line joints, and the results of her visit will be set out in a later portion of this report. A photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to Miss McDonald, and she stated that without question this was the photograph of the person she had known at the dance, etc. in the winter of 1935-1936, and the person who had called at the Snack Shop as related above.

Special Agent W. E. Hopton and the writer on November 11, 1937 visited, under pretext, the state line joints south of Caney, making general observations of parties who were engaged in drinking and gambling and the automobiles parked around these joints, with

negative results.

At Nowata, Oklahoma.

Conference was had with Hugh Owen, Sheriff, who stated that he reached the conclusion that the individual who had been chased by State Highway Patrolman Andrew Bidwell was Milton Lett because he had heard rumors to the effect that Milton had made visits recently to his mother's home near Wann. He stated an informant named Pete Craig, who resides at Wann, had reported to him that he had seen Milton Lett come through Wann on Sunday, October 31, 1937, proceeding towards his mother's home, and was driving a blue gray 1936 Ford Coach. Mr. Owen stated he had not attached a great deal of significance to this information when first given by Craig because, in his opinion, Pete Craig is wholly an unreliable informant, but he had also heard from Bill Lett, cousin of Milton Lett, who has been acting as an informant in this case, that Milton had been in the vicinity of his mother's home recently, and also that Milton was driving another Ford car, different from the one he had left in in 1936 with his brother Charlie; that Milton had recently had a wreck in his car, and on one or two occasions had been driving Charlie's car. Mr. Owen stated that another reason why his belief that the man chased by Bidwell was Milton Lett was confirmed was the fact that there was no reason why Charlie Lett, if he were driving this car, should attempt to out run a highway patrolman, as he had nothing to run away from. Mr. Owen stated he was cognizant of the fact that Charlie Lett, as he is growing older, is becoming almost identical with his brother Milton, and that it might have been Charlie who was chased by Bidwell, but he can not see any reason for Charlie taking chances in traffic to avoid arrest.

Bill Lett, who has been handled as a confidential informant on occasions in the recent past by Special Agent W. E. Hopton, was contacted individually by Agent Hopton. Agent Hopton reported that Bill Lett advised that, in accordance with Agent Hopton's recent request, he had taken his mother to visit Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma recently. During this visit Maggie Lett did not drop any remarks indicating the present location of her son Milton, but she did hint that she knew where he was, and from her remarks he, Bill Lett, has reached the conclusion that Milton is staying within a radius of fifty miles of Bartlesville,

probably north of Bartlesville in the southern part of Kansas. He stated he based this conclusion on the fact that Maggie hinted that she occasionally saw Milton, and that Milton had recently told her he has passed a lot of officers on the highway, but he is never stopped although he is driving considerably on the highways. Bill Lett stated Maggie Lett, Milton's mother, also made the remark, "if they ever catch Milton I guess they will have to shoot him in the back to stop him because he is not going to let any officer pick him up." Bill Lett was closely questioned as to any hideout where Milton might be staying, and he stated he didn't have the slightest idea other than it was his opinion and hunch that Milton was staying somewhere north of Caney, Kansas a short distance. Bill Lett offered the suggestion that he might be able to obtain some information from Ira Lett, another cousin of Milton Lett, who is in jail at Independence, Kansas. Ira Lett is known to be one of the favorite relatives of Milton Lett.

This information was conveyed telephonically to Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, who authorized Agents to proceed from Nowata to Independence, Kansas for the purpose of having Bill Lett have a conference with Ira Lett. At the conclusion of this conference in the County Jail at Independence, Bill Lett reported to the writer and Agent Hopton that Ira Lett told Bill that the last definite information he had with regard to Milton was a letter he had received from Milton Lett on June 27, 1937, when Milton had written him from Lovington, New Mexico. Bill stated he did not ask if Milton Lett was using his right name when in New Mexico, but he assumed he was as Ira did not state he was using any other name. Ira Lett is serving a term of one year in the County Jail at Independence for larceny. Bill Lett stated he had told Ira to attempt to develop more information, and he would see Ira Lett again in a week or ten days to ascertain if Ira had been able to learn any further information. Bill stated that although Ira is in jail he believes Ira has a way to find more definite information concerning Milton's whereabouts. Bill Lett stated that should he secure any more definite information he would immediately convey it to Hugh Owen for transmittal to Resident Agent Hopton at Tulsa or to the Oklahoma City office.

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, concerning Bill Lett as an informant, he was recently convicted at Tulsa

for violation of the Internal Revenue Act in connection with illicit liquor dealings, and was placed on probation, which he thinks was due to the intercession of Sheriff Hugh Owen of Nowata. Bill Lett feels greatly indebted to this Sheriff, to whom he has rendered excellent cooperation in the search for Milton Lett.

X Confidential Informant Bert Zigenfuss, who resides on the highway between Lenapah and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and who has been endeavoring to obtain information for Agent Hopton as to the whereabouts of Milton Lett, stated upon interview that since he last talked to Agent Hopton he had contacted his friend in Coffeyville, Kansas, who was formerly a County Attorney, and he had said that for $50.00 he would arrange with Attorney Cox to ascertain where Milton Lett is presently located. This former County Attorney is a white man, who is closely associated with Attorney Cox, negro attorney in Coffeyville, who has always been a close friend of the Lett family, and who has assisted Milton Lett on previous occasions. Zigenfuss stated he had not yet heard from this attorney friend in Coffeyville, but will immediately notify Agent Hopton at Tulsa if he receives any information. Zigenfuss stated he had one very good contact near Caney, Kansas, where Zigenfuss was formerly a peace officer, whom he will see in a few days to maintain watch for Milton Lett at the state line joints near Caney, Kansas.

At Coffeyville, Kansas.

X Mrs. Virginia Thurston, 516 West 2nd Street, was contacted. She stated that she has not to date received any information as to Lett's whereabouts, as she has not yet had an opportunity to converse with her son who is an acquaintance of the Lett family. She stated the following girls were known to have been formerly close friends of Lucille Ferris. She suggested that she first attempt to elicit information from these girls before they are interviewed by Bureau Agents.

X Vivian Hollingsworth, Wichita, Kansas. This person has been interviewed on several occasions by Oklahoma City and Kansas City Agents, and has been found to be unreliable.

Ruth Jordan, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Mrs. Thurston has stated the Jordan girl introduced Lucille Ferris to Milton Lett.

_____ King, first name unknown, who resides with her grandmother, a Mrs. Hayden, in the 200 block of East 9th or East 11th.

If Mrs. Thurston obtains no information by the next time she is contacted, direct interviews will be arranged with the King girl and Ruth Jordan.

Victor Klotz, Principal of the High School at Coffeyville, advised that to date he has not been successful in obtaining any information which would be of assistance in locating Lucille Ferris Lett, but he is still endeavoring through the teachers and friends of Lyle Ferris, Lucille's brother who is a high school student, to obtain information which will be of assistance, and should he obtain such information he will immediately convey it to Resident Agent Hopton at Tulsa.

Agents, during the course of this investigation, maintained surveillance on the highways around Wann, Nowata, Bartlesville, South Coffeyville and the state lines on the various highways in that vicinity leading from Oklahoma into Kansas. Several trips were made passed the home of Maggie Lett at Wann. On each occasion a 1935 black Ford Coach, which has been observed on many occasions by Bureau Agents, was noticed parked behind the house of Maggie Lett. No blue gray or gray Ford Coach was observed.

At Nowata, Oklahoma.

License records were checked, and it was ascertained that a 1935 Ford Sedan, motor #18-2044337, had been registered for 1937, and license 330-741 issued on March 18, 1937. The license was issued in the name of J. M. Lett, a known alias of Milton Lett, and the application for the license was made out J. M. Lett by C. R. Lett (initials of Charlie Lett).

Anita McDonald has visited the joints at the state

line north of Bartlesville, immediately south of Caney, Kansas, and furnished information that at one of these joints she had been accosted by Bob Hitch, the proprietor, and that Hitch asked if she were the girl who formerly went with Milton Lett, and apparently recognized her as such person. She confirmed his guess, and asked Hitch if he knew where Lett is presently located. She stated Hitch did not say he knew Lett's present location, but stated that the Ford V-8 car which Milton Lett is now driving had been obtained in a hi-jacking in Wisconsin or Michigan and the owner of the car had been "bumped off." Anita McDonald has promised to maintain close contact with Bob Hitch, and to visit frequently the joints at the state line, and will impart whatever information she obtains to the Oklahoma City office. She also has arranged with members of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol, through the solicitation of Bureau Agents, to notify them immediately at Bartlesville if Lett should make a future appearance at the Snack Shop, where she is employed, and to stall him by slow service, etc. until he may be taken into custody by members of the Highway Patrol.

A letter was addressed to the El Paso Division, furnishing the information that Milton Lett on June 27, 1937 is alleged to have written a letter to Ira Lett from Lovington, New Mexico. Prior to the dictation of this report the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, El Paso, November 19, 1937, was received, which indicates that negative results were experienced at Lovington, New Mexico.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will continue efforts in the vicinity of Nowata, Wann, South Coffeyville, and Bartlesville to locate Milton Lett.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 2, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREWER Edward G Brewer

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to the efforts made to locate Milton Lett for questioning in connection with harboring activities in this case. No process or warrant has ever been issued for Lett. Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent L. R. Kingman, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1937, particularly to that portion in which information was given in a roundabout way by the mother of Milton Lett that he does not intend to be detained by any officers at any time and that he will not submit to arrest unless he is shot in the back. Although there is no violation over which the Bureau has jurisdiction other than Lett's assistance to the fugitives in this case, it would appear advantageous in searching for him to have a process, and that a complaint should be filed and a warrant issued for him, because it is quite possible when he is encountered by Bureau Agents he will vigorously resist being detained and it is believed considerable embarrassment would ensue to the Bureau should he resist arrest and forceful measures have to be taken. I am informed by Agents who have worked on this case that they believe a process should be issued for this individual, and that if local officers, whose assistance has been solicited, could be advised that a warrant was in existence for this individual they would take considerable more interest in causing his apprehension. The reputation of this boy, where he is known in Northern Oklahoma, is that on every occasion when approached by an officer he will run or put up a fight, and the prior experience had with him by Bureau Agents bears out this reputation.

It is suggested that an immediate conference be had with the proper United States Attorney, and authorization secured, if possible, to file a complaint charging Milton Lett with violation of the harboring statutes.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City

903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
December 2, 1937

Mr. Howard K. Goodwin
Postmaster
Long Beach, California

ATTENTION: F. B. MATTESON, Supt. of Mails

Dear Sir: RE: L. A. FILE 7-42 - BRNKID

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 24, 1937, advising that, although the Jordans, who reside at 537½ Cerritos Avenue, have received very little first-class mail, you thought it best to report that a day or two ago they received a letter from Buddy Stevens, Sterling Hotel, Durango, Colorado.

I wish to thank you very much for furnishing this information, and appropriate inquiries are being made in Colorado.

On November 17, 1937, Special Agent R. N. Franke of this office talked to Mr. F. B. Matteson and Harry Leaming, Mail Carrier No. 44, who delivers mail at the Jordan residence, and as promised by Agent Franke, I am transmitting herewith photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett, with descriptions, which I wish you would give to Mr. Leaming in order that he may be on the lookout for these individuals at the Jordan home.

Since dictation of the above, your letter of November 29, 1937 has been received, advising that Mrs. Ellen Jordan filed a change of address on that date for herself and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Jordan, from 537½ Cerritos Avenue to 127 East 4th Street, Long Beach. In view of this, I wish you would give the enclosed photographs to the mail carrier covering the new address, in case the same is not covered by Mr. Leaming.

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Will you also place a thirty-day cover on all first-class mail, including registered, special delivery and parcel post, for the Jordan family at their new address.

Any assistance you can give in this matter will be greatly appreciated, and in reply please refer to our file 7-42.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

December 6, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BRECK

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 1, 1937, requesting information as to the prosecutive action taken against Sam Coker, Fred Hunter and Milton Lett in the Northern District of Ohio, in connection with harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang, please be advised that no prosecutive action whatsoever was instituted against Fred Hunter and Milton Lett on the harboring angle. Fred Hunter was, however, sentenced to serve twenty-five years in a federal penitentiary for his participation in the Carrettsville [Ohio] mail train robbery, but no action was taken charging Milton Lett for his participation in this robbery.

An indictment in three counts was returned in the Northern District of Ohio at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging Sam Coker in count 1 with a violation of Title 18, Section 551, U.S.C., that is accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; in count 2 with a violation of Title 18, Section 88, U.S.C., in connection with Title 18, Sections 4000 and 551, U.S.C., in that he conspired with the others as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; and in count 3, with conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Sam Coker is presently incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and a detainer has been lodged against him. Negotiations are presently going on between the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, and attorneys representing Sam Coker, in the hope that Sam Coker will be returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and plead guilty to the aforementioned indictment.

Very truly yours,

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T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building
347 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
December 2, 1937

Mr. John J. Nestor
Postmaster
Mojave, California

Dear Sir:

RE: L. A. FILE 7-42 - BREKID

In connection with an official investigation, will you kindly place a thirty-day cover on all mail, including registered, special delivery and parcel post, for -

MR. and MRS. RAYMOND MIZE
Mojave, California,

furnishing this office with tracings thereof?

In reply, please refer to our file 7-42.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Stop orders placed with Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of the States of North and South Dakota on Ford Sedan, Motor #2,044,337 and Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322,772, Serial #2,619,857, neither of which are registered at the present time.

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REFERENCE: Letter Cleveland Division Office, dated 8/24/37
Letter Cincinnati Division Office, dated 8/5/37.

DETAILS:

In compliance with the request contained in the reference letter of the Cincinnati Division Office dated August 5, 1937, arrangements have been made for the placing of proper stop notices with the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of both the States of North and South Dakota.

Neither of the mentioned cars are registered with the Bureaus at the present time and should application be received for the registration of either, the Aberdeen Division Office will receive proppt notification.

Descriptions of the automobiles on which stop notices have been placed are as follows: 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2,044,337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322,772, Serial #2,619,857.

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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:

Anthony Joseph Amersbach on September 3, 1937, in United States District Court, Toledo, Ohio, on plea of guilty, sentenced to serve two and one-half years in a Federal penitentiary and assessed $1000.00 fine and costs, which were paid. Parole report and disposition sheet being submitted.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 26, 1937.

DETAILS:

Subject Anthony Joseph Amersbach on September 3, 1937, in the United States District Court, Toledo, Ohio, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment returned against him at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging him as accessory after the fact and with conspiracy as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. He was sentenced to serve two and one-half years in a Federal penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General, assessed a $1000.00 fine and $40.35 costs, which fine and costs were paid in cash.

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Parole Report and Disposition Sheet being submitted herewith.

ENCLOSURE: TO BUREAU:

Disposition sheet on Anthony Joseph Amersbach.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 4, 1937.

In view of the fact that this investigative report has set forth information concerning the prosecution of Anthony Joseph Amersbach, a copy of this report should be furnished the United States Attorney for his information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

Dear Sirs:

Please send me all the informa
you can concerning the criminal li
of "Ma." Barker. Please include the
time and place of her birth. The
nationality of her parents and record
on her early education.

This information will be used in
the Social Problems class of Manc
High School. We are studying crime a
punishment.

Thanking you in adv

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MKB:AEK
7-576-14861 December 14, 1937.

Mr. C. W. Haish,
Manchester, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Haish:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 1, 1937, in which you request information concerning the criminal life of "Ma" Barker.

I regret that the material which you desire is not available for general distribution. However, as of possible interest to you I am enclosing a number of my recent addresses in which I have spoken about various criminals, and the one entitled "Adventures in Scientific Law Enforcement" deals briefly with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer in St. Paul by members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

I am also enclosing a number of the general publications of this Bureau which I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

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CLEVELAND, OHIO	12/8/37	12/3/37	E. J. WYNN	EJW:MC

NAME OF CONVICT:
ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Tony Ammersbach, Anthony Amerbach, ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Tony Ammerbach, George Young, Tom Gordon, James Joseph Braun, Jack Gordon, James Burns John Brennan, Tony Feder.

PAROLE REPORT

VIOLATION:
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Title of Case:
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. 1232, FUGITIVE; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, who are all serving life sentences at the present time, at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker, transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was forcibly held against his will pending ransom negotiations, and was finally released on February 7, 1934, after the payment of $200,000.00 by his family.

Following his release, various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, and then in the fall of 1934 moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they frequented the notorious Harvard Club, a gambling rendezvous, with which Anthony Joseph Amersbach was closely allied. Amersbach became very intimate with various members of the gang and aided and assisted them in avoiding apprehension.

In September 1934, the presence of the Barker-Karpis

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in Cleveland, Ohio, was discovered but the male members were successful in eluding arrest. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell reappeared in Cleveland, Ohio, in about February 1935 following their escape from a police trap in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and upon their arrival in Cleveland, Ohio, they again became very intimate with Anthony Joseph Amersbach and continued this association until November of 1935, during which period Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and others who were frequenters of the Harvard Club perpetrated two mail train robberies in the Northern Judicial District of Ohio, one at Warren, Ohio, which netted them some $72,000.00 and the other at Garrettsville, Ohio, which netted them some $34,000.00.

A Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, returned an indictment in three counts against Anthony Joseph Amersbach and others, said indictment charging Amersbach 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 September 3, 1937, in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, Amersbach entered a plea of guilty to this indictment and was sentenced to serve two and one-half years in a federal penitentiary and assessed a $1000.00 fine and $40.35 costs, which he paid in cash.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

During the time Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang were frequenting the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, and in constant association with Anthony Joseph Amersbach, they were considered among the outstanding public enemies and fugitives in the United States and were being vigorously sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Harvard Club is located in Newburgh Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, and is operated in open defiance of the law, and it has been definitely established by investigation that the majority of the employees of the Harvard Club are ex-convicts and that this club on the whole is a rendezvous for notorious underworld characters. Anthony Joseph Amersbach was one of the so-called "big shots" of this club and acted in the capacity

of a gunman and manager. This club is so notorious that Anthony Joseph Amersbach, together with the proprietors, one of whom is Arthur W. Hebebrand, who on June 30, 1937, in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, was sentenced to serve two years in a United States federal penitentiary on the same indictment naming Amersbach, was able on January 11, 1936 to openly defy a raiding party comprised of the prosecuting attorney of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and special deputies, when an attempt was made to raid the club, and on this occasion the raiding party was threatened by death by machine gun fire and thus held at bay until all of the gambling equipment had been moved out of the club. The club was closed for a few weeks but reopened a short distance away and is presently doing a flourishing business.

As is indicated hereinafter, Amersbach has an extensive criminal record and is considered by the Cleveland (Ohio) Police Department to be a vicious criminal. On October 18, 1921, he was arrested by the Cleveland Police Department during the perpetration of a burglary, but only after he had engaged the police in a gun battle resulting in one of the police officers being wounded to such an extent that he has never entirely recovered and is at this writing a bad cripple.

Amersbach was in very close alliance with Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis in April 1935 when these two fugitives perpetrated the robbery of a mail train at Warren, Ohio, and obtained some $72,000.00, and in November 1935, when these two fugitives perpetrated the robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, and obtained some $34,000.00, and all indications point to the fact that he shared in this loot, although this matter has not been the subject of strict proof.

Amersbach was very active in aiding Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in evading arrest and detection.

PERSONAL HISTORY OF ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH

Anthony Joseph Amersbach is forty years of age, having been born at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 5, 1897, and is of the white race and of German descent. He has never been known to

engage in any legal gainful occupation and his criminal record reflects that he has been in difficulties with the law since he was about twenty years of age. He is not married.

His father, Andrew Amersbach, a sister, Beatrice Amersbach, and a brother, Harry Amersbach, reside in Cleveland, Ohio, at 7124 Clark Avenue, and are considered respectable, the father and brother being retired from the excavating business, from which it is understood they made considerable money. He has another brother, Philip Amersbach, who is serving a life sentence in the State House of Correction and Branch Prison at Marquette, Michigan. Another brother is a practicing physician, Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach, whose office address is 105 East 53rd Street, New York City, New York. Two other sisters, Mrs. Joseph C. Wagner and Mrs. John B. Morgan, reside at 1346 East 94th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and 12576 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, respectively.

The following is the criminal record of Anthony Joseph Amersbach, as reflected in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under FBI-84230:

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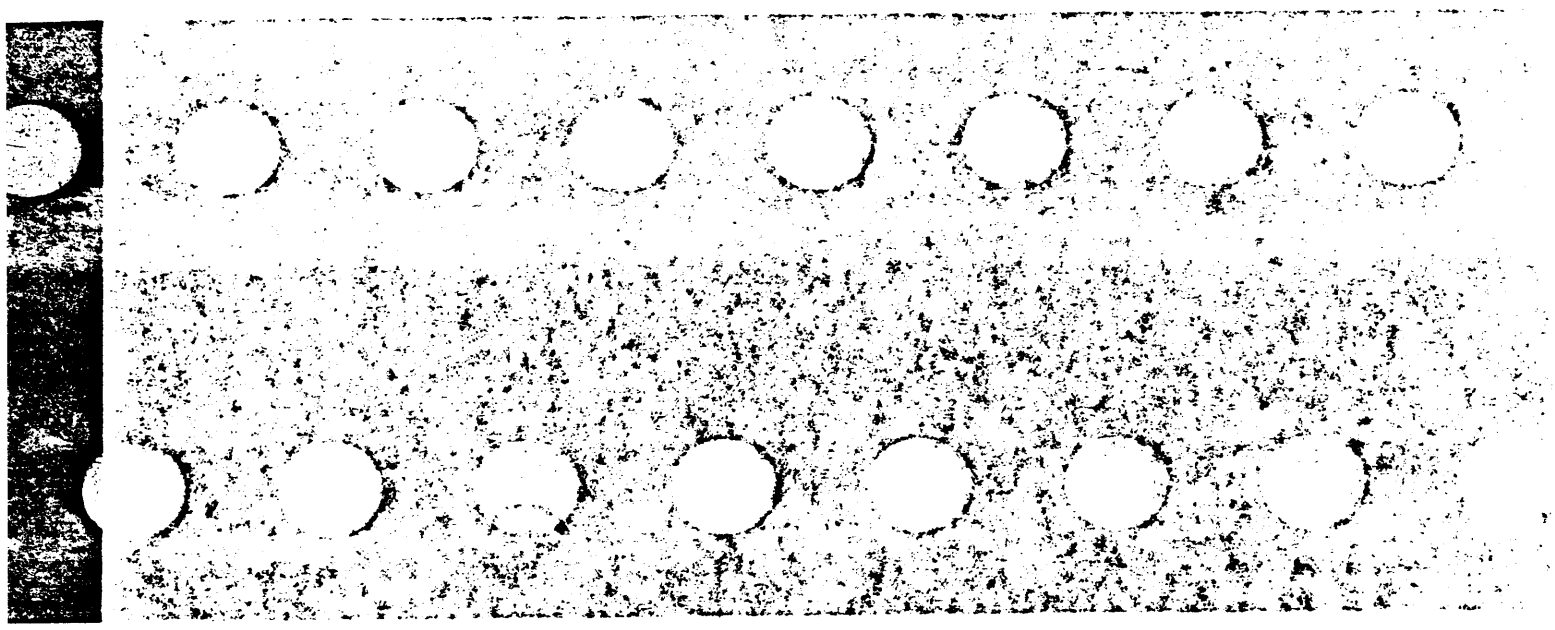
It is pointed out as illustrated by the above criminal record that Anthony Joseph Amersbach, while an escaped prisoner from the Ohio State Penitentiary, perpetrated a highway robbery in the State of West Virginia and was sentenced to Moundsville, West Virginia Penitentiary to serve twenty-five years, from which sentence he obtained a stay of execution and was returned to the Ohio State Penitentiary, where he completed the sentence for which he was originally confined in the Ohio State Penitentiary. Through some over-

sight, he was not returned to the State Penitentiary at Moundsville, West Virginia, upon the completion of his term at the Ohio State Penitentiary. He is presently wanted by the prison authorities at Moundsville, West Virginia, to complete his twenty-five year sentence at that institution.



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TITLE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
T. O. #1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The U. S. Attorney at St. Paul upon court order dated April 6, 1937, has retired the pending indictments in this case from the calendar. No action has been taken by the Attorney General as to possible nolle of these indictments and same will be maintained active in the United States Attorney's files at St. Paul. Petition by Victim for return of $2710 ransom money granted and order filed 2/19/36. No further investigation in this district.

RUC.

Reference: Reports of Special Agents E. H. Williams, St. Paul, 4/18/37 and E. N. Notesteen, 3/17/37; Bureau letter dated 11/16/37.

Details:

AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Contact has been made from time to time with the United States Attorney at St. Paul with reference to the final disposition to be made of the still pending indictments in this case. No ruling has been made by the Attorney General as to possible "nolle" of these indictments and under date of April 6, 1937, Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey, upon motion in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, requested that an order be issued for the retirement of the pending indictments from the calendar. This order was made and filed the same date and was signed by U. S. District Judge Matthew M. Joyce and was previously report in report of reference of Agent E. H. Williams, 4/18/37.

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In view of the fact that the Attorney General of the United States has not taken any action relative to the possible nolle of these indictments, the United States Attorney at St. Paul is of the opinion that same will be held active in the files in that office, though these files themselves are being closed.

The indictments still pending have been set out previously in the report of Special Agent E. N. Notesteen, St. Paul, 3/17/37.

Relative to the petition of the Victim filed in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, on February 12, 1936, and requesting the return of $2710 of the ransom money which was recovered from the possession of Vidler and John McLaughlin and impounded by the Court, the Clerk's records reflect that an order for the turn over of this money in the sum of $2710 was signed by U. S. District Judge Matthew M. Joyce on February 19, 1936, and was filed the same date. A receipt signed by the Victim, Edward George Bremer, reflecting that on February 22, 1936, he had received from the Clerk of the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, the sum of $2710 was filed on February 22, 1936.

Relative to the matter of detainers being filed against the subjects in this case now presently incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz, the matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey at St. Paul, Mr. Heisey advising that no detainers would be filed by his office except on specific instructions from the Attorney General of the United States in view of the fact that in the event these subjects are paroled at some future date, no further prosecutive action is contemplated by the United States Attorney at St. Paul. Mr. Heisey also mentioned that the placing of detainers against these subjects would not necessarily have the effect of preventing their parole at such time as the law provides such parole to be considered.

There being no further investigative action in this district, this case is

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: OSBORN TWINEY with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - Fugitive, I. C. #1232; et al. EDWARD OSBORN BRESSER - Victim. KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. W. Notesteen, dated at St. Paul, December 10, 1937.

In view of the fact that this report contains an opinion of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, a copy of the report should have been furnished the United States Attorney for his information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

December 13, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: BHKKID

Edward G. Brewer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 2, 1937 in which you suggested that an immediate conference be had with the proper United States Attorney and authorization secured if possible to file a complaint charging Milton Lett with violation of the harboring statute with reference to instant case.

An agent of this office discussed the matter in detail with Assistant United States Attorney Gerald F. Openlander at Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Openlander advised that the evidence against Milton Lett was not sufficient to authorize a complaint against him; that to authorize a complaint against Milton Lett, or anyone for that matter, at the present time in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis, would create additional publicity with reference to this case which would no doubt be detrimental both to his office and to the F.B.I., unless successful prosecution could be had.

Very truly yours,

T. H. STAPLETON
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Seattle, Washington	12/9/37	11/30/37	A. T. Deere

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Vern Ferris, Centralia, Washington, has no knowledge of whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Milton Lett.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. T. Deere, Seattle, Washington, dated November 27, 1937.

DETAILS:

The writer interviewed Mr. Vern Ferris, Room 12, Tower Hotel, Centralia, Washington. Mr. Ferris advised that he had not seen or heard of Lucille Ferris in over a year. He said that her parents and relatives apparently have not heard of her either; however, if any are in communication with her, according to Mr. Ferris, it would be her mother, Constance Ferris, whose present whereabouts is unknown to Mr. Ferris. Mr. Ferris stated that he feels positive that Constance Ferris is aware of the whereabouts of her daughter. He also explained that William Hooper, brother-in-law to Constance, who is on the Burlington Route, working at St. Joseph, Missouri, would likely have information concerning Lucille Ferris.

Mr. Ferris stated that his brother, A. V. Ferris, is the father of Lucille, and that A. V. Ferris and Constance Ferris are separated. He further stated that two sisters, Mrs. Walter Beliau, 1420 South Madison Street, Beaumont, Texas, and Mrs. Bernard Hughes (Myrtie Ellen), street address unknown, St. Louis, Missouri, are cousins of Lucille Ferris, and that either of them might have information as to the whereabouts of Lucille. Mr. Ferris also said that in the event the mother of Lucille Ferris had not as yet been located, William Hooper, mentioned above, could possibly

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advise her present whereabouts.

Mr. Ferris stated that should he receive any information as to the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Lett he would immediately notify the Seattle Field Division, the writer having informed him as to how to communicate. He advised that he had never seen Lett, and that he knows nothing about him.

No undeveloped leads are being set out to have the various relatives of Lucille Ferris mentioned by Vern Ferris interviewed, in view of the fact that the Seattle Field Division does not have full information as to whether they have already been contacted. Such action is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Indianapolis, Indiana	12-11-37	11/22-26/37; 12/3/37	WILLIAM P. FRIAR

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information developed at Evansville or Vincennes, Indiana, police departments indicates that J. W. Mullins has resided in either of these places.

--RUC--

Reference: Letter to Indianapolis office from St. Louis office dated October 25, 1937; report of Special Agent William T. Morton, Memphis, Tennessee, dated September 3, 1937.

Details: --AT EVANSVILLE, INDIANA--

In an effort to locate J. W. Mullins, contact was had with J. E. Connelley, superintendent of mails, who questioned various postal employees with negative results. Inquiry was also made at the Evansville police department but no information could be developed concerning this individual.

Clark H. Tate, supervisor Piggly-Wiggly Stores, Evansville district, checked all personnel and payroll records with negative results, it being noted that the name of Virgil Cole did not appear. Mr. Tate also contacted the managers of his stores, but no one could recall a former or present employee by the name of Virgil Cole.

With the thought that J. W. Mullins might possibly be located through the records of the public schools at Evansville, Indiana, reporting agent made inquiry in this regard but was advised

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that a student by the name of Virgil Cole has not been enrolled in any public school at Evansville, Indiana, during the present scholastic year.

It being noted that J. W. Mullins is wanted in the state of Louisiana on a forgery charge, reporting agent also checked the bad check file of the Evansville police department with negative results.

As information appeared on page five in the report of Special Agent R. L. Johnson, St. Louis, Missouri, dated October 16, 1937, in the case entitled, "J. W. MULLINS, with aliases; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act" to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Mullins were leaving Evansville and moving some place about fifty miles therefrom, reporting agent conducted inquiries at Vincennes, Indiana, with negative results. The records of the public schools, together with all postoffice records, were checked, as well as appropriate inquiry at the Vincennes police department.

All inquiries in the above during the course of instant investigation were made under the name of J. W. Mullins, as well as his known aliases.

As there are no outstanding leads in the Indianapolis division, instant case is being

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

December 14, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Brekid

The Bureau's attention is invited to letter from the Oklahoma City field division to the Cleveland field division dated December 2, 1937, requesting that the United States Attorney be consulted with a view to obtaining process of arrest for Milton Lett and also to letter from the Cleveland field division to the Oklahoma City field division dated December 13, 1937, advising that Assistant United States Attorney Gerald P. Openlander at Toledo, Ohio, had informed that the evidence against Lett was not sufficient to authorize a complaint against him.

I was present at Toledo, Ohio, on December 9, 1937, when Special Agent H. B. Dill discussed this matter with Mr. Openlander, during which time I pointed out to Mr. Openlander that we were endeavoring to locate Lett, had requested the assistance of local officers in different sections of the country who were extremely reluctant to endeavor to cause his arrest because of statements that Lett had made that he would resist the officers and there was no process outstanding. Mr. Openlander stated that he realized the difficulty that might arise should Lett be shot while resisting apprehension in the event no process was outstanding, but, on the other hand, he stated that prior to drawing indictments against the other persons involved in this investigation for harboring he had gone over the evidence in the file with Special Agent E. J. Wynn and other agents and made a detailed outline of same. He stated at that time it was not felt that sufficient evidence was available to prosecute Milton Lett, and if sufficient evidence was not available then, he does not see that the matter should be reopened by filing a complaint now.

As a sidelight on this he stated that the press at Toledo had wondered why prosecution was not had against George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, and he, Openlander, felt that if we filed process against Lett now, the press would become critical of his office and the Bureau on not proceeding against George Timiney. Mr. Openlander advised that the evidence was not believed to be sufficient to prosecute George Timiney, yet it was stronger against him than the evidence is against Milton Lett. The evidence against

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Milton Lett, as set out in the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 25, 1936, is that Gertrude Billeter Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, will testify that she saw Milton Lett visit with Harry Campbell at the McGraw residence in Toledo, Ohio, on October 14, 1935, and that Milton Lett was introduced to her as "Bill".

On page 163 of the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 26, 1936, it is indicated that Mr. E. G. Hutchison, a salesman for the Knowles Browne, Incorporated, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, will testify that he sold Milton Lett a four-door Plymouth sedan under the name of Carl Baker, 1027 East 147th Street, Cleveland. This Plymouth which was purchased by Milton Lett under the name of Carl Baker is believed to be the one used by Alvin Karpis and others in the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

Mr. Openlander stated, in conclusion, that if additional evidence was obtained indicating the guilt of subject Lett, he, of course, would authorize prosecution. Yet it would seem from the extensive investigation already conducted that the only additional evidence that could be developed would be an admission from subject Lett following his apprehension, which is very problematical and most unlikely, as he, Openlander, does not believe that Lett would incriminate himself.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton,
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 14, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Relative to my memorandum to you under date of August 30, 1937, concerning a memorandum dated August 18, 1937, from Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon, with which was forwarded a copy of the letter sent to him by Mrs. Cassius McDonald, in which she complained that a Bureau Agent had recently called upon her requesting to see a typewriter, it is recalled that Special Agent W. H. Espey conducted this interview with Mrs. McDonald, and he submitted a memorandum concerning this interview in which he stated that at the end of the interview Mrs. McDonald assumed a more friendly attitude towards him, and volunteered of her own free will information to the effect that she did have an old typewriter in the attic of the home in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and that she would allow a Bureau Agent to secure specimens from that machine provided her attorney first gave his approval.

The purpose of obtaining these specimens was for comparison with an extortion note in an old extortion case in the Detroit Office entitled Unknown Subjects; Edsel B. Ford, Victim; Henry Ford, II, Victim - Extortion.

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Pursuant to the lead to obtain specimens from this old typewriter, on December 9, 1937, Special Agent (A) Robert T. Ross of the Detroit Office called at Mrs. McDonald's home in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, for the purpose of securing specimens of the typewriter which she had previously stated was in the attic of her home.

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At Mrs. McDonald's residence a middle-age woman appeared at the door and after Agent Ross inquired for Mrs. McDonald this woman stated that Mrs. McDonald was out of town. Agent Ross inquired as to when Mrs. McDonald would return and this woman inquired as to the identity of Agent Ross and the nature of his business, and thereupon Agent Ross advised her as to his identity and stated that Mrs. McDonald had this summer told an Agent of this Bureau

I think the less we have to do with this "Battle-ac" the better. H.

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that possibly there was a typewriter in the attic of her city home and that he (Agent Ross) was interested in obtaining specimens from that typewriter.

At this point this woman became very excited and practically hysterical and shouted, "There is no typewriter in the attic. You weren't told there was a typewriter in the attic. You were told it was Mrs. McDonald's imagination." This woman screamed a few more words and thereupon slammed the front door in Agent Ross' face.

As Agent Ross proceeded to his car to depart, a vicious, barking police dog came rushing toward Agent Ross from the back door of the house. This is all of the conversation had between Agent Ross and this woman who apparently was Mrs. McDonald.

Shortly before Agent Ross returned to the Detroit Office from covering this lead, a call was received from a party who stated she wished to speak to Mr. Newman and upon being advised by the receptionist of the Detroit Office that he was out of town and that Agent Smith was acting in charge of the office she stated that she wished to speak with Agent Smith.

Special Agent Richard E. Smith upon lifting the receiver heard a woman's voice and she inquired as to what Agent from the Detroit Office drove a car bearing Michigan license 17014. Agent Smith inquired as to the identity of the party calling and she then stated she was Mrs. Cassius McDonald. Agent Smith inquired if she had any complaint to make and she stated she had plenty. She was then informed by Agent Smith, who was aware of the previous difficulties had with her, that if she had any complaint to make whatsoever that she should come to the Detroit Office and that no information whatever would be furnished over the telephone. She then started on a tirade against the Director and Agents of this Bureau, at which time Agent Smith interrupted and again told her that if she had any complaint to make he would be glad to see her at the Bureau office.

Mrs. McDonald continued her abuse against the Bureau, stating that her husband had been framed into the penitentiary by Mr. Hoover's scientific detectives and that she was going to see to it that she was not framed into any penitentiary as her husband was.

It was obvious to Agent Smith that the woman was in a very excitable frame of mind and that intelligent discussion of the matter could not be had over the telephone, whereupon he again advised her that if she had any complaint to make she should come to the office. She continued her abuse and Agent Smith hung up the receiver, feeling that it was not necessary for any Agent of this Bureau to take such abuse from the wife of a convicted criminal.

Mrs. McDonald immediately rang back, at which time she was again informed that she should come to the office if she desired to make a complaint. She thereupon stated that this Bureau was attempting to intimidate her and that it would be necessary for the Agent calling at her home to answer to the court as she had been previously told by the court that this Bureau could not bother her.

She stated that the Bureau was attempting to build up one of their well known scientific frame-ups on her and that all the personnel of the Bureau were crooks.

As it was impossible to talk to this woman and get in any word with her, Agent Smith again hung up the receiver and she has not been heard from since.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: BRESID

In view of the decision of the Bureau to hold in abeyance all investigation looking to the apprehension of Milton Letts, it is not deemed desirable to comply with the request in your letter of December 16, 1937, at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
December 16, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Dr. Marion R. King, Superintendent of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, furnished Special Agent C. J. Endres a note addressed by Byron Bolton, an inmate of that institution, to Dr. King, dated December 9, 1937, which reads as follows:

"Dear Sir:

In the letter which I wrote to you some time ago, I said that Arthur Hebebrand and a man who is known as Shimmy harbored various members of the Barker, Karpis gang, and, that they warned them to leave town when their women were arrested. They also made the connection, for the Barkers, with the man who exchanged the Bremer ransom money. I cannot recall the man Shimmy's last name just now. If it does recur to me I will let you know.

I am giving this information of my own free will. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to obtain it from me and if I am called as a witness I will testify to it."

Respectfully,

Bryan Bolton /s/"

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Cleveland
Cincinnati

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FILE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

December 17, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 23, 1937, enclosing copy of letter dated October 26, 1937, from Mr. Ray Allen, Chief of Police at Toledo, Ohio, and requesting that arrangements be made to furnish Chief Allen with information concerning certain phases of the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, relative to the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Through telephone contact with Chief of Police Allen the writer and Special Agent H. B. Dill arranged a conference with him at Toledo, Ohio, on December 9, 1937. Upon our arrival we registered at the Hillcrest Hotel and there requested Chief Allen to contact us. At this time I again reiterated to Mr. Allen that this Bureau would not furnish any information as a basis for complaint or charges against the personnel of the Toledo Police Department, but that the Director was merely furnishing the information to Mr. Allen in view of his express desire to clean up things in his department. Mr. Allen stated he realized this and would certainly appreciate all assistance the Bureau could render.

Agent Dill then related to Chief Allen the information appearing in the memorandum prepared by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and S. K. McKee from a review of the Brekid file, which concerned irregularities or improper conduct on the part of the personnel of the Toledo Police Department. However, at no time did we disclose to Chief Allen the source of the information nor did he request same, although it was obvious to him that quite a bit of information came to us through a surveillance of telephone lines.

Chief Allen stated that he and the City Manager, Mr. Edy, had made a sincere effort to correct things in the police department since they have been in office, and he believed that they had done a very excellent job. However, he realized there

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was still considerable room for improvement; that they were handicapped under the present set-up because of the Civil Service Commission. He pointed out that he had removed George Timiney as head of the Hoodlum Squad and in his own mind had always believed that Timiney was a crook as well as Art Langendorf. However, he did not have the evidence which would be required by the Civil Service Commission to discharge these men. He further pointed out that ex-Mayor Thatcher, whom he believed to be a crook, was now a member of the city council. Chief Allen explained that he would like for City Manager Edy to meet the writer and Special Agent Dill while we were in Toledo and discuss this information with Mr. Edy.

I again assured Chief Allen that the Bureau received the information concerning the Toledo Police Department through its investigation in the Brekid case and not through any investigation of the Toledo Police Department itself and naturally did not desire to be placed in the position of making formal or informal complaints against the members of his department.

Chief Allen stated that he had informed Mr. Edy of our presence in the city and the purpose therefor. He further stated it would be necessary for him to furnish the information received from us to Mr. Edy as his superior and because he had the utmost confidence in Mr. Edy and would need his assistance in correcting the situation as it existed, that he would much rather Mr. Edy have an opportunity to discuss this matter with agents if there was no objection. Under the circumstances and in view of the fact that the Chief had already stated he definitely understood the Bureau was not furnishing information as the basis of any charges or a hearing, I decided it would be better to agree to Mr. Edy's presence. Upon Mr. Edy's arrival, Chief Allen explained to him that he had discussed this matter with the Director and also with us and the information which we would furnish positively could not be used as a basis for any charge or for a hearing of any kind. We then briefly related the information to City Manager Edy without disclosing the source of the information and I informed him that we had taken no steps to corroborate the information.

City Manager Edy manifested a great deal more interest in the information, and he and Chief Allen requested we recommend someone who could be employed by them to investigate conditions in their department. We declined this, stating that we knew of no competent man available at the present

time, and I explained that because of our limited personnel we would be unable to cooperate in such an investigation.

Mr. Edy then stated that he was going to employ Frazier Reams, attorney at law and formerly prosecutor at Toledo, Ohio, to investigate conditions in his department; that he felt sure Mr. Reams would accept this assignment and he knew that he could obtain the necessary funds through the Mayor of the city. He mentioned the fact that Frazier Reams had served as an attorney for Edith Marks and was very friendly with her. It will be recalled that Edith Marks lived with George Timiney as man and wife after her husband had been bumped off by unknown persons.

Mr. Edy and Chief Allen requested that I convey their thanks and appreciation to the Director for his cooperation in permitting the writer and Agent Dill to confer with them concerning these matters.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton

T. N. 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.

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Date December 14, 1937
11 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: BREKID

At this time, Mrs. S. T. Parker alias "Ginger" Parker, Franklin Park Hotel, Room 153, Washington, D. C., called the Bureau to advise of her present address and to request that the Little Rock and Memphis Offices be advised of her address in accordance with her promise to Agents of those offices.

She stated she was with her husband and would be at the above address indefinitely.

It is recalled that Mrs. Parker is a material witness in the Harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Ark. She was requested to immediately advise the Bureau in the event of a change of address, which she promised to do.

Respectfully,

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

October 22, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ~~THE DIRECTOR~~ Mr. Tamm

Some young lady with a tinkling voice telephoned and said that she was a witness down in Arkansas in the Karpis case and was now here in Washington and wanted to leave her name and address so that if necessary, we could get in touch with her. Proceeding, she said that she was formerly Virginia Morgan, alias "Ginger", but that she is now married and her married name is Mrs. Virginia Parker. She is residing at the Franklin Park Hotel here in Washington.

She said that she wanted this information furnished to both the Memphis and Little Rock Field Offices of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

C. D. WARD.

This information has already been forwarded Memphis and Little Rock offices pursuant to a routine call from Mrs. Parker who is witness in the "Hot Springs" Harboring investigation Re Brekel

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December 21, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BRECKID

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that under date of December 14, 1937, Mrs. S. T. Parker, alias "Ginger" Parker, advised the Bureau that she is presently residing at the Franklin Park Hotel, Room 153, Washington, D. C., and would remain at that address indefinitely. She stated that in the event of a change of address she would immediately advise the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Indianapolis Field Office
(Name and address of Contributor)

September 13, 1937
(Date)

Dear Sir:

Following are additional records in cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Name, Aliases and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
FBI 84230	Anthony Joseph Amersbach, USM Indpls #504	8-24-37	harboring in kidnaping case Posted	turned over to USM Toledo, O.

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Very truly yours,
Herold H. Reinecke
Herold H. Reinecke,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
El Paso, Texas	12-22-37	12-17-37	G. H. Franklin m w

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.	KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Milton Lett is unknown to Police Department, Sheriff's Office or Postmaster, Hobbs, New Mexico. Deputy Sheriff Witcher, Lovington, N. M. has no information pertaining to Lett.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, El Paso, Texas, dated 11-19-37.

DETAILS: AT HOBBS, NEW MEXICO.

Sheriff William Kerley, advised that Milton Lett and Lucille Ferris are unknown to him and that he knows of no one in the vicinity of Hobbs answering the descriptions of Lett and Ferris.

A. L. Langford, Postmaster, advised that neither Lett nor Lucille Ferris is receiving mail through this office. Photographs of Lett and Ferris were exhibited to the General Delivery Clerk, who advised that he does not recall any one resembling either of these photographs calling for mail at this window.

Inquiries of the Gas and Electric Company, and also the Police Department, Hobbs, N. M., failed to reveal any information pertaining to Lett or Ferris.

Deputy Sheriff D. B. Witcher, Lovington, N. M., advised that he has made numerous inquiries in Lovington and Hobbs among gamblers and pool hall loiterers in an effort to locate Lett, but that he has been unable to pick up any information whatever as Lett is unknown in this vicinity. He stated that in the event he should receive any information in this regard he would immediately contact the El Paso office.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREMER

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that the offices to which this letter is directed hold in abeyance leads looking to the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

December 23, 1937

Honorable E. B. Freed
United States Attorney
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. #1232, FUGITIVE; etal;
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, VICTIM -
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith for your information a report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn in connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

T. M. STAPLETON
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building
Aberdeen, South Dakota

December 26, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to letter of E. J. Connelley, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, January 2, 1936.

There is being inclosed herewith a photograph of one Walter Raymond Armstrong which was secured by your office from Miss Theresa Krostue of Fisher, Minnesota and who was, at that time, a nurse at Mercy Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

This photograph being no longer needed by the Aberdeen office, it is respectfully requested that you return it to Miss Krostue.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
December 27, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ROBERT HUDSON; ET AL;
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication of November 29, 1937, (87-524) in which the attention of this office is called to the delinquent status of the above entitled matter.

For the information of the Bureau investigation in this matter has been held in abeyance pending the arrival of Inspector E. J. Connelley in Little Rock who will interview Grace Goldstein in connection with the MEEKID case. It is my understanding that Inspector Connelley does not desire that Grace Goldstein be contacted until such time as he can come to Little Rock, and in the absence of Bureau instructions no action will be taken for the present.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Inspector Connelley, Chicago, Illinois
San Antonio

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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	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Los Angeles, Calif.	12-21-37	11/9,17/37 & 12/2,6,10/37	R. N. Pranke RS

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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Vernon Stuchlik, 4273 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, stated that he does not personally know Volney Davis, nor has he any information pertaining to visits made by Davis to Hugh Larimer. Len Jordan presently living at 127 E. 4th St., Long Beach, Calif. Mail covers placed on mail for Len Jordan and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Mize, Mojave, Calif. Photographs of Milton Lett and wife furnished police departments and post office, Long Beach, Calif., and to Deputy Sheriff Don Brink of Mojave, California.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, Calif., dated July 27, 1937;
Report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, Calif., dated October 16, 1937;
Report of Special Agent A. P. Barber, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated November 5, 1937;
Report of Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 3, 1937;
Letter and telegram to Kansas City, 11-13-37;
Telegram from Kansas City, 11-22-37.

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

VERNON STUCHLIK, home address 1051 West 43rd Street, business address 4273 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, advised the writer on December 6, 1937, that he never personally met or ever saw VOLNEY DAVIS but has heard of him through DORIS STANLEY and his brother, EARL STUCHLIK; that he and Earl were operating a small lunch room on Highway 81 just south of McPherson, Kansas, in 1933; that around January 1934 he recalled that his brother Earl and PRESTON PADEN drove to Glasgow, Montana, in Paden's car; that a short time later they came back and he heard that they brought back a 1933 or 1934 Chevrolet panel-bodied truck; that one day he and Doris Stanley, at the latter's request, went to some Chevrolet garage and she made inquiries relative to this truck and was told that the truckhhad been sold to some individual living in Highland Park, Kansas, whereupon he and Doris visited this party who claimed he bought it from this Chevrolet company.

Stuchlik stated that this was the first and only time he had ever seen this truck;that Doris was interested in getting some money out of this truck which HUGH LARIMER was supposed to have; that he has known Larimer for about ten years, he being his attorney in the middle-west; that he never heard as to whether or not this truck was stored, and when questioned as to whether he knew anyone named TOM he stated that he knows a TOM FOSTER who now runs a filling station at Topeka, Kansas, at the corner of 21st and Topeka Blvd., and that this individual was formerly in the insurance business; that he also knows another individual named TOM KELLZER (phonetic), who lived at H ill City, Kansas, but who is now supposed to be in some Government hospital at Wichita, Kansas, as he lost his mind.

Stuchlik further stated that about six weeks prior to his visit to this Chevrolet garage with Doris Stanley, he personally drove to Kansas City, Kansas, with HUGH LARIMER, who at that time was driving the Chevrolet Coupe belonging to PRESTON PADEN, and that it was his understanding that Larimer was attempting to sell the car for Paden. He further stated that some woman, name unknown, accompanied him and Larimer on this trip and that both he and Larimer visited his brother, EARL STUCHLIK, who at that time was in the county jail at Kansas City; that the reason he went to Kansas City with Larimer was specifically to see his brother who was in jail;that he never heard Larimer discuss the name VOLNEY DAVIS, and that he did not hear his brother Earl or Doris say anything about Volney Davis ever visiting the home or office of Hugh Larimer.

During this interview, Stuchlik also admitted that several years ago he served a short term in a penitentiary for bootlegging, and further stated that he has no personal grudge against Larimer but understood from his brother that the Government was attempting to get something on him. He further advised that he personally would not cause anyone any harm, and when questioned as to whether he was protecting Larimer he stated that he was not and that he had told the writer the entire truth concerning his transactions with these cars and Volney Davis.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Agent went to 526 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, and was advised by MRS. PATTERSON, assistant manager, who was formerly watching the apaftment of LEN JORDAN for the Los Angeles Division, that Jordan moved about October 1, 1937, and went back East, but that she now understands that he was living somewhere on Cerritos Avenue in Long Beach. She further stated that she never noticed anyone resembling MILTON LETT or his wife visit the Jordans.

Further investigation disclosed that LEN JORDAN is presently residing at 537½ Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, and upon calling at this address the writer found no one home and left a note for Mr. Jordan to telephone the writer, which he subsequently did, but the writer was out. Jordan left his telephone number as Long Beach 645441, and the writer made numerous telephone calls but never was able to locate anyone at home.

Subsequently, the writer interviewed F. B. MATTESON, superintendent of mails, and HARRY LEAMING, mail carrier #44, of the Long Beach Post Office, who were both again requested to be on the lookout for MILTON LETT and his wife. Leaming stated that he was watching the residence of LEN JORDAN at 526 Orange Avenue but never noticed anyone there who aroused his suspicions. He stated that the Jordans were now residing at 537½ Cerritos Avenue in Long Beach, and that MRS. HELLING was the manager of these apartments and was considered reliable. These individuals were told that a photograph of MILTON LETT and his wife with descriptions would be forwarded to them by mail, and that Mr. Leaming should pay personal attention to the Jordans at their new home, which he stated he would do.

The Long Beach Post Office advised by letter dated November 24, 1937, that due to the fact that the Jordans at 537½ Cerritos Avenue have received very little first-class mail, they thought it best to report that a day or two previous the Jordans received a letter from BUDDY STEVENS, Sterling Hotel, Durango, Colorado. In view of this information, a letter dated November 27 was sent to the Denver Division requesting them to ascertain whether Buddy Stevens may be identical with MILTON LETT.

The Long Beach Post Office further advised by letter dated November 29, 1937, that MRS. ELLEN JORDAN filed a change of address under date of November 29 for herself and MR. & MRS. LEN JORDAN from 537½ Cerritos Avenue to 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, California. A letter of appreciation was written to the Long Beach Post Office thanking them for the information furnished in the above two letters, and at the same time photographs of MILTON LETT and his wife were forwarded with the request that if Carrier LEAMING did not deliver mail to the Jordans' new residence that they give these photographs to the new carrier and request him to be on the lookout for Lett and his wife. At the same time a request was made to place a thirty-day mail cover on all first-class, registered, special delivery and parcel post mail for the Jordan family.

Previous to being advised of the new address of the Jordan family, the writer interviewed MRS. MARY E. H ELLING, 537 Cerritos Avenue, owner of the premises at 537½ where Jordan lived, and appropriate arrangements were made to have her be on the lookout for Lett and his wife. Photographs were also going to be sent to her, but were not, due to the change of address. However, at that time Mrs. Helling stated that Mr. Jordan was out of town working on some oil job, but that she understood he did not like this job as he wanted to work in and around Long Beach.

At the Long Beach Police Department WALTER LENTZ, Captain of Detectives, was again advised that the Bureau was still anxious to locate and apprehend MILTON LETT who undoubtedly would be in the company of his wife, and Captain Lentz was advised that photographs of Lett and his wife would be furnished to him by letter and that it would be appreciated if he would show the same to his men and request them to pay particular attention to gambling dens where Lett might visit. He was also told that these photographs should not be posted on their bulletin board. By letter dated December 2, 1937, photographs were sent to Captain Lentz with a letter confirming the oral conversation.

A letter was written to the Post Office at Mojave, California, requesting that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on all first-class, registered, special delivery and parcel post mail for MR. & MRS. RAYMOND MIZE.

A letter dated December 2, 1937, was also sent to DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, at Mojave, California, transmitting photographs of LETT and his wife, with descriptions, and inquiring as to whether there were any developments since last being interviewed by an agent of the Los Angeles Division.

The Cincinnati Division should note in reference report of this agent dated July 27, 1937, that LEN JORDAN advised that MILTON LETT had a married sister whose first name is LELLIA, whom he believed to be living in Santa Monica or Santa Maria, California, but that he did not know her married name. The writer has noted in letter from the Oklahoma City Division dated February 17, 1937, that it had been previously ascertained that Milton Lett has a sister named LELA MIZE, who is married to a man named RAYMOND MIZE, whose last known address was that of 4003 Hydraulic Street, Wichita, Kansas. It further should be noted in reference report of Agent Kramer dated October 16, 1937, that MRS. RAYMOND MIZE is known as PEGGY MIZE, and it has been noted in reference report of Agent Barber dated November 5, 1937, on page 5, that MILTON LETT has a sister named LOLA MIZE in California and a sister named PEGGY MIZE at Mojave, Calif. A lead is being set out requesting the Cincinnati Division to advise the Los Angeles Division whether their files disclose that Milton Lett has a sister named LELLIA and another one named PEGGY, or whether these two sisters are identical.

A review of the file disclosed that the only remaining outstanding leads pending in this territory have been brought up to date and are set out in this report.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Since dictating the above facts, the writer had occasion to be in Long Beach, California, and there interviewed MRS. HELLING described above, who advised that MRS. JORDAN moved to a smaller apartment, as she stated that her husband had been in an automobile accident where he was working. She also advised that she did not notice any strangers visiting the Jordan home who resembled LETT, and she was told that her cooperation was greatly appreciated.

CHARLES GARRETT, Mail Carrier #47, who delivers mail to 127 East Fourth Street, advised that he received photographs of LETT and his wife from his superior, and that he is keeping a constant lookout for them. He further stated that they have moved to their new address and since that time they have not received any mail at all, and that he understands Mrs. Jordan is residing there alone.

The writer ascertained that 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, is a two-story building occupied by the Sterling Hotel, which has apartments and hotel rooms. Inquiry at Apartment "A", where MRS. ELLEN JORDAN resides, disclosed that no one was home. Therefore the writer interviewed MRS. GERALD CARROLL, manager, telephone Long Beach 60273, who advised that Mrs. Ellen Jordan occupies Apartment "A" but plans to get a larger one upon her husband's return. She further advised that she has never seen Mr. Jordan but was told by his wife that he works in the oil fields near Bakersfield, California; that Mrs. Jordan comes home about 7:00 P. M. from work and does not have any visitors. Her apartment is right next to that of Mrs. Jordan and she was advised to be on the lookout for MILTON LETT and his wife, which she promised to do, and she was given the name and address of the Los Angeles Division. The same date, photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Lett, with descriptions, were mailed to Mrs. Carroll.

It may be stated that Mrs. Carroll appeared very cooperative, and upon learning that the writer's home was in St. Paul she stated that she came from Minneapolis and became very friendly and undoubtedly will make a good contact at this point. She advised that she will tell her husband about agent's visit, and that they will immediately notify the Los Angeles Division should they receive any additional information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI DIVISION, at Cincinnati, Ohio, will advise the Los Angeles Division whether MILTON LETT has two sisters whose names are LELLIA and PEGGY, or whether these two names belong to the same sister, as it is noted in reports previously submitted that Milton Lett has a sister named MRS. RAYMOND (PEGGY) MIZE residing at Mojave, California, and that LEN JORDAN advised that Milton Lett had a sister named LELLIA living somewhere in California.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION, at Long Beach, California, will interview LEN JORDAN, 127 East Fourth Street, for any additional information he may have concerning MILTON LETT, and whether he obtained any information while back East; also question him as to whether or not the sister he knows as LELLIA may be identical with MRS. RAYMOND (PEGGY) MIZE of Mojave, California. It may be deemed advisable to tell Jordan that the Bureau will pay $50.00 for information leading to the apprehension of Lett.

Will report the results of the mail cover which has been placed on the mail of LEN JORDAN at 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, California.

At Mojave, California, will report the results of the mail cover which has been placed on the mail of MR. & MRS. RAYMOND (PEGGY) MIZE, sister of MILTON LETT.

At Mojave, will reinterview DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, for any additional information he may have concerning his watching the home of MR. & MRS. MIZE for MILTON LETT, and also ascertain from him the possibility of making someone in the neighborhood of RAYMOND MIZE an informant who can keep a constant surveillance on the home of the Mizes in an effort to watch for Milton Lett and his wife.

PENDING.

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
December 29, 1937

Dr. M. R. King, Surgeon,
U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, 1937, and I wish to thank you for the information contained therein.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
December 29, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Dr. Marion R. King, Superintendent of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, furnished this office a note addressed by Bryan Bolton, an inmate of that institution, to "Chief Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kansas City, Mo." dated Dec. 23, 1937, which reads as follows:

> "When I was arrested in Chicago, in 1934, I disclosed the names of men at Toledo, and Cleveland who had assisted members of the Barker, Karpis gang.
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> "Doc. Barker told me that two of the Cleveland men-Arthur Hebebrand, and a man who is called Shimmy-had entertained him, Campbell, Sawyer, Karpis, Weaver, and Fred Barker at their night club in the summer of 1934. Doc. told me that Hebebrand, and Shimmy drove out to the house where he and Campbell were staying and warned them to leave town, after Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon, and Gladys Sawyer were arrested.
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> "Both Doc. and Karpis told me that they were in Cleveland to make connections to exchange the Bremer ransom money, and that the connection was made by Hebebrand and Shimmy, with the man who later was convicted for exchanging the money. I heard him referred to as Cash. It later developed that his name is Cash Mcdonald.
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> "In December, 1934 I received instructions from Karpis to go to Toledo, and rent an apartment for him. I drove to Toledo, rented the apartment and remained until he arrived. He was accompanied by Fred Barker, and Harry Campbell. He told me they were in Toledo to see some friends, and that they were going to Cleveland to see Hebebrand, and Shimmy, for the purpose of learning whether they had been questioned by F.B.I. agents concerning their presence in Cleveland.
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> "I left Toledo the next day and did not see Karpis, Campbell, or Fred Barker again.

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Advise K.C. states
of these individuals

"I am giving this information of my own free will. If it is of any value I will be glad to testify to it in Court.

Yours Very truly,

Bryan Bolton."

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 12, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 29, 1937.

For your information, this is to advise that Cassius M. McDonald was sentenced on February 1, 1936, to fifteen years in connection with this matter, and Arthur Rebebrand was sentenced on June 30, 1937, to two years and a fine of $1,000 in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNDERSTAND JOE ANDERSON, KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN, WILL GET REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF AL KARPIS. PLEASE CONFIRM. THANKS

M M LEVAND PUBLISHER THE WICHITA BEACON..

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December 30, 1937.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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M M LEVAND, PUBLISHER,
THE WICHITA BEACON
WICHITA, KANSAS

GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM TODAY DESIRE TO ADVISE THAT REPORT THAT JOE ANDERSON WILL RECEIVE REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF ALVIN KARPIS HAS NO BASIS IN FACT SINCE BUREAU RECORDS DO NOT DISCLOSE THAT HE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU ANY INFORMATION RESULTING IN APPREHENSION ALVIN KARPIS

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Nathan .....
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 3rd, 1938.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

It was learned by Special Agent J. R. Calhoun, from Miss Marjorie Smith, Secretary to United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig, Little Rock, Arkansas, that a special session of the Federal Grand Jury is to be called on or about January 20th, 1938, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The above is furnished the Bureau and Inspector E. J. Connelley for their information. As soon as a definite date of this special session of the Grand Jury is learned, the Little Rock Field Office will advise the Bureau further.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Inspector Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

January 4, 1938

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

Concerning the attached letter requesting the various offices to hold in abeyance leads looking to the apprehension of Milton Lett, I wish to advise that the Bureau is interested in locating the whereabouts of Milton Lett in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Hot Springs, Arkansas. I might state that the United States Attorney has declined prosecution of Milton Lett for harboring these two individuals in Toledo, Ohio and the facts in the case have not been presented to the United States Attorney concerning the possible harboring violation at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In view of the fact that our investigation to date has determined that this individual is of a vicious type and has indicated that he will not be taken alive, this investigation is presently being held in abeyance until process is in existence for his arrest.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Enclosure.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
1300 Biscayne Building, Miami, Fla.
(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

6/25

Date June 22, 1937

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
882350	Forwarded by Jacksonville office 1/25/35	JOSEPH H. ADAMS, aliases Joe H. Adams, Joe Adams	directed verdicts of acquittal on charge of harboring, 6/10/37
8 29297	Forwarded by Jacksonville office 1/22/35	HENDRY RANDALL, aliases: Henry Randall, Duke Randall, Henry Stern	directed verdict of acquittal on charge of harboring, 6/10/37.

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Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers

R. L. SHIVERS, Specl. Agt. Chge.
(Official Title)

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Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio
(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Date July 17, 1937

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Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
	Forwarded to Bureau 5/24/37	CLARA McGRAW	Entered plea of guilty 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, O., sentenced 2 yrs. U.S. Pen.; $500 fine
FBI #110771	Forwarded to Bureau 5/24/37	EDWARD McGRAW, with aliases: Ed McGraw; Eddie McGraw; Edward Patrick McGraw	Entered plea of guilty 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, O., sentenced 2 yrs. US Pen.; $500 fine
FBI #509063	Forwarded to Bureau 5/24/37	BERT ANGUS	Entered plea of guilty 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, O., sentenced 2 yrs. 10 mos. US Pen.; $500 fine
FBI #226312	Forwarded to Bureau 5/24/37	THEODORE CHARLES ANGUS, with aliases: Theodore Angus; Ted Angus; John J. Burns	Entered plea of guilty 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, O., sentenced 2 yrs. 10 mos., US Pen., $500.
1300925	Forwarded to Bureau 5/24/37	EDITH BARRY with aliases: Edith Decker; Edith Probst	Entered plea of guilty, 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, O., sentenced 2 yrs, US Pen.; $500 fine

Very truly yours,

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P. MacFarland RTR
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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FBI 84230	Ohio State Pen., #47714	ANTHONY AMERBACH aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach " Amersbach	sentenced 1 to 15 yrs., transferred to Ohio St. Reformatory, Mansfield, O., 7/19/19.
FBI 84230	Ohio State Reform., Mansfield, O., #11620	ANTHONY AMERBACH alias: Anthony J. Amersbach	Rec'd 7/19/19, under transfer from O. St. Pen., paroled 3/12/21; dropped from parole records 2/20/22.
Federal	Cleveland PD #15378	TONY AMMERSBACH	arrested 10/18/21 Cleveland PD; charge-burglary and larceny and shooting to kill; 12/22/21 sentenced to O. St. Pen., Columbus, O., on charges of burglary and larceny: 5 to 15 yrs.
	Ohio State Pen., #50360	TONY AMMERSBACH aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Anthony Amerbach	sentenced 5to 15 yrs. rather than indeterminate sentence; escaped 9/8/23; returned as an escape 8/29/26; paroled 11/6/31; final discharge as parolee 11/15/32.

NB:
Correct name: ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony J. Amerback, Tony Ammersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon, Jack Gordon, John Brennan, Tony Feder, Joseph Braun, FUGITIVE.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton,
Special Agent in Charge.

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T. N. Stapleton, SAC, F B I
Cleveland, Ohio

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Date 8/26/37

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
FBI 84230	Cleveland, Ohio Pd #15378	John Brennan	Arrested Cleveland PD 4/21/17; assault to rob; case nolled 5/12/17
		Anthony Amersbach	Arrested Cleveland PD 6/30/17; charge: robbery; case nolled 7/1/17
		Anthony Ammersbach	Arrested 8/15/17; Cleveland PD; charge: violation Auto Laws
			Held to Grand Jury; case nolled 2/11/20
		Tony Ammersbach	Arrested Cleveland PD 8/24/17; charge: violation of Auto Laws; case nolled 2/11/20
		Tony Feder	Arrested Cleveland PD 3/13/18; charge: violation Auto Laws; case nolled 2/11/20
	Columbus, Ohio PD #4221	Anthony Amersbach	charge: grand larceny (auto theft); 5/18/19 sentenced to serve 1 to 15 yrs. Ohio State Pen. (This arrest is the one incorrectly set out in Bureau record as the Columbus, Ohio, arrest of 2/24/19.)

Very truly yours,

(Official title)

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This form to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Where the Bureau file number is available it should be used.

Primary classifications, if available, should be given in reporting common names.

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T. N. Stapleton, SAC
FBI, Cleveland, Ohio

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Date 8/26/37

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
FBI #1299782	Forwarded prints from FBI at Cleveland about 5/22/37	FRANK PETER GREENWALD alias Geeenie	Arrested at Toledo, Ohio, 5/22/37 by FBI; charge: accessory after fact to kidnaping; harbor and harboring fugitives 8/23/37 at Toledo, O., sentenced to 15 mos. in a fed. pen.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton.

T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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Kansas City, Missouri
January 6, 1938

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

Re: BREKID

The Bureau advises that all leads looking to the apprehension of Milton Lett be held in abeyance.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 11,1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir

I am enclosing herewith Government post card which was received at this Office from the Police Radio Station WPDG, Youngstown, Ohio, advising that a radio bulletin was still active in their files for Jess Doyle, 34 years of age, who was wanted for kidnaping, and for 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, Missouri license 193-380, inquiring whether same should be carried in the active files.

It is suggested that your Office communicate with this radio station, withdrawing the wanted notice as to Jess Doyle.

Very truly yours

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Inspector Ladd: This case is presently delinquent, the last report from your office being dated March 5, 1937. A review of this file reflects that the only leads outstanding in your district which have not been completed deal with the location of Benson Groves. However, in view of the letter from the Cleveland Office dated July 28, 1937 instructing that no further investigation looking towards the location of Groves be conducted, it is believed that this matter should have been referred upon completion by your office.

SAC R.J.Untreiner: This case was kept open because of its important nature. It will now be referred upon completion upon the recommendation of the Inspector.

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Inspection Report,
Pittsburgh office,
Inspector Ladd,
September, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.
(Name and address of Contributor)

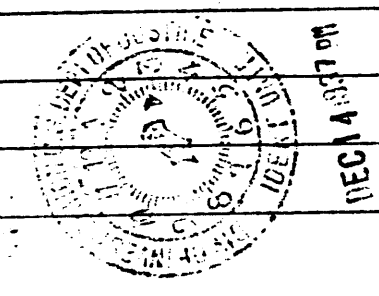
Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Date December 8, 1937.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
FBI-84230	USM, Indianapolis, Ind. #504	Anthony Joseph Amersbach, with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Tony Ammersbach, Anthony Amerbach, Tony Ammerbach, George Young, Tom Gordon, James Joseph Braun, Jack Gordon, James Burns, John Brennan, Tony Feder	9/3/37, U. S. District Court, Toledo, Ohio, sentenced to serve 2½ years in Federal penitentiary and fined $1000.00 and costs. Kidnaping, Conspiracy and Harboring



Very truly yours,

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T. M. Stapleton
Special Agent in Charge.
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January 14, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WILLIAM J. GRAHAM, et al;
MAIL FRAUD.

Assistant United States Attorney William P. Maloney, Southern District of New York requested the New York Field Division to furnish the Bureau's complete files regarding Roy J. Frisch, Alvin Karpis, John Paul Chase and Frank B. Cochran for use in the preparation of the above captioned case which is now scheduled to go to trial on January 17, 1938. It appears that Mr. Maloney desired these files in order that he could obtain the connections of W. J. Graham and James C. McKay with the above mentioned individuals. The New York Office advised Mr. Maloney that the files were so voluminous they would be of little use to him and he suggested that he be furnished with a summary of the information contained in the Bureau's files in regard to this matter.

As the result, Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., of the Salt Lake City Field Division has prepared a memorandum setting forth the connections of Graham and McKay with the Barker-Karpis Gang together with other individuals connected with that investigation.

This memorandum has been reviewed by the Investigative Unit and it does not appear to contain any information which would, in any way, effect any of the investigations conducted by the Bureau. However, the names of several confidential informants were included in this memorandum. In view of the above, it is suggested that the names of the confidential informants be stricken from the memorandum and thereafter copies be furnished the New York Field Division for transmittal to Mr. Maloney. Accordingly, the above mentioned change has been made in the memorandum and a letter is attached transmitting these copies to the New York Field Division for delivery to Mr. Maloney.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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JHM:PED January 21, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: I.C. #7-576
Kidnaping of Edward George Bremer

The Interesting Case write-up on the above entitled case is dated November 19, 1936. Since that time there have been a number of changes and you are instructed to revise this write-up to reflect the present status of the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Naughten
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Mr. Pennington
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Mr. Schilder
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TO:
- _____Director
- _____Mr. Tolson
- _____Mr. Nathan
- _____Mr. Clegg
- _____Mr. Tamm
- _____Mr. Foxworth
- _____Mr. Egan
- _____Mr. Glavin
- _____Miss Gandy
- _____Mr. _____
- _____Miss_____
- _____Mr. Coffey
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Does your Unit use standard memo to Investigative Unit instructing Bremer Dr. to prepare synopsis by including History case? Organized Clev People?

L. B. Nichols.

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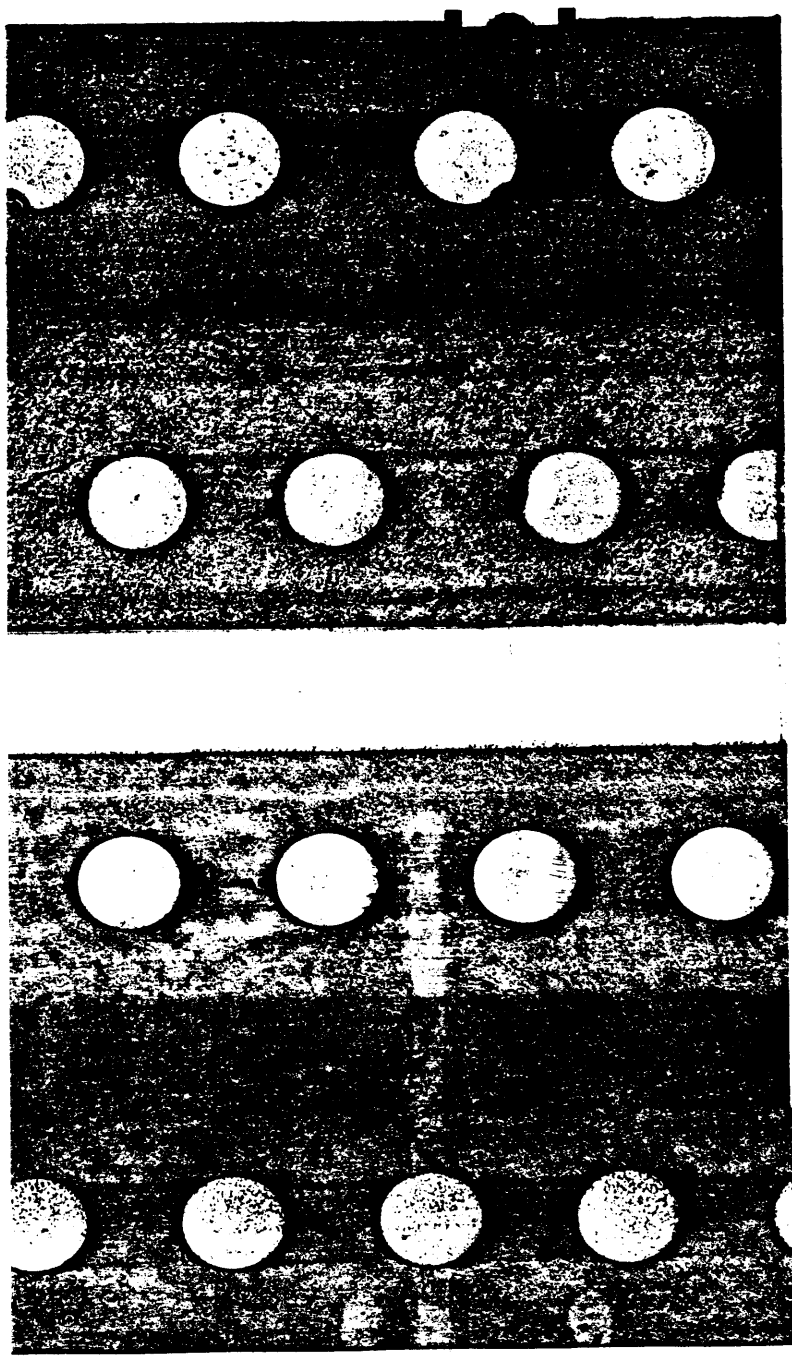

Los Angeles, California.
January 21, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BRIKID
L. A. File 7-42

Reference should be made to the report of Special Agent E. M. Franke, Los Angeles, California, dated December 21, 1937, wherein it is noted there are two leads to report the results of the mail cover which was placed on the mail of Len Jordan, 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Peggy) Mize, Mojave, California, sister of Milton Lett.

Three tracings were received from the Long Beach Postoffice, addressed to either Mr. or Mrs. Len Jordan, which bore the return addresses of Mrs. J. E. Green, Farnsworth, Texas; Buddy Stevens, Sterling Hotel, Durango, Colorado; and the third letter had no return address but was postmarked South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

The Postmaster at Mojave, California, furnished a list which contained much data concerning letters and Christmas packages sent and received by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mize. This list, together with the above-mentioned three mail tracings, is being forwarded to your office for whatever value they may have in conducting future investigations relative to Milton Lett.

In regard to the lead mentioned in the report of Agent Franke for the Cincinnati Division to ascertain whether Milton Lett has two separate sisters named Lollia and Peggy, or whether these two names belong to the same sister, it might be stated that by referring to the list forwarded by the Mojave Postmaster it will be noted thereon that the majority of the mail is addressed to either Mrs. Raymond or Mrs. Peggy Mize. However, one letter postmarked Galveston, Texas, November 30, 1937, the sender being the American National Insurance Company, was addressed to Mrs. Lilea Forth Mize. Undoubtedly, Peggy is merely a nickname for Lilea.

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Inasmuch as Bureau letter dated January 4, 1938, requested that this office hold in abeyance leads looking to the whereabouts of

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Milton Lett, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin. However, this office should be advised subsequently as to the disposition of Milton Lett's case so that the Postmaster and Police at Long Beach and Mojave, California, may be appropriately notified.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 7, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Cincinnati Office under date of January 21, 1938, instructing that your office should be advised subsequently as to the disposition of Milton Lett's case so that the Postmaster and police at Long Beach and Mojave, California may be appropriately notified.

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1938, in which you were instructed to hold in abeyance leads looking to the whereabouts of Milton Letts. It is believed that if any stop notices have been placed with the Postmaster and Police Department of Long Beach and Mojave, California they should be removed at this time.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

cc-Cincinnati
Little Rock

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233 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

John Bakeless, Literary Editor. January 24, 1938.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are planning to quote several paragraphs of your interesting new book in the Literary Digest, and have selected portions of the section dealing with Dr. O'Moran.

I suppose it will be quite possible to get the ordinary news photographs of the Doctor, but it occurs to me that it would be much more interesting if we could have a copy of the Department of Justice photograph, together with finger-prints, signature and any other interesting material of the sort. We can reproduce and return these in almost no time. I realize of course that there may be official reasons which will make this impossible, but if you can see your way clear, we should be extremely grateful to have the material at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John Bakeless.

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Mr. John Bakeless,
Literary Editor,
Literary Digest,
233 Fourth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Bakeless:

Your letter of January 24, 1938 has been received in which you advise me of your plan to quote selected portions, relating to Dr. Joseph P. Moran, of my recent book "Persons in Hiding."

Pursuant to your request I am pleased to enclose herewith a photograph of Dr. Moran together with an Identification Order showing fingerprints and signature of this individual which, I hope, will be of assistance to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Feb. 1 1938.

Time 12:05

Name Nathan Heller in the District Attorney's office at Milwaukee tele. from Milwaukee

Referred to

Details:

Was advised the Director was not in and was not expected today. Requested Director to call him thru Operator 226 if he came in. cek

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Jan. 31 1938.

Time 3:20 PM

Name Nathan Heller, tele.

District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Referred to

Details:

Asked through the operator to speak with the Director and was advised that the Director was not in his office at the present time. Mr. Heller did not care to leave a message nor speak with an assistant. The operator advised that it was an urgent call and that Mr. Heller would like to have the Director call him when the Director comes in. Operator 226 in Milwaukee will complete the call. gan.

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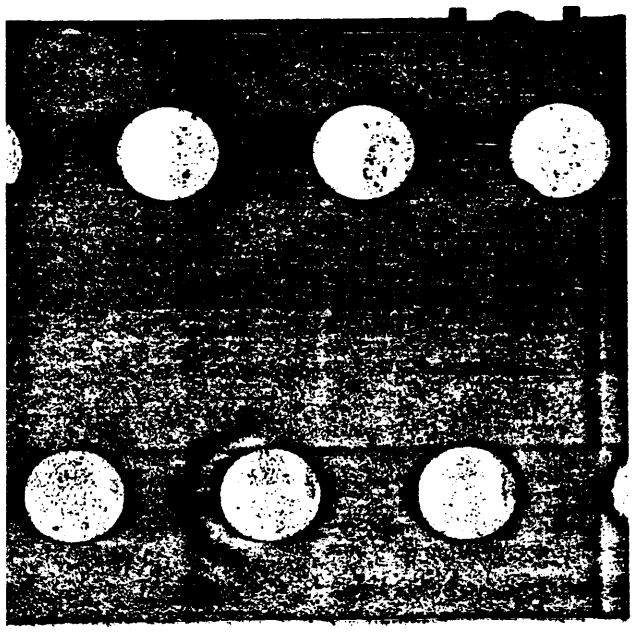

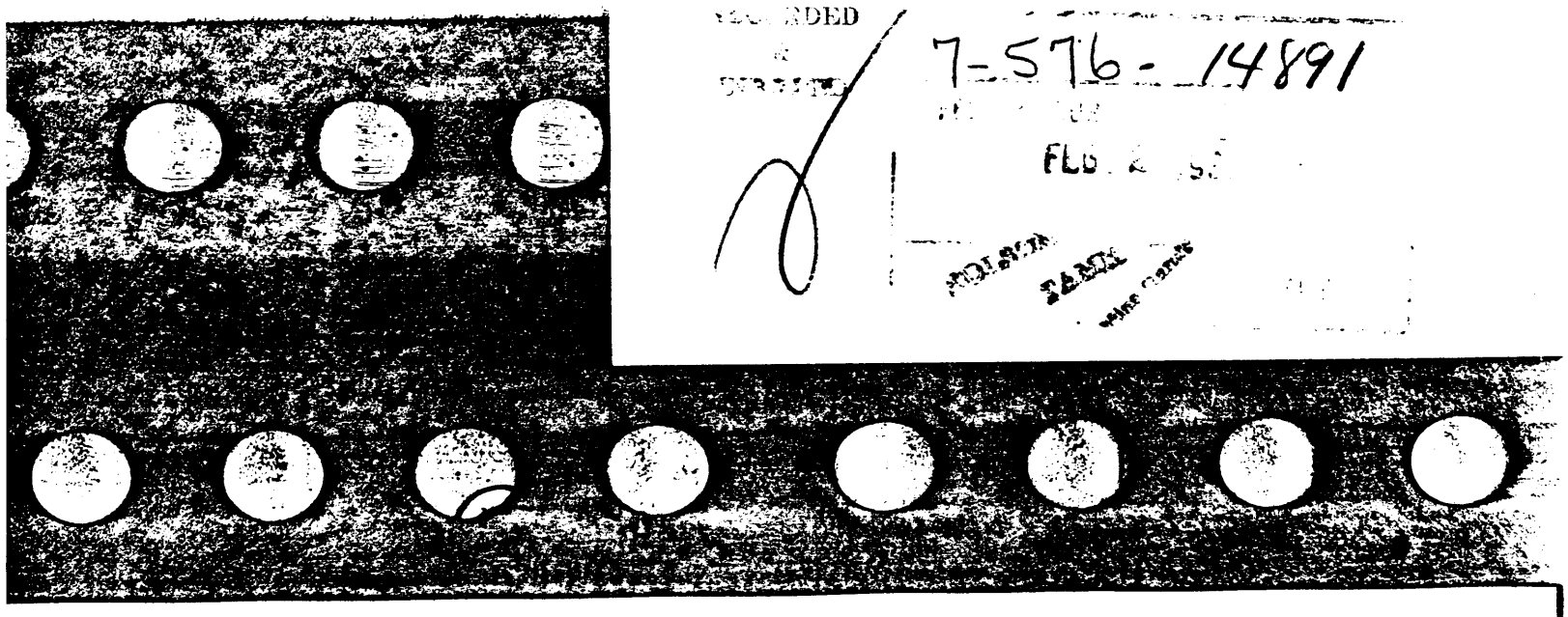

1800 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida,
January 31, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

Attention of Mr. Damon G. Yerkes,
Assistant U. S. Attorney.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter of September 8, 1937, and to my reply under date of September 27, 1937, concerning the filing of a libel for the purpose of confiscating the Browning Automatic Rifle which is being held by this office since the termination of the trial of Joseph H. Adams and "Duke" Randall at Miami.

I will thank you to advise me if you have taken any action in this connection or to inform me of the present status of this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau

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RONAP. ~~FACTS~~ FACTS WILL BE PRESENTED GRAND JURY TEN AM JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT. FOLLOWING WITNESSES TO TESTIFY - FLORENCE FREIHAGE, EDMUND S CUMMINGS, GEORGE J KUKOVAC, E J CONNELLEY J L MADALA, R D BROWN D P SULLIVAN AND DOCTOR CHESTER SHLE DDS.

IT IS EXPECTED RETURN OF GRAND JURY WILL BE ARRANGED FOR MONDAY JANUARY THIRTY ONE, ARRAIGNMENT OF SUBJECT EITHER MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

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AS TO PERSONNEL ON SPECIAL RONAP SQUAD AGENTS H A [illegible]UGHRAN AND H VOSHELL ARE TO REPORT AND WILL REPORT WASHINGTON D C FOR RETRAINING MONDAY JANUARY THIRTY ONE.

AGENT R T HOOD WAS SCHEDULES TO REPORT TO WASHINGTON FOR RETRAINING MONDAY BUT MAKES REQUEST HE RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS OKLAHOMA CITY WHERE HE WILL TAKE SICK LEAVE FOR OPERATION, CONDITION REFLECTED PRIOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY HE WILL DO SO LEAVING HERE JANUARY TWENTY NINTH.

SAC R D BRWXX BROWN AGENTS D P SULLIVAN, J L MADALA, E J LYNN AND E E MA MALONE SHOULD REMAIN CHICAGO WITH ME ~~MMC~~ FOR PRESENT TO CONTINUE INTERVIEWS WITH SEADLUND, CONFERENCE USATTORNEY, ANY PREPARATION FOR TRIAL AND CHECKING POSSIBILITIES ON ANY MATTER THIS CASE

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POSSIBLY WHILE AWAITING TRIAL AGENTS MADALA, SULLIVA N AND MYSELV CAN PROCEED HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS AND COMPLETE BREKID HAR BORING AN D SUBMIT TO USATTORNEY FOR GRAND JURY IN MARCH.

UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY AGENTS MALONE, WYNN, SULLIVAN, MADALA AND SAC BROWN WILL REMAIN AS ABOVE INDICATED AT CHICAGO TEMPORARILY BEFORE RETURN HEADQUARTERS.

AGENTS J M MC INERNEY, HAROLD RANSTAD, C E SMITH AND C F LANMAN WILL PROCEED RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS SATURDAY.

THE FIVE AGENTS REMAINING HEREWILL PROBABLY IN PART PROCEED HEADQUARTERS DURING COMING WEEK

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Jan. 31 1938.

Time 3:20 PM

Name Nathan Heller, tele.

District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Referred to

Details:

Asked through the operator to speak with the Director and was advised that the Director was not in his office at the present time. Mr. Heller did not care to leave a message nor speak with an assistant. The operator advised that it was an urgent call and that Mr. Heller would like to have the Director call him when the Director comes in. Operator 225 in Milwaukee will complete the call.

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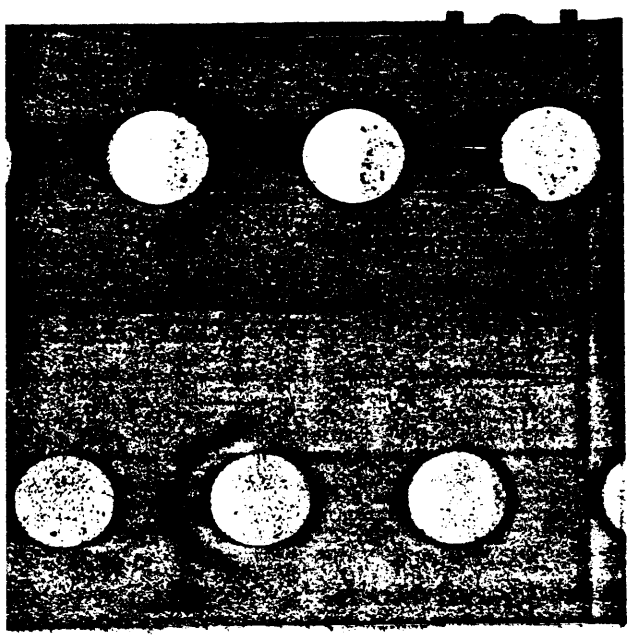

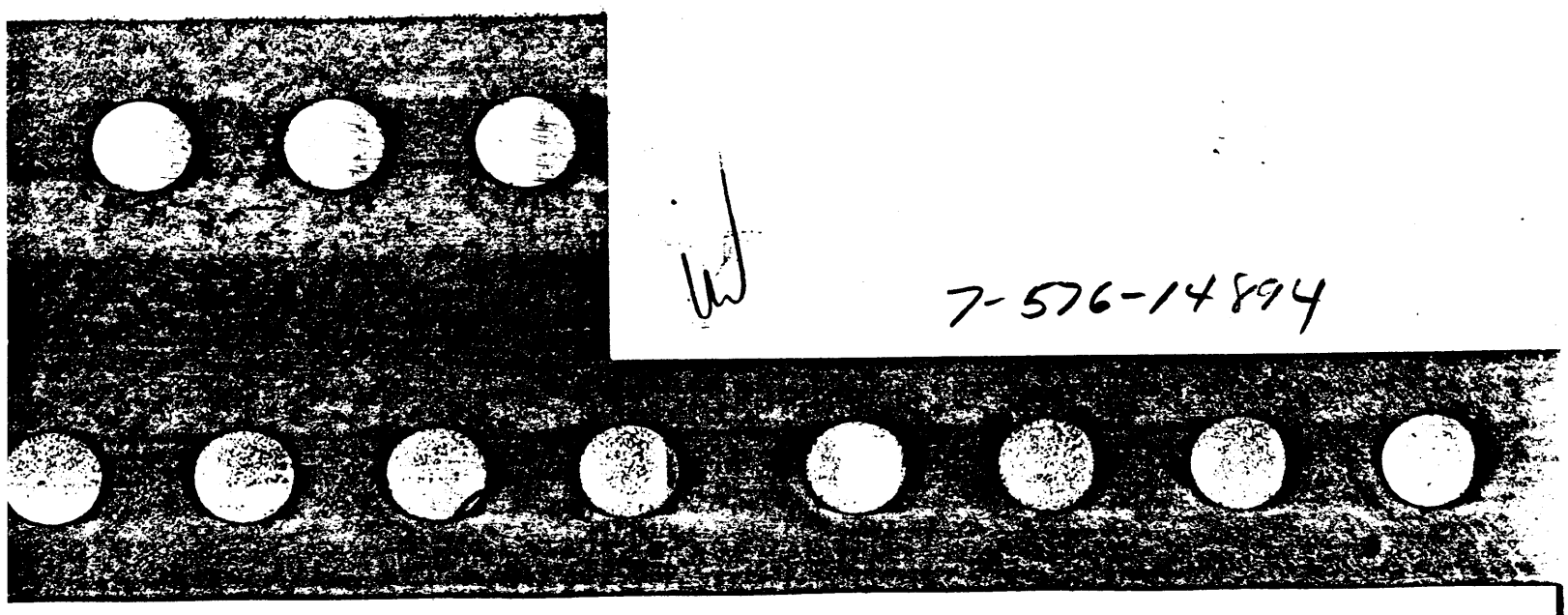

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Feb. 2 1938.

Time 10:35 A.M.

Name Nathan Heller, tele.

District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Referred to

Details:

Asked through the operator to speak with the Director. The writer advised that the Director was not in his office and it was not known whether he would be in to-day. Mr. Heller advised through the operator that he would like for the Director to call him when the Director comes in, as it is important. Operator 226 in Milwaukee will complete the call.

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Attached is a call received from Heller on Monday of this week.

Please call Heller
Will wait to hear
for week or two and
find out if he will
talk with
Call Heller
Prepare memo
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February 2, 1938.

Mr. Heller cancelled the call to the Director and did not wish to speak to Mr. Tolson.

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 2, 1938

Mr. C. E. Hanlon
Postmaster
Caney, Kansas

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 28, 1938, in which you enclosed a mail tracing which you believed might be of assistance to this office.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and efforts to cooperate in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

LHR:B

cc - Bureau

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P. O. Box 306
Butte, Montana,
February 6, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

A review of the Butte file in instant case discloses that stop notices are still on file with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Boise, Idaho, and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Deer Lodge, Montana, for Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ-328772, and Ford V-8 tudor Sedan, 1935 model, motor #2044337.

Wanted notices are also outstanding at the Butte, Billings and Great Falls, Montana, Police Departments and at the Boise and Pocatello, Idaho, Police Departments, for Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, and Clyde Nimerick, with aliases.

It is respectfully requested that this Office be advised whether it is desired that these stop and wanted notices be maintained in effect.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
February 4, 1938

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

Re: Mrs. Cassius McDonald

On February 1, 1938, while I was absent from the city, a woman telephoned this office and conversed with Special Agent Richard E. Smith. She stated that she was aware that I was delivering addresses on the Bureau's work, and that she had material which would be more appropriate for these speeches than the material which I had been using. She stated that she would suggest as a subject, "How the Federal Bureau of Investigation Frames People". After getting this out of her system, this woman stated, "this is Mrs. Cassius McDonald". She then hung up the receiver.

This is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 12, 1938

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Special Agent In Charge,
Butte, Montana.

Re: BERKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of February 6, 1938 concerning various stops and wanted notices still outstanding in your district in this case.

With respect to the two automobiles mentioned in your letter, I wish to advise that these were both known to have been in possession of Milton Lett and have never been located. The Bureau has recently directed that all investigation looking toward the location of Milton Lett be held in abeyance. Under the circumstances, no active investigation is being made to locate Milton Lett, but it is felt that the stops placed on these automobiles should not be removed.

The wanted notices on Charles A. Fitzgerald may, of course, be withdrawn in view of the fact that he was apprehended in Los Angeles.

With respect to Clyde Nimerick I wish to advise that as the investigation in the instant case progressed, it was determined that Nimerick was not one of the subjects. The Bureau has advised, however, that it is believed Clyde Nimerick should be thoroughly interviewed by Bureau Agents when and if he is apprehended, as such an interview with Nimerick may result in a considerable amount of valuable information concerning the activities of the underworld. Consequently, unless the Bureau feels that the wanted notices on Nimerick should be removed at this time, these notices should be maintained.

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Very truly yours,

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H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent In Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

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RLS:gdh

February 14, 1938

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Damon G. Yerkes, Assistant United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 11, 1938, advising that a libel would be filed against the Browning Automatic Rifle which is still being held at this Field Division, within the very near future. Just as soon as this action has been taken the Bureau will be notified, and if libel is sustained, the rifle will be shipped to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Cincinnati

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Special Agent in Charge,
Miami, Florida.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 14, 1938, relative to a libel suit being filed against the Browning Automatic Rifle, which is still being held at your office.

The Bureau desires that you follow this matter closely in order that the Bureau may be appropriately advised of any action taken in this matter.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General

Washington

February 14, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Many thanks for the files on the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, and the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, which I am returning herewith.

S/ Matthew F. McGuire,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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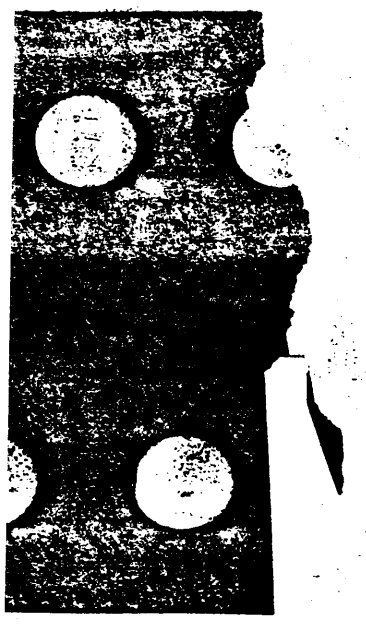

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
February 5, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: MRS. CASSIUS McDONALD

Dear Sir:

For the Bureau's information, I wish to advise that while luncheing with Mr. John Carlisle of The Detroit News on January 31, 1938, he informed me that Mrs. Cassius McDonald has been telephoning him on an average of three times a week and is now trying to get him to write a story concerning the Bureau's activities in the Ross kidnaping case.

Mr. Carlisle stated that in conversing with Mrs. McDonald she informed that Victim Ross had been killed because the case had been mishandled by the Bureau and that the public should know about these facts.

Mr. Carlisle advised that he is satisfied that this woman is mentally deranged and that he does not wish to have anything further to do with her. He informed that he made his mistake in listening to her the first time, because now she insists on conversing with him every time she contacts The Detroit News.

Very truly yours,

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Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Lloyd Cecil Stevens, alias Buddy Stevens, of Durango, Colo., is not identical with Milton Lett, but is a brother-in-law of Len Jordan (not Glen Jordon) 127 East Fourth St., Long Beach, Calif.

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Letter from the Los Angeles Office, November 27, 1937.

DETAILS:

AT DURANGO COLORADO

From MRS. SADIE E. MILLER, proprietress of the Sterling Hotel, 560½ Main Avenue, it was ascertained that BUDDY STEVENS, a musician, lived at that hotel from October 19, 1937, to January 3, 1938, when he moved to the Alpine Rooms on Main Avenue in Durango.

BUDDY STEVENS was located at the Alpine Rooms, 1057½ Main Avenue, and he stated that his correct name is LLOYD CECIL STEVENS, but that he is generally known as Buddy Stevens; that he is 25 years of age, single, and that he has been at Durango about five months, coming from near Borger, Texas and that he is now employed as a drummer in Ernie Anderson's orchestra at Durango. He stated that he does not know anyone named MILTON LETT, but that his sister, ELLEN STEVENS, lives at Long Beach, California, and that she was married about six months ago at Yuma, Arizona, to LEN JORDAN (not Glen Jordon) and their present place of residence is 127 East 4th Street, Long Beach, California; also that his sister, Ellen Jordan, is

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. D. Brown SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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employed at the Thrifty Drug Store, Long Beach. He further stated that his sister formerly lived in Wichita, Kansas, before she went to Long Beach, Calif., three years ago, and that her husband, Len Jordan, also formerly resided at Wichita, Kans.

It is noted from letter, dated April 13, 1936, addressed to all Field Offices by the Cleveland Office, that MILTON LETT, with aliases, was formerly arrested at Wichita, Kansas, Coffeyville, Kansas, and Yates Center, Kansas.

A description of Buddy Stevens, as obtained from observation and interview, is as follows:

NAME	LLOYD CECIL STEVENS, alias Buddy Stevens
Age	23
Height	5' 7¼"
Weight	146 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light
Marks	Line scar on right cheek; black mole on right jaw.
Race	Some French
Nationality	American

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January 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

In connection with a carbon copy of a letter dated December 22, 1933, addressed from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office concerning VOLNA DAVIS, FRED BARKER, and ALVIN KARPIS, with various aliases, who have been reported to the Kansas City Office as possibly implicated in the slayings in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy To Deliver Federal Prisoner, you are advised a search of the fingerprint files of this Unit discloses criminal records of individuals who may possibly be identical with those named, as follows:

Loyd Barker, our file #432278.

As Loyd Barker, alias Lloyd Anderson, #1916, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 15, 1921, charge investigation.

His description at that time is as follows:

Sex	Male	Hair	Chestnut - medium
Age	23 years	Beard	Sandy
Height	5-6½	Eyes	Blue
Weight	150	Complexion	Florid.

As Lloyd Barker, alias Lloyd Anderson, #17243, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, January 16, 1922, from Kansas City, Missouri, convicted of robbing U. S. Mail; sentenced to serve 25 years - minimum term to expire October 29, 1938 - eligible to parole May 15, 1930. No photograph of this individual appears in our files.

Volney Davis, our file #400441.

As Volney Davis, #1025, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, February 5, 1919, charge grand larceny; turned over to Tulsa County.

His description at that time is as follows:

Sex	Male	HAIR	Dark blonde
Age	17	Eyes	Blue
Height	5-4	Complexion	Fair.
Weight	106		

As Volney Davis, alias V. E. Davis, #9849, received SP, McAlester, Oklahoma, September 28, 1919, from Tulsa, convicted of grand larceny; sentenced to 3 years.

As Volney Davis, #12808, received SP, McAlester, Oklahoma, February 3, 1923, from Tulsa, crime murder; sentence, life.

The following notations appear in our records:

"WANTED: Escaped 1-3-23, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.
Escaped 1-8-25, returned 1-25-25, from Kansas City, Missouri."

Two copies of the photograph of this individual as furnished by the McAlester, Oklahoma, institution are transmitted herewith.

The above information confirms that furnished Mr. Newby by telephone.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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Director,
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Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

Please refer to my letter of September 27, 1937 in which I stated that pawnbroker Harry Goldstein of Tulsa, Oklahoma would be interviewed at a later date regarding his failure to take clear fingerprints of the purchaser of the gun which was later found in Karpis' possession.

Special Agent L. E. Kingman has advised me that on February 18, 1938 Chief of Police Roy Hyatt, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in his presence summoned Goldstein to his office. At that time Chief Hyatt told Goldstein in no uncertain terms that Goldstein's failure to comply with the city ordinance in clearly fingerprinting purchasers of guns had been the means of causing the Federal Bureau of Investigation a lot of trouble and unnecessary work, and that through his negligence the Bureau had been unable to ascertain the identity of the person to whom he sold the gun. Chief Hyatt in strong language told Goldstein that all of his pistol sales were being closely watched not only to see that he took clear fingerprints but to learn whether he sold any firearms to any suspicious persons.

Goldstein was told by Agent Kingman that the Bureau was also very much interested in him and that it felt he, himself, was under suspicion due to his lack of complying with the city ordinance and the meager information he had been able to furnish regarding the purchaser.

Agent Kingman has advised me that Goldstein was very much frightened after this conference and that he promised faithfully thereafter to carefully fingerprint purchasers of guns.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

There are attached hereto, for approval, two manuscripts in continuation of the suggested radio interviews designated and titled F "Alvin Karpis", and G "'Ma' Barker".

If approved, copies of the manuscripts will be sent to all Agents in Charge, and a letter of transmittal is attached.

Respectfully,

J. E. Nichols Jr.

L. B. Nichols.

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February 21, 1938.

ALVIN KARPIS

ANNOUNCER: Alvin Karpis, bank robber, kidnaper and number one of the most desperate criminals of modern times, is now serving a life sentence at Alcatraz - the Federal Government's penitentiary where so many of our most desperate criminals are confined. Station is happy tonight to bring you the true facts concerning his life. Through the courtesy of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I am happy to have with me tonight, Mr. , Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Division.

ANSWER: I am indeed happy to be with you tonight, Mr. .

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , I imagine every Special Agent in the FBI heaved a sigh of relief when Alvin Karpis finally entered Alcatraz.

ANSWER: Indeed they did, Mr. . Many are the Special Agents who have worked, day after day, night after night, covering lead after lead, hoping to be led to the hide-out of Karpis and his associates. One by one they were located and their criminal careers brought to an end, either by the Federal Government, or by the guns of their own associates.

ANNOUNCER: And the FBI performed almost a miracle in rounding up the Karpis-Barker Gang. Every one of them was a desperado of the worst type. But to get back to Karpis, he became public enemy No. 1, almost over night, did he not?

ANSWER: No, not quite, Mr. . You see, we of the FBI have never dignified our more notorious criminals by calling them "Public Enemy Number 1." After all, their degree of crime is relative yet cumulative until they reach the point where nothing matters but their continued freedom and plunder. Criminals are made, not born.

ANNOUNCER: I know that our many listeners would be interested in learning a little of Karpis' background and of some of his activities.

ANSWER: His life is typical of so many of our public enemies and for about ten years, practically all of his activities were unlawful. Most of his associates were from the underworld. Alvin Karpis was born in Montreal, Canada, in August of 1907, and was christened Alvin Karpovics. When Karpis was two years old, his family moved to Topeka, Kansas, where they remained until 1923, after which they moved to Chicago. Because he was sickly, he was petted by the family. He was pampered and babied. Otherwise he was quiet and rated as a good student at the grammar school.

ANNOUNCER: Wasn't it Karpis who gained quite a reputation as a crack marble player when a boy, particularly when he was playing for keeps?

ANSWER: Yes, you are right. Shortly after his family moved to Chicago, young Alvin was found to have a leaky heart and returned to Topeka. It was shortly thereafter that Karpis decided on a career of crime, for soon a series of burglaries began in his home town. Police traced the loot to Karpis. He was convicted and sentenced to serve 10 years in the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchison, Kansas, where he was received in February of 1926.

ANNOUNCER: Was that his first skirmish with the forces of law and order?

ANSWER: Not exactly. Prior to this conviction, Karpis was arrested many times. In Chipley, Florida, for instance, he was arrested in October of 1925, for train riding and served a brief jail sentence.

ANNOUNCER: Tell me, how long was Karpis in the Kansas Reformatory?

ANSWER: About three years. While serving his time there he was assigned as a baker's helper. This required long hours on duty which was not to his liking. Accordingly he violated many of the prison rules and served many days in solitary confinement. There his mind was not idle and he planned many ways of escaping. One of his schemes was successful and with a friend he effected his escape in March of 1929.

ANNOUNCER: Where did he go?

ANSWER: He immediately joined his parents in Chicago.

ANNOUNCER: They knew he was an escaped convict. Didn't they notify the authorities?

ANSWER: No. They thought he was leading a law-abiding life after his escape and refrained from notifying the authorities. Soon another young hoodlum joined Karpis and he turned away from his parents. In March of 1930, about one year after his escape, Karpis and his associate were arrested in Kansas City, Missouri, for car stealing and safe blowing. It was here that Karpis began using aliases and before Director Hoover and a detail of Agents captured him in New Orleans, we knew him by 51 names. His friends always called him Ray.

ANNOUNCER: And was he prosecuted in Missouri for these crimes?

ANSWER: No. He was returned to the Kansas Reformatory and later transferred to the State Penitentiary. "I got out of that easily," Karpis later boasted. "They put me to work in the coal mines. In there you're allowed good time on all the coal you mine over a certain amount. Well

making a few dollars. I agreed to pay them retail price on all the extra coal they'd mine for me. I turned all this in on my account and got good time for it. Later I paid every convict who'd helped me, except one fellow I couldn't find." Karpis walked out, a free man, on May 31, 1931. By pre-arrangement Karpis met Fred Barker, his pal and former prison associate, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a few days later.

ANNOUNCER: And the Karpis-Barker gang that was to spread terrorism in the hearts of thousands came into existence.

ANSWER: Right. But within ten days after his release from prison, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa with Fred Barker. On September 10, 1931, Karpis entered a plea of guilty to the charge of burglary, and the following notation appears upon his criminal record: "Sentenced --- to serve 3 years. State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma. Paroled from bench same date to his attorney." Fred Barker also escaped serving a penitentiary sentence. Together they went to Thayer, Missouri. There they were received by that female demon, "Ma" Barker.

ANNOUNCER: Soon terror began to spread. On December 18, 1931, Karpis and Fred Barker robbed a store at West Plains, Missouri, using a car which the Sheriff of West Plains recognized on the following day. When he walked toward the two bandits, they shot him down in cold blood.

ANSWER: And Karpis, Fred and "Ma" Barker fled to the home of Herb Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, who was later convicted in Federal Court. From there they went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Karpis met Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer, two St. Paul hoodlums who were later to figure prominently in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases. Sawyer is now serving a life term at Alcatraz, and Pfeiffer committed suicide after his

ANNOUNCER: Wasn't it here that Karpis and Barker also met "Shot Gun" George Zeigler, a college graduate?

ANSWER: Yes. And they later murdered him with his own favorite weapon - the shot gun - after he was of no more use to them.

ANNOUNCER: By now Karpis was a post-graduate of crime. Even his own gang was afraid of him. A gun moll who was not above consorting with a professional murderer, gave him the underworld name of "Old Creepy" because of his cold stare and precision in carrying out his crimes.

ANSWER: His sense of humor was also distorted. Once he spent an entire day composing a poem which had as its catch phrase, "The G-Men will get you if you don't watch out."

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , there was more truth than poetry in that line.

ANSWER: Karpis' true character came out in many of his activities. There was the bank robber friend, for instance, who was fatally wounded when the gang robbed a bank at Fairbury, Nebraska. They propped him up in the back of the car and drove him to the home of a professional killer in Kansas City. Under cover of darkness, gangland had a burial. The bandit's mother heard that her son had been killed and began a search for his body in order that he might be given a decent burial. Certain members of the Karpis-Barker gang wanted to tell her where his body could be found. Karpis vetoed, saying, "If she goes and digs up that stiff the cops may hear about it. They might find a clue that would start them after us."

ANNOUNCER: Yes. That was Alvin Karpis. Cold as ice, thinking always of himself. Time after time he demonstrated that the name given him - "Old Creepy"

was an appropriate one. Early in his criminal career, he married a girl and promptly deserted her. When police located him in Atlantic City with his common-law wife who was about to become a mother, he thought only of his own get-away.

ANSWER: But to get back to Karpis' chosen career. Bank robbery after bank robbery occurred in the Middle West. The gang recruited new members. Contacts were established all over the United States. Persons masquerading under the cloak of respectability were ready to furnish them with a haven of refuge for a price. To date, over 35 members of this gang have been convicted in Federal Courts.

ANNOUNCER: The Karpis-Barker gang then switched to kidnaping. Karpis, the leader, schemed and planned the details of these snatches. Karpis himself was the driver of the kidnap car. The gang's toll mounted to include the killing of four law enforcement officers and one citizen. Finally on June 15, 1933, they kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr. Six months later, Edward G. Bremer was their $200,000 ransom prize. But this cunning and versatile gang had not reckoned with J. Edgar Hoover and his G-Men. They stepped in and trailed this mob from one end of this country to the other. Director Hoover personally directed the investigation. One by one the gangsters were brought in - some alive and others dead - after fierce gun battles. Karpis and his kill-crazy confederates were being thwarted at every turn.

ANSWER: Yes, Karpis became desperate. He had received news that the men of the FBI were getting closer and closer. One-time friends turned on him saying "he was too hot." Rage overtook him. Mr. Hoover, our Director, received a letter one day from Karpis advising that the latter was

going to come into the Department of Justice Building with a machine gun. Mr. Hoover, however, does not easily frighten. Again Karpis considered shooting the Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, then flying east by plane to murder the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau's New York Office. Then he planned to circle back to Chicago, to murder the Chief Special Agent there. He even said he considered calling one of our offices and giving them a tip. Then as the Agents appeared he would shoot them from ambush. When his rage would subside he would exclaim to himself, "They're nothing but Special Agents. They've got to do what they're told. Their boss is the one I want to kill - Hoover!" Always his crazy thoughts returned to the Director of the FBI.

ANNOUNCER: Yes, but Karpis, like other criminals, was not so courageous when it came time for him to act and when he didn't have a gang back of him.

ANSWER: Finally one day a rumble was heard by alert Special Agents. Rumors began to spread. Routine checking had picked up the trail. It led to New Orleans.

ANNOUNCER: And out of the night came a plane load of Agents, led by J. Edgar Hoover, the Chief of the G-Men, whom Karpis had vowed to get. The battle line was formed. Victory was in sight. Precautions were taken to protect everyone but Karpis and the men of the FBI, who know no fear. The word was given. The line moved forward. Karpis had sworn he'd never be taken alive. Luck was against him. He came out of the apartment house. He was captured by Director Hoover and handcuffed before he could whirl for his gun. Now "Old Creepy" will kidnap and rob no more.

ANSWER: And Mr. , from the solitude of his cell at Alcatraz comes this word from Karpis to one whom he loved: "I suppose by now you realize that all that glitters is not gold. In other words, when you are released from prison, stay on the straight and narrow path. Of course, you will think that rather strange coming from me, but I should know."

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Mr. . Even Alvin Karpis, bandit, murderer, kidnaper and thief, has finally learned that "crime does not pay." He should know. What a life he led. Plunder and bloodshed always followed his activities. One of the most feared and desperate gangs of mad men whom we have known in recent years. A contact man was shot and then burned. A doctor, according to underworld rumor, who had operated on Karpis attempting to alter his facial features without success, and obliterate his fingerprints, was knocked unconscious by the gang and his body allowed to settle in a barrel of cement which now lays on the bottom of Lake Erie. Politicians were enlisted by Karpis to assist in exchanging the ransom money. Others protected him. Would-be criminal lovers bought cars for him. Always, when he was hiding-out, Karpis tried to be natural and avoid trouble. When cornered, however, like a gnashing rat, he fought back. He attempted to buy good-will by contributing several thousand dollars to a mayorality campaign. May we never see the return of his kind. Society, at least need not fear him, thanks to the FBI, as long as he is incarcerated.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 21, 1938.

"MA" BARKER

ANNOUNCER: In their war on crime, Uncle Sam's G-men face desperate criminals. For the most part these desperadoes are men. Occasionally some female demon is the object of the man hunt. Such a person was "Ma" Barker, who mothered a brood of some of the worst outlaws this nation has ever known. Mean, base, and depraved, "Ma" Barker represents American motherhood at its very worst. Without her corrupting influence to guide them, her outlaw sons might have developed into normal, respectable citizens. But "Ma" didn't care. Under her protective wing, her boys became public enemies and, like so many criminals, died a gangster's death, unwept and unsung. Tonight, through the courtesy of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we present Mr. , Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Division, who will discuss the exploits of this female demon.

ANSWER: Indeed, "Ma" Barker was a demon, Mr. . The last twenty years of her life were sordid. As you say, they represent motherhood at its very worst. Graphically they portray some of the many causes of crime. The life of "Ma" Barker is an object lesson to all parents. Yet through the mist of corruption and debauchery radiates many of the virtues of motherhood - perverted as they are.

ANNOUNCER: I am sure, Mr. , our listeners will be interested in hearing of this strange woman.

ANSWER: She was born in the Ozark Mountains near Joplin, Missouri, a little over sixty years ago. Christened Arizona Donnie Clark, friends called her Arrie. She came from an ordinary family. Her early life was characteristic of the gay nineties - picnics, candy pulls, pie socials in the little red school house, hayrides, and most of all, community sings, Sunday school and church sociables. She was given the nickname of "Kate" by whom, we don't know.

ANNOUNCER: And then she married - scarcely out of her teens. In Missouri, where Kate and George Barker made their home, were born their sons, Herman, Lloyd, Arthur and Freddie.

ANSWER: "Ma" Barker, in those early days, was a good housewife and a fair housekeeper. She was well-versed in all village happenings and could always be relied upon to engage in choicest gossip. At times she was seized with a fanatic religious frenzy. Frequently she engaged in evangelistic activities. Always she took her boys to Sunday School - "I don't know just why," her husband has since said, "because when I'd try to straighten them up she would fly into me."

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , I don't suppose "Ma" Barker was very much interested in her sons' educational training.

ANSWER: No, she wasn't. They were all more or less illiterate, yet they were cunning and shrewd.

ANNOUNCER: When did the Barker boys first run afoul of the law?

ANSWER: As early as 1910. It appears that the family migrated to Oklahoma while the boys were still young. There they resided near Tulsa. Before they moved, however, Herman, the eldest boy, was arrested near Webb City, Missouri. He was released after being questioned. "Ma" Barker went into a frenzied rage. "We'll move out of this town," she cried.

"Ma" moved to Oklahoma with her brood of future desperadoes. That is, all except Herman. He already had innumerable aliases. He went out into the world to plunder. "Ma" always kept in touch with him by mail.

ANNOUNCER: In Tulsa, "Doc," Freddie, and Lloyd Barker joined the old Central Park gang. Many of these hoodlums became notorious criminals - Sam Coker, Harry Campbell, Glenn Leroy Wright and several others.

ANSWER: "Ma's" boys were known by the neighbors as rowdies, window-breakers and petty thieves and when complaints were made to their father he would always say, "Talk to mother - she handles the boys." When "Ma" was approached she would berate the accusers. Her boys could do no wrong. When they were arrested for petty infractions she would storm down to the police department. Her boys were the best in town. They were being persecuted. Then she would break down and weep - she could act better than any professional mourner. When these tactics failed to bring about the release of her sons, she would dig down into her purse, still admitting, of course, no wrong on the part of her children.

ANNOUNCER: Here, Mr. , I believe, is perfect evidence of the old adage - "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Certainly this case illustrates what your Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has in mind when he says the American home is responsible for the upbringing of our youth. Discipline with "Ma" Barker was a lost art.

ANSWER: Except, Mr. , whenever her boys got into trouble she would give them a bitter tongue lashing - for getting caught. All the time "Ma's" reputation was spreading among the lawless. At her home gangsters

were received with open arms. "Ma" was always ready to counsel with a crook. She was much more intelligent than any of her sons. She ruled with an iron will. They were always obedient.

ANNOUNCER: "Ma" Barker, had she desired, undoubtedly could have made good citizens out of her sons, but such was not the case.

ANSWER: That is correct, Mr. . In 1918, "Doc" Barker was arrested for car stealing. He broke jail in a few days, was apprehended, and again effected his escape. In 1928, during a hospital robbery, "Doc" Barker killed a night watchman. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oklahoma State Prison.

ANNOUNCER: Then Freddie was caught. He was charged with bank robbery, burglary and assault with intent to kill. Time and again he was released on bond. Always he jumped his bail which his mother was ever ready to raise. Then he was sent to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

ANSWER: Lloyd went in for mail robbery. He is now serving a long term in a Federal prison. In 1927, a police officer at Newton, Kansas, was killed. Herman Barker was identified. "Ma" Barker said it was a lie. The next day Herman's body was found near Wichita, Kansas. Rather than be captured, he had committed suicide.

ANNOUNCER: In 1928, "Ma" separated from her husband. All the time she was sinking to lower levels. Yet her sons never committed a wrong in her opinion. She clung to them tenaciously. In that respect we see an expression of mother love - perverted though it was.

ANSWER: Always, when her sons were released from prison or jail, they returned to "Ma." Fred Barker, her favorite, shortly after his release from prison, was joined by Alvin Karpis. Together they went to "Ma's" home -

this time near Thayer, Missouri. In December, 1931, Fred and Karpis, according to reports, killed a sheriff at West Plains, Missouri. Immediately Fred, Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her lover, Arthur Dunlap, fled to St. Paul, Minnesota. There they were joined by Willie Weaver, who had just been paroled after serving only a few years of a life term for murder. In St. Paul, they soon aroused the suspicions of neighbors, for Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis always carried a violin case whenever they left or returned to their home. The police were notified.

ANNOUNCER: But before they could strike, "Ma," Dunlap, Karpis, and Fred Barker fled. The next morning Dunlap's body was found perforated with bullets fired at short range, stripped of all clothing, on the shores of Lake Frensted in Wisconsin. Near by was found a woman's glove - caked with blood. Karpis and Fred Barker had killed Dunlap because they thought he had called the police. "Ma" Barker must have been near by.

ANSWER: Then the boys went in for bank robbery on a big scale. The gang joined forces with old-time thugs. Most of their names have since been headlined as Public Enemies No. 1, for a brief period. In 1932, Harvey Bailey was arrested in Kansas City, Missouri. A Tulsa lawyer was instructed to defend him. Bailey, however, was convicted, and on August 13, 1932, the lawyer was instructed to meet Fred Barker in Tulsa. The next day his bullet-riddled body was found on a golf course. Underworld rumor has it that "Ma" ordered the lawyer "put on the spot" because of his failure to free Harvey Bailey. For the next couple of years the gang operated out of St. Paul, Minnesota. By now, "Doc" had been released

from prison. The Karpis-Barker gang was spreading terror throughout the Middle West. Always, "Ma" was directing their operations. From the time the boys left for a bank robbery until their safe return, "Ma" would sob and weep and carry on, fearing her boys might be injured.

ANNOUNCER: And "Ma" always got her share of the proceeds. She liked to live well. She purchased expensive clothing and furniture. She surrounded herself with costly things - but yet, she did not fit into the picture. She was rooted in the lean years of her early life. She ruled with an iron hand. Jealous of her boys, she was constantly on the alert to spread gossip about their girl friends. She crusaded against liquor for it loosened the tongue. Yet when Alvin Karpis' common-law wife was about to become a mother, "Ma" Barker stepped in and provided an elaborate layette.

But all this time, Mr. , the Federal Bureau of Investigation was powerless to act. The gang carefully avoided Federal violations.

ANSWER: Right. But, during the latter part of 1933, "Ma" decided that bank robbery was beneath the dignity of her brood. It was too petty for the gang to bother with.

ANNOUNCER: So they went in for "the snatch." First William A. Hamm, and then Edward George Bremer. From these two kidnapings the gang received three hundred thousand dollars. They knew everybody of importance in the underworld. Well-organized, they had contacts in most large cities. Then, to their sorrow, they learned of the G-Men. They beat a hasty retreat. Tell me, Mr. , how did you finally get on their trail?

ANSWER: After Mr. Bremer's release, Director Hoover personally took charge of the investigation, coordinating the activities of the Agents. His instructions were that no lead or clue was to be overlooked. In tracking down every bit of evidence, a gasoline can was found along a road leading from Saint Paul, as the result of an organized search by Special Agents. It was rushed to the Crime Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington. A chemical test brought up a single fingerprint. Immediately, efforts were transferred to our Single Fingerprint File. There the single fingerprint impressions of nearly fourteen thousand of America's most desperate criminals are filed. The search began. Card after card was examined, running onward through one file and then another, into a third. And there stood emblazoned the fingerprint which matched the one on the gasoline can. It was the print of one of the fingers of Arthur "Doc" Barker. We then knew who to look for. We trailed "Doc." We trailed his brother. We trailed his companions - Volney Davis, Russell Gibson, Bill Weaver, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and a host of others.

ANNOUNCER: One by one, the Federal Bureau of Investigation brought members of this gang in. The job was a long one. It tested the ingenuity and perseverance of the G-Men. Time meant nothing to them. Sleepless nights were customary rather than the exception. Then came a cold night in January, 1935. "Doc" Barker and his girl friend were apprehended in Chicago. Later that evening, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation surrounded another apartment in Chicago. Their commands to surrender were answered with gunfire. Russell Gibson was killed resisting arrest, and Bryon Bolton was taken into custody. A map was found in the apartment. A penciled mark had been drawn around a lake.

ANSWER: And then, Mr. , our Agents heard about an old alligator called "Old Joe" for whom Fred Barker and Karpis frequently hunted. Mr. Hoover sent the special kidnap detail to Florida by plane. In the vicinity of Ocala, Florida, where the ring was drawn around the map, the Agents picked up the trail of "Old Joe," the alligator. They also picked up the trail of an old woman who was living in an expensive cottage with her son. That woman was "Ma" Barker, and her son was Freddie. Under the cover of darkness, the Agents surrounded the house. Every precaution was taken. The stage was set. They knew they were to face a desperate siege. In the meantime reinforcements were being rushed there. Director Hoover spent a sleepless night in his office for you see there were literally hundreds of ramifications to the case because of the wide-spread activities of the gang and Mr. Hoover had to consider all of them and plan accordingly.

ANNOUNCER: Tell us, Mr. , just what happened.

ANSWER: At the crack of dawn every man was in his place. The Inspector in Charge rapped on the door. He announced the place was surrounded by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There was no answer. An Agent shouted, "Unless you come out, we'll use tear gas to force you out." This time he received an answer. "All right, go ahead," cried "Ma" Barker, firing a burst from a machine-gun. The battle began. It raged for several hours, then silence from within the house. The Agents entered the building. There on the floor was Fred Barker holding a rifle with a death grip. "Ma" Barker's machine-gun with a hundred shot drum, lay across her body; the barrel was still smoking. Both were dead.

ANNOUNCER: Fortunately the raid had been planned well and J. Edgar Hoover's G-Men suffered no casualties.

ANSWER: And on a bleak afternoon, sometime later, the unkept hillside graveyard, full of undergrowth and weeds, near Welch, Oklahoma, received the bodies of "Ma" and her favorite son, Freddie. Only a few relatives and curious onlookers attended the services. The funeral sermon was preached to the living rather than to the dead.

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Mr. . The Federal Bureau of Investigation rendered a great service to this nation by bringing to an end the criminal career of "Ma" Barker. Her life emphasizes the necessity of proper home training if children are to be turned away from crime. May you never have another such female demon. Thank you, and good night!

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CLEVELAND	KNOXVILLE	PEORIA	ST. PAUL
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Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto copies of suggested radio discussions dealing with the activities of Alvin Karpis and "Ma" Barker.

These manuscripts are being furnished you as of possible assistance in any discussions in which you might participate over the radio.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosures.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
February 28, 1938

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WTM:MEM

ROBERT HUDSON

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: ROBERT HUDSON, ET AL
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William T. Morton dated October 4, 1937, in the Brekid case. This report, it will be recalled, sets out information regarding one Ola Martin, a prostitute residing in Memphis, Tennessee, who professed to be an intimate acquaintance of Grace Goldstein.

On February 28, 1938, Ola Martin voluntarily appeared at the Memphis Field Office and there contacted Special Agent William T. Morton. She informed that she went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on February 16, 1938, and returned to Memphis on February 20, 1938. During her stay in Hot Springs, she resided at the Valley Hotel using the name of "Miss Ola". While there she visited Grace Goldstein and through these visits she secured the following information:

A mob consisting of about eight men have recently come to Hot Springs from Chicago and St. Louis, and met up at Grace Goldstein's house. The identities of all the members of this mob are unknown, but Ola Martin stated that one of the members goes under the name of "The Baron"; that he is supposed to be residing at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is "keeping up" Connie Morris at some unknown place in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ola Martin observed some man walk into Grace Goldstein's house, during her recent visit, and Grace greeted this person under the mistaken impression that this person was "The Baron". Ola Martin observed this person, believed to resemble "The Baron", to be short and stocky, dark complected, about four years of age, slight build and either Jewish or Italian. The person reported to resemble the "Baron" has recently been released from Alcatraz or, at any rate, has recently returned from a visit to that place and it appears that he and the other members have the information that Karpis has a considerable sum of money "planted" at some place and that this money could not be reached until 1938. Now they are laying plans to secure this money, but for some reason the securing of money is surrounded with risky circumstances and they are having difficulty in obtaining a person who is willing to take the chance of securing this money. The reason for securing the money is to give it to Grace Goldstein and one of the sisters of Alvin Karpis. They are supposed to take the money and open up a night club in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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The sister of Alvin Karpis, referred to, is supposed to be the one with two small children, one boy and one girl. This sister is residing at some point on the southern outskirts of Hot Springs, Arkansas and is supposed to be supported financially by Grace Goldstein, the latter obtaining the furniture for the house wherein the sister resides. Grace Goldstein has complained about this situation, explaining that she, herself is in bad financial condition and has recently borrowed money, using her furniture and automobile as collateral.

During the above mentioned period of Ola Martin's visit in Hot Springs, she informed that Grace Goldstein advised that agents of this Bureau had questioned her very severely in the Little Rock Field Division, at which time she had been "given Hell". It is Ola Martin's information that immediately after this questioning, Grace Goldstein took a trip to Dallas, Texas, in her automobile. Ola Martin was in Hot Springs when Grace Goldstein returned from this trip about 6:30 P. M., on February 19, 1938. At the time of her return, she was met out on the highway by Chief of Police Joe Wakelin. Grace Goldstein, at this time, informed that she had visited her mother in Dallas, Texas.

According to Ola Martin, Grace Goldstein is now receiving mail at the Brown's Beauty Parlor in Hot Springs, Arkansas, under the name of Helen Woods.

Ola Martin, who also uses the name of Mrs. J. L. Swibel, appeared to be sincere in furnishing her information and is laboring under the impression that she is in serious trouble and that Bureau agents are keeping a close watch over her. The above information appeared to be all that she had at this time. She requested that it be kept strictly confidential that she furnished this information, in view of the danger it would place her in, should she return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to practice her profession.

She is presently residing at 275 South Third Street in Memphis, Tennessee, and has stated she would be available for further interview. At the time of this interview, her fingerprints were taken and are being forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

CC Bureau
San Antonio
Dallas
Cincinnati
Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

9-3501
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March 5, 1938

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO, ILL.

UNSUB MAURICE GOLDBLATT VICEX MAURICE L. ROTHSCHILD VICEX TYPEWRITING ON LETTERS MADE BY SAME MACHINE USED ON LETTERS IN CASES ENTITLED UNSUB LOCAL LOAN COMPANY, VICEX; MICHAEL L. IGOE, VICEX; Z. G. HERB COMPANY, VICEX; JOHN ROMANSZKIEWICZ, VICEX; JOSEPH ZIEMBA, VICEX; AND ON LETTER ADDRESSED TO E. F. KOSTA, NATIONAL SECURITY BANK WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IN BREKID CASE. REPORT ON FINGERPRINTS FOLLOWS.

NATHAN

cc- 9-2381
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9-1466
9-1645
9-1569
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Mr. Nathan:

Miss Frances W. Hall, Superintendent of Homeopathic Hospital, National 1950, called on the telephone, stating that yesterday she employed a nurse who gave the name Marie James, and that she has heard that this nurse is wanted for forgery and on other charges under the name of Eleanor Myer, Mayer, or Meyer; that this nurse has a cousin, Caroline Brennan, living at 217 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, telephone Metropolitan 0337. She said she does not, of course, want to keep her there if she is really wanted on such charges, but realizes that it may be malicious gossip and would appreciate any assistance the Bureau could give her.

The Ident files contain records of 5 or 6 Eleanor and Elinor Myers, Mayers and Meyers, none of whom is wanted, or is from Washington.

The files also contain records of about 16 Marie James, none of whom is wanted or is from Washington.

The files do contain the record of a Mrs. C.P. Harmon, alias Marie Mayer (a combination of both of the above names), bearing an old notice to the effect that this individual is wanted by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the Bremer case (this want was placed in 1934).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/11

TO:

	Director		Mr. Schilder
	Mr. Tolson		Mr. Coffey
	Mr. Clegg		Mr. McSwain
	Mr. Egan		Mr. Singman
	Mr. Tamm		Mrs. Henley
	Mr. Glavin		Recording
	Miss Gandy		Posting
	Mr. Tracy		Card Index
	Mr. Crowl		Technical
	Mr. Nichols		Assembly
	Mr. Harbo		Single Fingerprint
	Mr. Hince		Typing
	Mr. Renneberger		Messengers
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	Personnel Files		M
	Mr. Collier		
	Mr. Leckie		
XXXXXXX	Mr. Vogel		
	Mr. Brandt		
	Mr. Mertz		Please route
	Mr. Landrum		Re-write
	Mr. Lawler		Re-date
	Stenographers		See me
	Miss Power		Send file
	Mrs. Dagenais		Note and return
	Mr. Miller		Initial

Please see attached note. Miss Hall was advised that upon the basis of a name search only, no record could be found of a Marie James or Eleanor Myer being wanted. In view of the last paragraph of the attached note, however, this is being referred to you for any attention which may be necessary or appropriate.

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March 4, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKIB

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 2, 1934, placing a stop notice against the fingerprints of Mrs. C. P. Harmon.

In view of the developments in this case, the Bureau desires to be advised if your office still desires that a stop notice be maintained against this individual's fingerprint record.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

MAR - 4 1938

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 7, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau (File 7-576) in the above captioned case dated December 30, 1937, transmitting copies of a letter dated October 19, 1937 from Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, the wife of Harry Campbell who is presently incarcerated in the penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, and directing that an agent call upon Mrs. Campbell and advise her that the Bureau is without authority to assist her in the matter set forth in her letter.

Please be advised that Gertrude Campbell was contacted on February 17, 1938 at Toledo, Ohio by Special Agent E. J. Coble and advised that the Bureau does not have authority to assist her as she desires.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen

AL ROSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
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DIRECTOR

REKID REFERENCE TELETYPE OF INSPECTOR CONNELLEY TO BUREAU DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR SPECIAL AGENTS SULLIVAN AND MADALA PROCEEDING TO DALLAS OFFICE TEN PM MISSOURI PACIFIC TONIGHT TO CONDUCT INQUIRY AT PARIS, TEXAS, UNLESS BUREAU INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE. INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDCTED THROUGH ALL RELATIVES OF GRACE GOLDSTEIN AT PARIS TO SHOW ISTA TRANSPORTATION OF NIECE MARGARET AND CONNECTION WITH BONDS IN ROBERT HUDSON ETAL NSPA FILE AS SUGGESTED IN ABOVE TELETYPE. MEMPHIS LETTER TO THIS OFFICE DATED FEBRUAY TWENTY EIGHT INDICATES MOB NOW AT HOT SPRINGS POSSIBLY ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE BONDS. CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO LEARN IDENTITIES OF KARPIS SISTER NOW AT HOT SPRINGS AND MEMBERS OF MOB REPORTED RECENTLY RELEASED FROM ALCATRAZ.

FLETCHER

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CALLED OK OFFICE

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Copy to Mr. Tamm
MAR 3 1938
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Re: Bur File 7-3576
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March 8, 1938.

SAC, CHICAGO

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARBOR
GOLDSTATE, Victim; HAVEN &
ROTHSCHILD, Victims; EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 26, 1938, transmitting one envelope bearing no postmark and addressed "Mr. Maurice L. Rothschild, State & Jackson, Chicago, Ill.," one letter beginning "You are notified——," one envelope postmarked "Chicago, Ill., Wicker Park Sta., Feb. 24, 1938, 3:30 P.M." and one letter which is apparently a carbon copy of the letter beginning "You are notified——" in connection with the above entitled case.

This material has been examined and four latent fingerprints of value for comparison purposes have been found, one on the envelope addressed "Mr. Maurice L. Rothschild, State & Jackson, Chicago, Ill." and three on the original of the letter beginning "You are notified——".

These latent impressions have been compared with the latent impressions on the following listed cards, but no identification has been effected:

Known Subject Michael Lyon, Victims EXTORTION, Bureau File 7-3446.

Known Subject Local Loan Company, Chicago, Illinois, Victims EXTORTION, Bureau File 7-381.

[illegible], Bureau File 7-376-10767-Envelope addressed "National Security Bank, Ogden & Chicago Aves., Chicago, Ill." and postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, 41, April 14, 1936 1 P.M." and accompanying letter,

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

No latent fingerprints have been developed in the following cases and consequently no fingerprint comparisons could be made:

Unknown Subjects; Joseph Klecka, Violation KIDNAPING, Bureau File 7-3-3419.

Unknown Subjects, R. C. Herb Company, Chicago, Illinois, Violation EXTORTION, Bureau File 7-3-3445.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois
March 10,1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of March 4, 1938, relative to the stop notice placed against the fingerprints of Mrs. C. P. Harmon, I desire to advise that in view of present developments in this case, this stop notice may now be withdrawn.

11 Posted 3/18/38 gp

Very truly yours

DML:IJM

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: March 11, 1938. Number:
Unknown Subjects; Maurice Goldblatt, 9-3601-2
Maurice L. Rothschild - Victims; Extortion.

Specimens:
Q1. One envelope not postmarked and addressed to Mr. Maurice L. Rothschild, State and Jackson, Chicago, Illinois.
Q2. One sheet apparently enclosed in Q1 and reads "You are notified***.
Q3. One envelope postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, Wicker Park Station, February 24, 1938, 3:30 P. M.".
Q4. One sheet apparently a carbon copy of Q2 and apparently enclosed in Q3.

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date received: 3/2/38

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Blackburn

Specimens Q1 and Q3 are plain white envelopes containing no watermarks and measuring approximately 3⅝x8⅝". The addresses on these envelopes are typewritten.

Specimens Q2 and Q4 are typewritten on pieces of plain white typewriter paper, 8.35" wide and cut to an approximate length of 5" from a larger sheet. The original size of the sheet was probably approximately 8½x11". Specimen Q4 is a carbon copy of specimen Q2. The cut edges of the bottoms of each of these sheets show that both were cut at the same time.

All of these specimens are written on a Corona or Smith Corona typewriter equipped with Pica type, spaced 10 to the inch.

The typewriting contained on these specimens has been compared with the typewriting contained in the anonymous letter file and as a result the conclusion has been reached that these letters were written on the same typewriter used to write the letters received in connection with the cases entitled, Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-511; Unknown Subjects; Michael L. Igoe - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-1466; Unknown Subjects; L. G. Herb Company - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-1648; Unknown Subjects; John Romanszkiewicz - Victim; Extortion Bureau file #9-1569; Unknown Subjects; Joseph Ziemba - Victim; Extortion Bureau file #9-2831. The typewriting is also identical with that on the

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Edw. M. Brown

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letter addressed to Mr. E. S. Kosta, National Security Bank, Ogden and Chicago Avenues, Chicago, Illinois, received in connection with the Brekid case.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

Photographic copies will be forwarded within the next several days.

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

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March 11, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Unknown Subject;
Maurice Goldblatt,
Maurice I. Rothschild -
Victims; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 8, 1938.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida,
March 14, 1938.

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

Gentlemen: Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 29, 1937, along with which was enclosed a copy of a letter from Stuart A. Lawrence, of Miami, Florida.

Interview with Stuart A. Lawrence, 410 Southwest 26th Road, Miami, Florida, was had on January 30, 1938, by Special Agent R. G. Danner.

The delay in this interview was occasioned by the fact that when telephonic contact was made with Lawrence in the first instance, he insisted that the interview be postponed until such time as he could personally come to the Miami Office, stating that he preferred not to have it known to anyone that he was furnishing information.

Lawrence stated that he is employed at the Biscayne Kennel Club in Miami, Florida. He advised that he had written the letter to the Bureau in regard to one Harry A. Lowe. He stated that Lowe is a race track follower; that he claimed to have formerly raced horses and to have indulged in fixed races; that Lowe put him next to several good bets at the Hialeah Park Race Track several seasons ago as a result of which they became closely associated. He advised that during the trial of Joe Adams at Miami, Florida, in June, 1937, on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, that Lowe informed him that he was one of the persons who had helped change some of the ransom money in instant kidnaping, and without ever having been caught. Lawrence stated that he had casually questioned Lowe concerning this statement, whereupon Lowe told him that he had purchased $1,000 worth of the ransom money and had taken it to Cuba, where he had changed it at the gambling houses there.

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Other than these alleged statements, Lawrence could furnish no further information connecting Lowe with this case. He was unable to advise the name of the person from whom Lowe had originally purchased the ransom money, but stated that it was probably the individual who was prosecuted for same. He no doubt refers to Cassius O'McDonald.

Lawrence was asked why he did not report this matter previously in view of the extensive investigation which had been conducted in Miami and vicinity in regard to this case and he advised that he did not want to cause Lowe any trouble at that time as he had considered him a friend. Continuing, Lawrence advised that Lowe had disappeared from Miami at the close of the season and had reappeared some time later; that upon this latter re-appearance Lowe had claimed to be in on a promotional scheme in connection with a dog track at Fort Lauderdale, Florida and had told him to put up $385.00 as an investment, promising a rich return on the money.

Lawrence advised that Lowe had told him at that time he was connected with one James Egan, owner of the Bristol County Kennel Club at Boston, Massachusetts. Lawrence stated that after he advanced money to Lowe that Lowe had disappeared from Miami and that after making numerous efforts to locate him, had come to the conclusion that he had been swindled. He said that he then recalled Lowe having told him of having been connected with the Karpis crowd in Havana and that he thought the Bureau would probably be interested in Lowe for that reason and he also felt that he could be afforded some assistance in locating the man and securing the return of his money.

Lawrence was informed by Special Agent Danner that the Bureau would only be interested in Lowe if it developed that he had violated some Federal Law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau and that no assistance could be rendered him in connection with the collection of his money.

In view of the fact that the ransom money in this case was changed in Havana, Cuba during the month of September, 1934, as the statute of limitations has run upon said changing and as there is no other information concerning Lowe in this file with the exception of the alleged information supplied by Lawrence, no further action is being taken in this regard unless instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

SKM:EEJ CC Cincinnati

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

March 14, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKIB

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of December 12, 1935, to all Field Offices, a stop order was placed in the files of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ322772.

Please advise this Office whether you desire this stop continued.

Very truly yours

ARJ:LJK
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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

OFFICE OF
JOE BAUML, Sheriff
WICHITA, KANSAS
March 2, 1938

Mr. Sam Landrum
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I was in Topeka, Kansas, Sunday, and this information comes from a very reliable source that it might be worthwhile checking Milt Lett, is running dope for this Italian LaFonte, who was picked up in New York City and being returned to Missouri for a murder.

Milt Lett is running from Boston to New York and he has made several trips into St. Louis, Mo.

Yours truly,

Joe Bauml

JOE BAUML, Sheriff
Sedgwick County, Kansas

Ans cc Kansas City 3-15-38 JBL

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March 16, 1938.

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Mr. Joe Baum,
Sheriff,
Sedgwick County,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Sheriff:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 2, 1938, addressed to Special Agent Sam Landrum of this Bureau, and furnishing certain information relative to Milt Lett.

I appreciate the spirit which prompted you to furnish that information concerning Lett and wish to assure you of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

CC KANSAS CITY - one copy incoming letter.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAR 16 1938
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

EAT:RP March 7, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I thought you would be interested in knowing that according to Special Agent A. E. Farland, "Charley the Jew" Yanowsky assaulted and badly beat Harry Brunette at Alcatraz and evidently managed the assault in such a manner that Brunette appeared the aggressor and was assigned to the dungeon. Brunette was posing as a real bad actor at Alcatraz, trying to build himself up as the only man who had engaged in a personal fight with the Director, and his swaggering and bragging became so obnoxious that Yanowsky lead him into an altercation and proceeded to render a very severe beating.

Agent Farland also advised me that Volney Davis had a fight with Alvin Karpis and rendered a very severe beating to Karpis.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Washington Field Division, Room 2266,
Washington, D. C.

March 18, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BRKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 11, 1938 concerning instant case.

Inquiry at the Franklin Park Hotel, 1832 Eye Street, N. W., disclosed that on November 16, 1937 a Mrs. S. T. Parker registered in that hotel and was given room No. 153. Subsequent to this date she was joined by a man who gave his name as Mr. S. T. Parker, stating that he was her husband.

On December 11, 1937, Mrs. Parker checked out of instant hotel and failed to leave a forwarding address. Further questioning of the officials at this place failed to disclose any definite information, however, they were of the opinion that she returned to Memphis, Tennessee. This was only an assumption on the part of these individuals in view of a conversation had with Mrs. Parker at which time she stated she was from Memphis, Tennessee.

The man who supposedly was the husband of Mrs. Parker, checked out of this hotel on February 8, 1938. At this time he failed to leave a forwarding address.

An attempt was made to determine where Parker had been employed while in the District, and no information could be obtained in this regard.

For the information of the Little Rock Field Division, the Franklin Park Hotel is known to be frequented by prostitutes and people of questionable character.

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Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
March 17, 1938

Mr. C. E. Hanlon,
Postmaster,
Caney, Kansas.

RE: BREKID

Edward G. Brewer

Dear Mr. Hanlon: Re: Ray W. Collins

I desire to express to you my thanks and appreciation for the mail tracing you forwarded to this office under date of March 15, 1938.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

March 17, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago office dated March 4, 1938, relative to a stop order placed at the request of the Cleveland field division against 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number PJ 322772.

Inasmuch as instant automobile was purchased by Milton Lett for the use of the members of the Karpis gang at the time they held up the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, and to date Milton Lett has not been located and questioned relative to his knowledge and ramifications of the Karpis gang, it is suggested that unless the Bureau instructs to the contrary, the stop be maintained until such time as Milton Lett has been located and questioned.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Little Rock
Kansas City

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2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
March 19, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BRKID.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 17, 1938, please be advised that Special Agent C. O. Pickard has determined that the present address of Jewel Greta Gilstrap, alias Greta Swanson is 277½ Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. This woman advised that within the next few days, she expects to proceed to Fort Riley, Kansas, for the purpose of having an operation and that she can be reached at that place in care of her husband, H. F. Gilstrap, headquarters troop, second cavalry.

The present address of Gertrude Theresa Nichols, alias "Jackie" Nichols is 321 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and she does not contemplate making a change in address, but she advised that if she does change, she will immediately notify the Memphis Division.

Very truly yours,

J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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Inspector Connelley
Cincinnati
Chicago

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April 19, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

The following is the list of equipment which is being stored in the vault of the Chief Clerk's office and about which I phoned you yesterday with regard to its disposition:

One Box Bullet Proof Vests recovered from Fred and Kate Barker in Florida. File number 5-576 serials 4608 and 4957.

One Box of License Plates taken at Little Bohemia. File number 62-29777 serials 6534 and 6501.

Thirty-three summary files of the Bremer case.

Two summary files of the Lindbergh case.

Respectfully,

A.H. Conrad

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May 23, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF CLERK

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 19, 1938, addressed to Assistant Director E. A. Tamm, with reference to items presently stored in the vault of the Chief Clerk's office.

Concerning the case containing four bullet-proof vests recovered from Fred and Kate Barker in Miami, Florida, please be advised that the Bureau files indicate that these vests are of light weight, and inasmuch as their use might endanger the lives of Special Agents, you are hereby instructed to dispose of the same.

With reference to the box containing a number of license plates recovered at Little Bohemia in connection with a raid conducted by Bureau Agents, you are advised that inasmuch as these license plates have no further value in connection with official investigation, they may also be disposed of.

Concerning the surplus summary files in the Bremer case, you are instructed that all but four copies of the same may be destroyed, the balance to be returned to the files.

The two summary files in the Lindbergh kidnaping case should be placed in the investigative file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mar. 15,1938.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.,

Re: U. S. v. Cassius McDonald
No. 1659-M-criminal
Vio: Harboring and concealing
fugitive from justice
Department File 109-39-1

S I R :

An indictment is pending against above named defendant charging him alone with harboring and concealing one Alvin Karpis, alleged kidnapper of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. McDonald was an alleged member of the Barker-Karpis gang, alleged kidnappers of said Edward George Bremer, his alleged activity with said gang being that of a money changer handling the ransom money collected by the gang.

In view of the fact that this defendant is now serving a fifteen year sentence imposed at St. Paul on the kidnapping charge there, and the fact that a conviction in the above case would be most doubtful under the circumstances, we are disposed to recommend that this case be nolled and we therefore respectfully request authority to obtain an order of nolle herein as to the said defendant. We believe that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully,

For the United States Attorney.

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Lloyd C. Hooks,
Assistant United States Attorney.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mar. 14, 1938.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.,

Re: U. S. v. Cassius McDonald
No. 4608-M-criminal
Vio: Harboring and concealing
fugitive from justice
Department File 109-39-1

S I R :

An indictment is pending against above named defendant in this district, charging him, together with Joseph H. Adams, Henry Randall, N. H. Heller, Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, with conspiracy to harbor and conceal one Alvin Karpis, alleged kidnapper of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. McDonald was an alleged member of the Barker-Karpis gang, alleged kidnappers of said Edward George Bremer, his alleged activity with said gang being that of a money changer handling the ransom money collected by the gang.

The defendants Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, companions of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, another member of said gang, who were indicted in above case, pleaded guilty to all the charges against them and are now serving a sentence of five years each. The case was nolled as to the defendant N. H. Heller, and in June 1937, a trial by jury was had as to the defendants Adams and Randall, principals in above case, resulting in their acquittal on all charges.

In view of the fact that the defendant Cassius McDonald is now serving a sentence of fifteen years imposed at St. Paul on the kidnapping charge there, and the fact that a conviction in the above case would be most doubtful under the circumstances, we are disposed to recommend that the above case be nolled and we therefore respectfully request authority to obtain an order of

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nolle herein as to said Cassius McDonald. We believe that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully,

For the United States Attorney.

Lloyd C. Hooks,
Assistant United States Attorney.

BRIEN McMAHON
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice
Washington

#109-39-1

March 23, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

There are enclosed copies of two letters from the United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, dated March 14th and 15th, respectively, in which he requests authority to dismiss Indictments No. 4608-M and No. 4659-M, pending against Cassius McDonald on charges of harboring and concealing a fugitive from justice.

Will you please advise me whether you have any information which would indicate that the United States Attorney's recommendation should not be followed.

Respectfully,

Brien McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIEN McMAHON

I am in receipt of your memorandum dated March 25, 1938, enclosing copies of letters from Mr. Lloyd C. Hooks, Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, dated March 14 and 15, 1938, in which he requests authority to dismiss pending indictments against Cassius McDonald on charges of harboring and concealing a fugitive from justice.

Please be advised I will defer to your judgment in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Naughten
Mr. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 22, 1938

Mr. Fred A. Isgrig
United States Attorney
Federal Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES,
et cetera.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan the following:

Summary report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated December 10, 1937.

Index to the above summary report, and a list of witnesses set out as to each individual subject.

One copy of the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 12, 1938.

One copy of the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 22, 1937.

Very truly yours,

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H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 22, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith three copies of a list of witnesses as to each individual subject, prepared for use in connection with the summary report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated December 10, 1937.

Two copies of this list are being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office, one to Chicago, one to Cleveland, and five are being retained in the files of the Little Rock Office.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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WITNESSES AGAINST INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS

Report of Special Agent
D. P. Sullivan, dated at
Little Rock, Arkansas,
December 10, 1937.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;
Obstruction of Justice;
National Firearms Act.

For the use of the United States Attorney, the names of witnesses who can testify against each subject of this investigation are herewith set out under the name of the subject against whom they can testify.

Inasmuch as the testimony of practically every witness refers to

ALVIN KARPIS
HARRY CAMPBELL
FRED JOHN HUNTER
GRACE GOLDSTEIN
CONNIE MORRIS

the witnesses against these individuals will not be listed.

The testimony of each witness may be located by referring to the index previously prepared for the above report.

AKERS, HERBERT

Della May Jeffries
Velda May Burford
N. F. Lund
Jewel Greta Gilstrap
Earnest Alton Reese
Mrs. Sirfean Joseph Armenia
Oscar Pope Muse
Roy Franklin Armenia

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Akers, Herbert (Cont'd.)

Gertrude Theresa Nichols
Lillian Louise Thomas
Stuart Face
Ernest Smith
James Mitkiff
R. L. Shivers
Rufus C. Coulter
C. Ervin Nafer
W. W. Reed
John Albough
C. F. Burch
Sedric Cecil Burnette
Elmer W. Wheatley
Ollie Dowdy
Edward Clark
Bertie L. Damron
Earl J. Connelley
Frank Earl Spencer
Mrs. Jennie Lowe
Matt Davis
Mrs. Phillip David
Clem Jones Irwin
Dewey May
Barney H. Roark
C. C. Bandey
Mrs. Elzie Moore
George Moore
Ercell Brock
Charles N. Preston
N. E. Marshall
L. M. Chipman
Chapmon Fletcher
Frank S. Smith
Rufus C. Coulter

BROCK, CECIL

Della May Jeffries
Velda May Burford
Mrs. Jennie Lowe
Rufus C. Coulter
Sedric Cecil Burnette
Walter L. Funk
N. E. Marshall
Rufus C. Coulter
Edward Clark
Bernard M. Suttler
Daniel P. Sullivan
John L. Madala

COKER, SAM

Della May Jeffries
Jewel Greta Gilstrap
Gertrude Theresa Nichols
Lillian Louise Thomas
Dorothy Cathey
Mina Thomas Wilder
Elmer W. Wheatley
Ollie Dowdy
John Brock
Earl Gardner
T. M. Field
John L. Madala
E. J. Wynn

COOPER, ARCHER L.

Della May Jeffries
Jewel Greta Gilstrap
Gertrude Theresa Nichols
Lillian Louise Thomas
Stuart Face
Mrs. Jennie Lowe
Ernest Smith
James Mitkiff
Elmer W. Wheatley

DAVIES, A. T.

Mrs. Phillip David

DYER, MRS. AL C.

Rosalie Sewell
Mina Thomas Wilder
Richard J. Welch
William T. Kinnell
Cecil Pennington
Bertie L. Damron
John L. Madala
Daniel P. Sullivan
Henry A. Snow
Don M. George
Robert E. Rowe

KEADY, GEORGE

Gertrude Theresa Nichols
John Brock
A. Paul Kitchen
Ethel Thomas
T. F. Houston

LETT, MILTON

Gertrude Billeter Miller
Paul Hansen

LOFTIS, MORRIS BROOKS

Emory Dow Wood
Rosalie Sewell
Don M. George
Bertie L. Damron

Loftis, Morris Brooks (Cont'd.)

Mina Thomas Wilder
Richard J. Welch
Rufus C. Coulter
Cecil Pennington

Rufus C. Coulter
John L. Madala
D. P. Sullivan
Robert E. Rowe

MOORE, GARNETT

Della May Jeffries
Velda May Burford

Lee Austin
Mrs. Helen Trammel

MOORE, ROBERT L.

Della May Jeffries

Walter L. Funk

STOVER, JOHN

Bertie L. Damron
Earl Kial
John L. Madala

B. M. Suttler
Earl J. Connelley
Henry A. Snow

WAKELIN, JOSEPH

Della May Jeffries
Jewel Greta Gilstrap
Lillian Louise Thomas
Horace G. Whyte
Charles Goslee
Mrs. Phillip David

Charles N. Preston
Bertie L. Damron
Olice Brawner
Earl J. Connelley
Chapmon Fletcher
W. A. Moore

Washington Field Division, Room 2266,
Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BRKKID

Dear Sir:

A review of the file of the Washington Field Division reflects that on August 8, 1937, your office notified all Field Divisions to maintain flash notices against 1935 Ford V-8 two door sedan, motor #2044537, and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ 322772, serial #2619857, for the purpose of locating the whereabouts of J. M. Lett or Milton Lett. Please advise this office as to the further maintenance of the above flash notices.

It is also requested that you advise whether you desire a continuation of the stop notice placed against 1936 Buick four door sedan, motor #63052198.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 24, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto the following described photographs:

No. 1 - Front view of Alvin Karpis.
No. 2 - Front view of Alvin Karpis, K.S.P. #1539.
No. 3 - Profile view of Alvin Karpis, K.S.P. #1539.
No. 4 - Front view of Harry Campbell in shirtsleeves.
No. 5 - Profile view of Harry Campbell in shirtsleeves.
No. 6 - Front view of Harry Campbell in sweater.
No. 7 - Profile view of Harry Campbell in sweater.
No. 8 - Front view of Fred Hunter dressed in shirt and tie.
No. 9 - Front view of Fred Hunter, #156.
No. 10 - Profile view of Fred Hunter, #156.
No. 11 - Front view of Milton Lett wearing hat.
No. 12 - Front view of Milton Lett, Akron, Ohio, #26337.
No. 13 - Profile view of Milton Lett.
No. 14 - Front view of Sam Coker, # 14023.
No. 15 - Profile view of Sam Coker, # 1403.
No. 16 - Front view of George Keady.
No. 17 - Profile view of George Keady, # 28714.

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No. 18 - Front view of Connie Morris.
No. 19 - Stand up view of Connie Morris.
No. 20 - Stand up view of black Great Dane dog.

For use in the trial of this case which probably will be had in the near future, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau make at least three enlarged copies of each of the photographs enumerated above. If at all possible, it is suggested that these enlargements be made uniform to the size of eight by ten inches, and also that no writing or identifying marks be placed thereon, on either the front or back, as they probably will all be introduced as evidence in the coming trial.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 8, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1938, enclosing twenty photographs with the request that at least three enlarged copies of each be made and furnished to your office for use in the coming trial.

The photographs which you desired, together with those forwarded with your letter, are being furnished herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

Copies of photographs already
in Bureau files.

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March 11, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Maurice Goldblatt,
Maurice L. Rothschild -
Victims; Extortion.
Identification in
Anonymous Letter File.

On March 3, 1938 there were received in the Laboratory from the Chicago field division two anonymous typewritten letters addressed to the victims in this case, each of which demanded that the victim place one hundred thousand dollars under the Humbold Monument in Chicago, failing which the victim would be assassinated "like the other Jew Sawyer". These letters were signed "The Terrible Deutscher-Volksbund". The letter to Mr. Goldblatt was in fact a carbon copy of the letter to Mr. Rothschild.

This case was handled in the Laboratory by Mr. Blackburn who, recalling some letters received in the Laboratory about a year ago in which the same modus operandi was used, compared the typewriting in these two extortion letters with the typewriting on file in the anonymous letter file and as a result identified the typewriter used to write the letter to Mr. Goldblatt and Mr. Rothschild as the same typewriter which was used to write anonymous letters in connection with the cases entitled, Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company - Victim; Extortion, Unknown Subjects; Michael L. Igoe - Victim; Extortion Unknown Subjects; Z. C. Herb Company - Victim; Extortion, Unknown Subjects; John Romanskiewicz - Victim; Extortion, Unknown Subjects; Joseph Zienba - Victim; Extortion and also with a letter addressed to Mr. E. S. Kosta, National Security Bank, Chicago, Illinois which was submitted in connection with the Brekid case.

This information was immediately wired to the Chicago office which has been office of origin in all of the cases submitted above or has submitted all of the specimens which have been identified.

Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
MAURICE GOLDBLATT - VICTIM;
MAURICE L. ROTHSCHILD - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. Coffey dated March 11, 1938, advising that anonymous typewritten letters received by Maurice Goldblatt and Maurice L. Rothschild had been identified as having been written on the same typewriter used to write the anonymous letters in connection with the cases entitled as follows:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
LOCAL LOAN COMPANY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
MICHAEL L. IGOE - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
S. S. HERB COMPANY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JOHN ROMASZKIEWICZ - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JOSEPH ZIEMBA - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

The Bureau is now in receipt of a communication from Chief Inspector K. P. Aldrich of the Post Office Department, with which there was transmitted a threatening typewritten communication dated at Chicago, February 22, 1938, received through the mails by Reverend Alex Skrypko, of Chicago, Illinois.

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It is requested that the typewritten letter and envelope in question, which are attached hereto and which letter is signed "The Terrible Deutscher-Volksbund," be compared with the typewritten communications in the cases referred to above.

In the event of an identification, it is requested that the letter and envelope be processed for latent fingerprints and that photostatic copies thereof be transmitted to the Chicago office, along with the report concerning the comparison.

The original communication addressed to Reverend Alex Skrypko should be retained in the Laboratory files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 24, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

One Wilma Ridi, now living at 1703 27th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, personally called at the office on March 19, 1938, advising me that she had written to the Director concerning the reward in the Karpis case; that she claimed she was entitled to the reward and that she hadn't received an answer to her letter concerning this matter.

She stated that while living in Lansing, Michigan, she was visited by an agent immediately after the capture of Karpis and that since that time she has been traveling about the country and has had no address at which she could be reached. She stated that the agent who came to her house at that time in Lansing, Michigan, was "beaten up". I asked her whether she definitely knew that the person who visited her was an agent of this Bureau. She said that he was an agent of the Bureau, but she couldn't remember his name, nor would she furnish any additional information concerning this incident. She was asked whether she had a forwarding address where she could be reached by phone or contacted in Cleveland and stated the place where she presently lives is such that the "lady of the house doesn't like to have visitors on personal business". It was apparent from her conversation that Miss Ridi is a prostitute.

She is described as follows from personal observation:

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Sec. Cleve.

Name - WILMA RIDI
Age - about 48 yrs.
Height - 5' 5"
Weight - 180 lbs.
Hair - brown
Build - very rotund
Eyes - greenish
Complexion - fair

She also threatened the writer with bodily harm if nothing further was done on this matter.

No action will be taken in the premises.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen,
Special Agent in Charge.

AR:h

April 4, 1938

DEB:LL

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RECORDED 7-576-14927

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1938, relative to Wilma Ridi, 1703 27th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, who personally called at the Cleveland office on March 19, 1938, concerning information which she had supplied with reference to Alvin Karpis.

For the information of your office, please be advised that Mrs. Ridi wrote a letter to the Bureau in March, 1936, giving her address as 907 Max Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, or Post Office Box 392, and requesting that she be interviewed by an Agent in connection with Alvin Karpis. Mrs. Ridi was interviewed by a Special Agent, who reported it was quite obvious that she was unbalanced to some extent. Her information was reported in a rambling, incoherent manner and she appeared to be an avid reader of detective story magazines, the reading of which appeared to be the cause of her delusions.

These data are supplied for your information in the event Mrs. Ridi again contacts your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edger Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 23, 1938

All Field Offices
Continental United States

Re: Brekid

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the circular letter emanating from this office dated December 12, 1935, requesting all field offices to place an appropriate stop order with the respective state bureaus of motor vehicles against 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ 322772, which car was purchased by Milton Lett for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell et al for their use in perpetrating the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935.

Inasmuch as the investigation in so far as Milton Lett is concerned has terminated, pursuant to Bureau instructions, it is requested that all offices which placed wanted notices pertaining to this particular car arrange to immediately withdraw same.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen

Al Rosen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box Number 1525
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

March 28, 1938

Mr. George F. Parrish
Registrar of Motor Vehicles
West Virginia State Road Commission
Charleston, West Virginia

Re: BREKID Edward G. Brenner

Dear Sir:

On December 17, 1936, you were requested by Special Agent W. H. Heywood of this office to place a flash card against a Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ322722. You are now requested to remove this flash notice inasmuch as the same is no longer necessary to our investigation.

I appreciate very much your action in placing the same.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTREINER
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

BREKID. INQUIRY AT PARIS, TEXAS, INCLUDING INTERVIEW OF VARIOUS RELATIVES GRACE GOLDSTEIN, UNPRODUCTIVE AS TO BOND TRANSACTION AT TAYLOR, TEXAS, IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. RELATIVES DENY ALL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING BONDS. MARGARET THOMPSON, NIECE OF GRACE GOLDSTEIN, ADVISES GOLDSTEIN WOMAN INDUCED HER TO LEAVE PARIS, TEXAS, ON OCTOBER SIXTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE, AND TRANSPORTED HER TO HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, WHERE SHE PERSUADED THOMPSON GIRL TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUION, SAME CONTINUING UNTIL DEC. TENTH, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE, WHEN MARAGARET THOMPSON RETURNED TO PARIS, TEXAS, WHERE SHE WAS MARRIED, PARENTS OF MARARET THOMPSON CORROBORATE HER AS TO HER TRANSPORTATION. INSPECTOR CONNELLEY SUGGESTS IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW OF GOLDSTEIN WOMAN ON ABOVE W-S-T A CASE BY AGENTS SULLIVAN AND MADALLA AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. UNLESS BUREAU INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE THESE AGENTS WILL LEAVE DALLAS AT TEN THIRTY TONIGHT VIA MISSOURI PACIFIC FOR LITTLE ROCK TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF GOLSTEIN WOMAN.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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601 Richmond Trust Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

March 28, 1938

Colonel Marion S. Battle,
Director,
Division of Motor Vehicles,
Richmond, Virginia.

Re: Brekid

Edward G Brewer

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 13, 1937, you were requested to place a stop notice on a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, Serial #2619857.

In view of the fact that investigation, which has been pending with reference to the above described automobile, has terminated, you are requested to withdraw the stop notice previously placed on same.

I desire to thank you for your cooperation with respect to this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

M. E. CURRIE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

BREKID. PROCEEDING LITTLE ROC XX ROCK ARKANSAS FIVE PM TOGETHER AGENTS J L MADALA AND D P SULLIVAN CONFER US ATTORNEY BREKID MATTER. LEAVE ON GREEN DIAMOND ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR FIVE PM SEATS ONE, THREE AND FIVE CAR NUMBER ONE. ARRIVE STLOUSXX STLOUIS NINE FIFTYFIVE PM LEAVE TEN FIFTY PM MISSOURI PACIFIC RR TRAIN SEVENTEEN PULL MAN BERTH NOT AVAILABLE NOW. ARRIVE LITTLE ROCK SEVEN FIFTYFIVE AM FRIDAY THE EIGHTEENTH.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

HDH:MGR
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March 30, 1938.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

By letter dated August 5, 1937, the Cincinnati office requested all field offices to make a re-check on registrations of two automobiles previously registered by Milton Lett. The Cleveland office, by letter dated March 23, 1938, advised all offices that stops should be removed with respect to one of these automobiles in view of Bureau instructions concerning Milton Lett.

Bureau letter dated January 4, 1938, directed that all leads looking to the whereabouts of Milton Lett should be held in abeyance.

The Cincinnati office is receiving requests from other offices as to whether the stops on these automobiles should be removed. In view of the discontinuance of investigation looking towards the apprehension of Milton Lett, the advice of the Bureau is requested as to whether the Cincinnati Office should, at this time, direct the removal of all stops placed concerning Milton Lett, or whether the stops on the automobiles previously in his possession should be renewed in view of 1938 registrations.

The only active investigation being conducted in this case at the present time is that in the territory of the Little Rock office, and it is my suggestion that all offices should be advised at this time to cancel all stops and wanted notices placed in connection with this case and it is further believed that the office of origin in this case should now be changed from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas. There is no investigation to be conducted in the territory of the Cincinnati Field Division and the supervision of the investigation yet remaining should properly come under the Little Rock Office. It is believed, however, that copies of all

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reports and communications in this case should continue to be directed to the Cincinnati office for the information and use of Inspector E. J. Connelley.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Chicago
Cleveland
Little Rock
Washington Field.

DEB:ps
7-57 -14933 April 18, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BUREID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 30, 1938, concerning the status of the instant case, particularly in connection with Milton Lett.

You are instructed that no stop notices on automobiles previously in the possession of Lett should be renewed, in view of 1938 registrations, and that those presently placed against his automobiles should be discontinued.

In so far as your request to have the office of origin changed to Little Rock, Arkansas, you will be advised in the near future, when additional advice concerning prosecution has been received from the Little Rock Field Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
Cleveland
Little Rock
Washington Field
Inspector Connelley.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

202 United States Court House,
El Paso, Texas.

March 28, 1938

Mr. Diego Salazar,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Bureau of Revenue,
Santa Fe, N.M.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir: Re: 1935 Plymouth Sedan

Mot8J: 322772

El Paso File 7-6

On 12-15-35 we requested you to place a stop order against the registration of the above described car. The car has now been located and the stop should be removed.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

R.H.Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska

March 29, 1938

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

RE: BRISKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of January 4, 1938, instructing that this office, among numerous offices, hold in abeyance leads running towards the apprehension of Milton Lett.

I have been considering this case closed in this office, since no other leads were outstanding except those looking towards the apprehension of Lett.

Unless you advise to the contrary, the closed status will be maintained.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
cc Cleveland
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722 Midland Savings Building
Denver, Colorado
Mar. 29, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Edward G Brenner

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1938, requesting that the stop notices on file with the various motor vehicle registration bureau for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #322772, be withdrawn.

Please advise this office if it is desired that the stop notices filed with these agencies against 1935 model Ford V-8 Two Door Sedan, Motor #2044337, should remain in effect.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge

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ONE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
March 30, 1938

JEC:MEN

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

Re: RESEARCH

Dear Sir:

This will advise that on March 29, 1938, I appeared on the program of Radio Station WMC in connection with the radio script entitled "Ma Barker."

Mr. Moreland, the announcer, was very complimentary concerning this broadcast and stated that it was by far the best script used to date.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, the script entitled The F. B. I. "Who's Who in Crime" will be used.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Clegg

J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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739 Insurance Exchange Building
Des Moines, Iowa
March 30, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1938, addressed to All Field Offices Continental United States, advising that the stop notices placed with various motor vehicle departments can be withdrawn as to 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ 322772; this is to advise that on this date the stop notice on said car was withdrawn with the Iowa Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

E. M. CHIPMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Louis, Missouri
March 30, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID Edward P Brewer

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of March 23, 1938, the stop order placed with the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois by this office on December 14, 1935 against the registration of a 1935 Plymouth Sedan motor #PJ-322772 has been withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

G. B. MORRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
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APR 1 1938
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

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March 30, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1938 addressed to all field offices in Continental United States, requesting the withdrawal of stop notices for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor number PJ-322772 because investigation so far as Milton Lett is concerned has terminated.

This office had on file with motor vehicle Bureaus in this district flash notices for the above automobile, and also for 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor number 2044337. In view of your letter, stop notices on both automobiles are being withdrawn, and this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

R. K. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati

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Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
April 2nd, 1938.

HAS:W

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to circular letter from you in the above entitled matter dated March 23rd, 1938, in which you advise that stop notice previously placed against the registration of a 1935 model Plymouth sedan, motor #322772, formerly owned by Milton Lett, may now be withdrawn in that the location of Lett was no longer desired by the Bureau. You are advised that on this date the Automobile and License Department, State Tax Commission, Montgomery, Alabama was advised of the above and requested to withdraw the stop notice on file there. At the same time stop notice was with-drawn against the 1935 Model Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor #2044537, which had also been placed as requested in circular letter from the Cincinnati Office dated August 5th, 1937, since it appeared that the stop notice as against this Ford Tudor Sedan was for the purpose of locating the whereabouts of Lett.

There being no further outstanding leads in the Birmingham Field Division file of this case, same is being considered Referred upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. BUGAS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Chicago
cc-Cincinnati

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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
April 1, 1938

John J. Nestor, Postmaster
Mojave, California

RE: BREKID
L. A. File No. 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference should be made to my letter dated December 2, 1937, and also to several visits had with you by agents from this office relative to Milton Lett being wanted by this division; this individual being related to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mize of Mojave.

This is to advise that my previous request for information relative to the whereabouts of Milton Lett may be disregarded and any flash or stop notices you have placed in your records regarding Lett may now be removed.

The splendid cooperation you have given this office in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. PARSON
Special Agent in Charge

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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
April 1, 1938

Don Brink
Deputy Sheriff
Mojave, California

RE: BREKID
L. A. File No. 7242

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 24, 1938, and to previous correspondence had with you and also to the personal interviews had with you by agents of this office regarding Wilton Lett, he being related to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mize of Mojave.

I wish to advise that all previous requests made of you to assist in looking for this individual may now be disregarded and any flash or stop notices you have placed in your records regarding Lett being wanted may also be removed.

I wish to thank you for the splendid cooperation you gave this office in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
April 1, 1938

Mr. Walter Lentz
Captain of Detectives
Long Beach Police Department
Long Beach, California

RE: BREKID
L. A. File No. 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference should be made to my letter dated December 2, 1937, referring to Milton Lett who was wanted by this Bureau for questioning in connection with a robbery here.

This is to advise that my previous requests to assist in locating this individual may be disregarded and any flash or stop notices you have placed in your files regarding Lett being wanted may be removed.

I wish to thank you for the splendid cooperation you gave this office in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HENSON
Special Agent in Charge

RMP:eh
cc Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
APR 5 1938
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
April 1, 1938

Howard K. Goodwin, Postmaster
Long Beach, California

RE: BREKID
L. A. File No. 7-42

Attention: F. B. Matteson,
Superintendent of Mails

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 2, 1937, at which time you were furnished information relative to Milton Lett being wanted by this office; this individual being a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Jordan residing at 127 E. Fourth Street, Long Beach, California.

This is to advise that this request may be dispensed with and any flash or stop notices you have placed regarding Milton Lett being wanted may now be removed.

I wish to thank you for the wonderful cooperation you gave this office in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

JHH:eh

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April 5, 1938.

Herbert S. Phillips, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Replying to your letter of March 15th and in view of your recommendation, authority is hereby granted to dismiss Indictment No. 4659-M pending against Cassius McDonald, charged with harboring and concealing a fugitive from justice. Please advise the Department as to the date on which this indictment is dismissed.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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April 6, 1938.

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Dear Sir:

Would be very grateful for any and all information pertaining to Benjamin Karpis who became notorious a short time ago. If information on this man is not available, information pertaining to Alvin Karpis and his criminal career would be very grate-

fully received.

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Sincerely

APR 6 1938

William E. Pritchard

934 College St.

Beloit,

Wisconsin

William F. Pr

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April 20, 1938.

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Mr. William E. Pritchard,
834 College Street,
Beloit, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Pritchard:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 5, 1938, in which you request information concerning Alvin Karpis and his criminal career.

In this connection, the information which you desire can be obtained from articles which appeared from time to time in the American Magazine. In the November, 1936, issue of that magazine, my article entitled "The Boy Who Wanted to go Fishing", dealt specifically with the activities of Alvin Karpis. Likewise, the article entitled "The Real Public Enemy #1", in the April, 1936, issue, and "Crimes Family Doctor", which appeared in the May, 1936, issue, dealt with Karpis' associates.

I trust that this will supply you with the facts which you desire.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
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cc-Milwaukee.

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Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas

April 8, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

In connection with the report of Special Agent F. A. Fletcher, dated at New Orleans, La. 4/5/37 which sets out an interview had with Mrs. Phillip David at 207 Adams Street, Monroe, Louisiana, it is probable that this woman will be a necessary witness before the United States Grand Jury that will convene at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938. It is suggested that you make the appropriate inquiries at Monroe, Louisiana to ascertain whether Mrs. David is still residing at the above address in that city, and that she be advised that she immediately notify your office in the event of a change of address.

The David woman should not be informed of the fact that it is contemplated that the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas will be presented to a Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas in the near future.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
Cincinnati

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
P, O. Box #1525
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 13, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

BREKID

Dear Sir:

This office recently furnished Chief of Detectives H. R. Showalter of the New Castle, Pennsylvania police department with photographs of FRED HUNTER. 54440

He states that from these photographs Hunter has been identified by three witnesses as the man who was with other robbers at the time the local police officer of New Castle was killed. He does not give the name, the time, or the place of the robbery.

He states he is very anxious to get a copy of Hunter's handwriting specimens and desires to know the penitentiary, and the name of the warden thereof, in which Hunter is presently incarcerated. He also desires the complete criminal record of Hunter.

It is requested that this office be furnished with two photostatic copies of the handwriting of Fred Hunter, and his criminal record, for transmission to Chief of Detectives Showalter. It is also requested that the Bureau advise the name of the penitentiary in which Hunter is now incarcerated and, if available, the name of the Warden thereof.

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Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTREINER
Special Agent in Charge

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April 20, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 13, 1938, captioned as above, wherein you requested to be furnished with copies of the handwriting of one Fred Hunter, together with his criminal record, and to be furnished with the name of the warden at the penitentiary to which Hunter is presently incarcerated.

It is assumed that the Fred Hunter referred to is the Fred Hunter who recently associated with Alvin Karpis, and who is at present confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California. In compliance with your request there are transmitted herewith copies of an abstract of the criminal record of this individual, currently on file in the Identification Division under #FBI-54440, together with specimens of the handwriting of this individual.

For your information the name of the Warden at Alcatraz Penitentiary is J. A. Johnston.

It is suggested that when this information is furnished by you to the New Castle Police Department the attention of that organization be invited to the period of time that this individual has constantly been in custody.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosures.

cc-Cincinnati.

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
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APR 21 1938
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Post Office Drawer V,
Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri,
April 14, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 8, 1938, requesting that the St. Louis address of Connie Morris be determined.

Please be advised Special Agent H. F. Small of this office contacted Patrolman William Fisher of the St. Louis Police Department, who is reliable and to whom Connie Morris is known on sight. Patrolman Fisher related Connie Morris is presently an inmate at John Connen's house of prostitution located at 3439 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and that he had seen her entering the house at the above address a few days ago.

In order not to jeopardize the White Slave Traffic Act investigation being conducted relative to John Connen by this office, Special Agent H. F. Small and Walter F. Oster, superintendent of the College Post Office Station, 5020 Lindell Avenue, St. Louis, on April 12, 1938, had a piece of circular advertising mail bearing a one and one-half cent cancelled stamp delivered by a mail carrier to the 3439 Lucas Avenue address, bearing the name of Miss Jean Baron, 3439 Lucas Avenue, City. This circular was delivered with other pieces of mail, and when the carrier presented it to the colored house maid and asked whether such an individual resided there, he was informed in the affirmative.

It is, therefore, believed Connie Morris can be located in St. Louis with little effort if and when her apprehension is desired.

Very truly yours,

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C. E. MORRIS, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent in Charge.
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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 13, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROBERT HUDSON et al
National Stolen Property Act.

During September 1936 a man giving the name of Robert Hudson called on Mr. W. C. Woffard, an attorney at Taylor, Texas and attempted to negotiate a loan on certain bonds amounting to $7000. It was later learned that these bonds were part of the loot taken by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell et al in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery November 7, 1935. Information has been received that Karpis had these bonds at Hot Springs, Arkansas during the early part of 1936 and that thereafter he took them to the home of Grace Goldstein's mother at Paris, Texas where he allegedly buried the same. The identity of the man ROBERT HUDSON, is not known as yet nor have any of the instant bonds shown up since the occasion mentioned above.

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The Bureau is at present conducting intensive investigation looking toward the location of these bonds, and is also seeking to establish the identity of Hudson and his connection with either Karpis or Grace Goldstein. Grace Goldstein has repeatedly been interviewed relative to the bonds in question but she has emphatically maintained that Alvin Karpis buried these securities shortly prior to his apprehension on May 1st at New Orleans. This of course is untrue as the bonds in question showed up at Taylor, Texas during September 1936 as previously stated.

Recently a confidential informant of the Memphis office advised Agents that she was in Hot Springs, Arkansas during the week of February 15, 1938 and that while on this visit she called on Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel. She indicated that the Goldstein woman told her at that time that a mob of about eight men was then hanging out in her house of prostitution and that these men were from St. Louis, Missouri and that the leader appeared to be a man to whom everyone referred as the "baron". It was recently determined that the "baron" is identical with John Sonnen, against whom the St. Louis office has a White Slave Traffic Act case under investigation. He is also the present consort of Connie Morris who was in the company of Alvin

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Karpis and Fred Hunter at the time of their arrest. The informant further advised that it was her information that John Sonnen recently returned from a trip to Alcatraz Island and that he and the other members of his gang received information that Alvin Karpis has a considerable sum of money or securities cached somewhere and that this money could not be recovered until 1938; that it appears that Sonnen and his friends are contemplating securing this money but for some reason the recovery of same is surrounded by considerable risk, and they are having difficulty in finding someone who is willing to take the chances in securing the money. The informant indicated that the real reason for desiring this money is to give it to one of Karpis' sisters who is alleged to contemplate opening up a night club with the money in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is believed that this sister is Clara Venute, who is presently residing at 7006 Talman Ave. Chicago, Illinois.

In a recent interview had with Grace Goldstein she narrated that about the middle of January 1938 the sister of Alvin Karpis, Clara Venute, came to Hot Springs with her two children; that Clara who had left her husband had no money when she moved to Hot Springs; that she (Grace Goldstein) obtained a house for the Venute woman at 212 Hudson Street in Hot Springs and furnished the house for her; that thereafter she supplied Mrs. Venute from time to time with money for living expenses. Grace Goldstein stated that it was quite a drain on her to support Mrs. Venute and her children as she was the sole means of income; that she believed that Alvin Karpis had "blown his top" inasmuch as he had suggested to Clara Venute that she come to Hot Springs with her children where Grace would get her a job and take care of her. She indicated that Karpis should have known that there was practically no chance to obtain any kind of employment in Hot Springs and she stated she had difficulty in getting Clara Venute out of Hot Springs, the latter finally leaving for Chicago on or about March 7, 1938.

Grace Goldstein further stated that while John Sonnen and his friend James Douglas Simmons were in Hot Springs, a daughter of Maxine, a prostitute at the Hatterie Hotel, was living with Clara Venute and this girl and Clare met Sonnen and Simmons through Maxine and frequently thereafter Clara and Maxine's daughter went out with these men. She stated that Clara went around with a number of men and on one occasion the Venute woman indicated she desired to remain in Hot Springs and practice prostitution, but Grace did not like the idea and was greatly relieved when she finally got Clara out of town. The foregoing information probably was greatly colored by the Goldstein woman as it is known that she did not have any qualms about transporting her own niece from Texas to Hot Springs in 1935

and thereafter inducing her to engage in prostitution. It would appear that Alvin Karpis, Clara Venute and the rest of the Karpaviez family feel that Grace Goldstein is undoubtedly indebted to them, otherwise there would be no reason for Karpis and the Venute woman to expect Grace Goldstein to obtain a job for Clara Venute and support her children in Hot Springs. This indebtedness of Grace Goldstein to Karpis and his family probably consists of the money and bonds from the Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery, left by Karpis with Grace Goldstein.

Recently Clara Venute was located at 7006 Talman Avenue, Chicago, and upon interview disclaimed any knowledge of bonds or money left with the Goldstein woman by Karpis. However she turned over to Agent M. J. Cassidy of this office a letter which she received from Alvin Karpis her brother on or about March 9, 1938, the same having been addressed to her in care of 212 Hudson Street, Hot Springs, Ark. The letter in part reads as follows:

"What are you talking about you don't want to impose on me or Grace etc. Lots call a spade a spade. did you tell her how much money you needed a week? did you tell her I asked for her to give it to you? here is the thing as brief as I can make it, if you did and Grace doesn't care to do it, let me know by Air Mail. also the amount you will need to get by on a mo. for an apt. living expenses etc. because if she isn't giving you the amount every week naturally, we will call it a day" "Now in regard to letting you know something definite about what I have in mind for you etc. the best I can do at this time is promise it wont be longer than Dec. of course I expect to have results by the next 30 days but you know how things go but I can promise no later than Dec. anyway I can let you know in my next letter whether or not you will have to wait until Dec."

It is apparent from this letter and from the remarks made by Grace Goldstein to the confidential informant that Alvin Karpis is of the opinion that the statute of limitations with regard to the matter of disposing of the stolen bonds from the Garrettsville train robbery will run out in December 1938.

From the above letter it would appear that Karpis intends to carry on his plans by correspondence inasmuch as it is believed that the subject matter of his letter to his sister Clara Venute probably pertains to the money and bonds which Karpis turned over to Grace Goldstein. It is my suggestion that your office immediately contact the Warden of the penitentiary at Alcatraz and arrange through him

if possible to provide the Bureau with copies of all of Alvin Karpis' outgoing and incoming correspondence for a period of possibly thirty or sixty days. It has been suggested to me that possibly the prison authorities at Alcatraz make and retain copies of all incoming and outgoing letters of inmates for their own files, and if such is the case it is desired that you examine this correspondence which may be on file and forward all pertinent data to this office as well as to Inspector E. J. Connelley at New York City, and the Little Rock and San Antonio offices, the latter office being the office of origin in this case.

Kindly give this matter your expeditious attention and advise at an early date the results of your contact with the Warden at Alcatraz Island relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

D.M.LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
CC Inspector Connelley, New York City
CC San Antonio
CC Little Rock

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501 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia
April 15, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Chicago Office under date of August 5, 1937 requesting that stop notices be maintained against

1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337

and

1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772, Serial #2619857.

Upon receipt of information appearing in letter from the Cleveland Office to all field offices dated March 23, 1938 that the location of the above described Plymouth was no longer desired, the stop notice which had been previously placed with the Georgia State License Bureau, Atlanta, against that car was withdrawn.

In view of the fact that both of the above described automobiles were associated with Milton Lett or J. M. Lett, and inasmuch as investigation concerning him has terminated, it is requested that you advise this office as to whether or not the stop notice placed with the Georgia State License Bureau against the above described Ford may now be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

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J. W. VINCENT
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau
cc-Cleveland

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

April 18, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Ga.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 15, 1938, inquiring as to whether stops should be removed on the Ford Sedan previously known to be in the possession of Milton Lett.

I wish to advise that this matter has been submitted to the Bureau and at the present time Bureau advice in this respect is awaited.

Very truly yours,

M. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREMER.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter of March 30, 1938 concerning the status of the instant case, particularly in connection with Milton Lett.

Reference is also made to Bureau letter of April 18, 1938 in this regard.

Please be advised that it is deemed inadvisable by reason of the fact that undoubtedly in the near future this case will be closed to authorize a change in the office of origin.

It has been observed that a number of the field offices has been in doubt as to whether or not stop notices placed against the 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, which were placed in order to assist in the location of Lett should be withdrawn. In view of the fact that no further investigative activity is to be undertaken toward the location of Milton Lett, stop notices against both this car and the 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772, Serial #2619857, should be withdrawn, and auxiliary field offices should be so notified.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
Cleveland
Little Rock
Washington Field
Inspector Connelley

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
April 16, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ROBERT HUDSON, ETAL
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT

Reference ismade to your letter of April 13, 1938, wherein it is suggested that arrangements be made at Alcatraz in order that we obtain incoming and outgoing letters of ALVIN KARPIS, AZ-325, so that we might be apprised of any developments in this case.

Please be advised that on April 1, 1938 we picked up several letters from an informant at Alcatraz, which were from Karpis to his sister, Mrs. C. Venute, 212 Hudson Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Copies of these were sent to Little Rock and to the Bureau as we felt, not being familiar with the investigation being conducted in Hot Springs relative to harboring cases, that they may have some significance in view of the fact that they were addressed to his sister at Hot Springs.

I have found in our files an additional photostatic copy of a letter dated February 20, 1938 which I am forwarding to you for your files with regard to this matter.

Not knowing here exactly what the set-up was, we immediately made arrangments, upon receipt of the first letters, to cover his mail and also thought has been given by us to having the mail gove over with ultra-violet light in order to determine whether or not there may be any secret writing on Karpis' original letters. It will be noted that Special Agent A. E. Farland personally provided the prison authorities with a personally-owned ultra-violet outfit for this purpose. It is doubtful whether any secret writing will appear on any of these letters due to the fact that the original letter is never sent, but a copy is made which is sent by the authorities.

It will be noted in the letter by Karpis to his sister, Mrs. A. E. Grooms, 1234 N. Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, dated April 8, 1938 - a photostatic copy of the original and a photostatic copy of the typewritten copy being forwarded herewith - that he mentions having lost his mail privileges, which is true since he was in the "hole", a knife having been found in his mattress.

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Please be advised that arrangements have been made whereby we will have immediate information on the receipt of any mail addressed to him and the forwarding of any mail by him, and copies will be made available to us immediately upon their receipt.

It will be noted that it is not the routine of the Alcatraz authorities to retain copies of all incoming letters but special arrangements have been effected through our connections there for us to get this special service from now on in the case of Karpis.

From discreet inquiries made from our confidential informants at Alcatraz we have learned that Karpis is sort of "softening up" but it is doubtful at this time whether we could interrogate him successfully, and if this is contemplated it will be necessary for us to know exactly what is wanted of him and time will be necessary in order that wecan put a "feeler" out through other inmates who are inclined to talk to us as to what Karpis' reactions may be.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Inspector Connelley, New York City (Enc.) AIRMAIL

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1232; et al.
Edward George Bremer, VICTIM.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Nolle prosequi entered in U.S. District Court, Miami, Fla. 4/8/38 re harboring indictment against CASSIUS McDONALD under Docket No. 4659.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Miami Office to Bureau dated 9/10/37.

DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Examination of the docket in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, reflected that the indictment charging CASSIUS McDONALD with the substantive offense of harboring and concealing ALVIN KARPIS, as carried under Docket No. 4659, was nol prossed on April 8, 1938, on order of Judge JOHN W. HOLLAND.

Further examination of the docket records in the Clerk's office reflected that the indictment carried under Docket No. 4609, which is an indictment charging conspiracy on the part of McDONALD and others to harbor ALVIN KARPIS, is still outstanding as to CASSIUS McDONALD.

Through MISS CATHERINE BRADY, Clerk in the office of the United States Attorney, it was ascertained that a letter was addressed to the Department on March 14, 1938, requesting authority to enter a nolle prosequi as to the

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. L. Shivers — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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indictment under Docket No. 4608, but that no answer had been received as yet.

Since the termination of the trial of JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENDRY "DUKE" RANDALL at Miami, Florida, in June, 1937, at which time they were acquitted, Assistant United States Attorney DAMON YERKES, of Jacksonville, Florida, has been contacted with respect to the filing of a libel against Browning Automatic Rifle which was found in the possession of ADAMS and which can only be described as Browning Automatic Rifle, labeled in the Court records as "Government Exhibit No. 33" under date of June 8, 1937, inasmuch as the serial numbers which originally appeared on this gun have been completely defaced; and during a recent contact by Special Agent R. A. ALT at Jacksonville, he advised that the preparation of the libel papers was in process and he expected to file them in the near future.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The MIAMI FIELD DIVISION, Will report the filing of the libel action against the Browning Automatic Rifle in question.

Will also report the entering of a nolle prosequi as to the indictment against CASSIUS McDONALD under Docket No. 4608, inasmuch as the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, has advised that such action is contemplated.

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2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
April 21, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREAKD

Dear Sir:

On April 21, 1938, informant Ola Martin advised Special Agent C. O. Pickard that she was in Hot Springs on Sunday, April 17, 1938, and visited at Grace Goldstein's place. While there, she noticed that Gertrude Theresa Nichols, alias Jackie, whose last known address was 321 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., is living with Grace.

She further advised that Grace at the time of her visit was in Dallas, Texas and telephonically communicated from that place insisting that Ola Martin remain in Hot Springs until April 18, 1938, on which date Grace Goldstein was due to return. However, Ola Martin did not remain in Hot Springs.

She further stated that Dick Callatas came to Grace's place while she was in Hot Springs and endeavored to get her into conversation, telling her that she should return to her husband. She avoided him.

The above information is furnished for whatever value it may have.

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Very truly yours,

7-576-14955

J. E. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL
cc-Bureau

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
April 20, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Judge Wood of the Parole Board with reference to the Bureau's memorandum of June 26, 1936, concerning Wynona Burdette, who was sentenced in March of 1935 to serve five years for harboring members of the Barker-Karpis Gang, in which memorandum the uncooperative attitude of the Delaney woman as compared with that of the Burdette woman was pointed out. I told Judge Wood that the Director merely wanted to bring to his attention the situation with reference to the Burdette girl; that the Director did not want to send through a formal memorandum on the subject, but that the Director would appreciate it if the Parole Board would give the case of the Burdette girl consideration from time to time in order that she would not receive exactly the same treatment as that afforded to the Delaney girl, because of the fact that the Burdette girl has always cooperated and testified against various members of the gang while the Delaney woman refused to do anything for the Government.

Judge Wood stated that they proceed with a great deal of caution in connection with these "gun molls" stating that they just don't give consideration to their applications for parole unless they become respectable. He said with reference to affording them extra consideration because of their turning state's evidence, they feel that this is a matter which should be considered by the Court; that if the Court wants to make any concessions with reference to the sentence in a case of that kind, it is for the Court to decide and the place for it to be done is in the Court. Judge Wood said that when any of these "gun molls" come before the Board they have to show enough character and development so as to justify the placing of confidence in them before they are considered, regardless of what they did or did not do for the Government. Judge Wood said "we just haven't paroled any of those gun molls, and I don't think we are going to do it".

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I told Judge Wood that the Bureau and the Director could very well appreciate and understand his attitude in this situation; that the Director, as indicated, did not want to do or say anything which would or could be construed as any interference or suggestion; that the Director just wanted to make sure that the case of the Burdette woman did receive consideration, and we know that this is being done by the Parole Board. Judge Wood said that we could be assured the case of this woman is receiving all of the consideration which they think she warrants, but that if the Director wanted to send through a formal memorandum on the subject, he would be glad to see that further and due consideration is given to the situation, but that as the record stands at this time, they are not going to parole any gun molls.

Respectfully,

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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April 21, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, S.D.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office dated August 5, 1937, requesting that stop notices be placed against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2,044,337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322,772, Serial #2,619,857.

I wish to advise that the Bureau has now instructed that all stops previously placed against these automobiles should be discontinued.

All offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicle are therefore requested to discontinue these stops at the present time, if they are still in effect.

Very truly yours,

H. D. Harris

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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All Field Offices.

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Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts

April 26, 1938.

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Registrar of Motor Vehicles,
100 Nashua Street,
Boston, Mass.

Re: BREKID Edward G Brewer

Dear Sir:

Some time ago a request was made to you to place stop notices in your file against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2,044,337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322,772, serial #2,619,857.

Please be advised that the above wanted notices may be withdrawn. I assure you that the cooperation which you have extended to this office in matters of this kind is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson
Special Agent in Charge

VWP:GB
cc Bureau
cc Cincinnati

(Note: Impossible to place stop notices by motor and serial number in Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire.)

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Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts

April 26, 1938.

Dept. of Revenue & Regulations,
Division of Motor Vehicles,
Providence, R. I.

Re: BREKID Edward G. Brenner

Dear Sirs

Some time ago a request was made to you to place stop notices in your file against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2,044,337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322,772, serial #2,619,857.

Please be advised that the above wanted notices may be withdrawn. I assure you that the cooperation which you have extended to this office in matters of this kind is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

202 United States Court House,
El Paso, Texas.
April 25, 1938

Mr. Diego Salazar,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Bureau of Revenue,
Santa Fe, N.M.

C A N C E L L A T I O N

Dear Sir:

Re: 1935 Ford Tudor Sedan

Motor: #2044337

El Paso File _____

On 8-9-37 we requested you to place a stop order against the registration of the above described car. The car has now been located and the stop should be removed.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

R.H.Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau
Cincinnati

Re: BREKID

(Note: Stop order against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772 cancelled 3-28-38)

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April 28, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Maurice Goldblatt,
Victim: MAURICE L. ROTHSCHILD,
Victim: EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 21, 1936, transmitting an original letter and accompanying envelope addressed "Mr. Jack Gordon, Goldblatts Dp. St. State & Van-Buren, Chicago, Ill." for examination in connection with the above-entitled case.

Please be advised that the material submitted has been examined for latent fingerprints and that three such impressions, of value for comparison purposes only, were developed on the letter. These latent prints have been compared with the latent impressions previously developed in the following listed cases without effecting an identification:

Unknown Subject; Michael Igoe, Victim: EXTORTION,
Bureau file #9-1466.

Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company, Chicago,
Illinois, Victim: EXTORTION, Bureau file #9-311.

UNKNOWN, Bureau file #7-576-10767--Envelope addressed "National Security Bank, Ogden & Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill." and postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, 41, April 14, 1936 1 P.M." and accompanying letter.

No latent fingerprints of value could be found on the envelope.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
April 28, 1938

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

Re: MRS. CASSIUS M. McDONALD

Dear Sir:

While at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on April 25, 1938, I was informed by Warden R. H. HUDSPETH that MRS. McDONALD, the wife of CASSIUS M. McDONALD, has not paid him a visit recently, but that on April 21st, 1938, an EDWARD M. KEATING, 621 West Washington Street, Chicago, who said he was an attorney for MRS. McDONALD, came to the Penitentiary and interviewed CASSIUS McDONALD. Warden HUDSPETH said he did not know the nature of the interview.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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BREKID. WITNESS DELLA MAE PARKER, ALIAS GINGER MORGAN
PROCEEDING LITTLE ROCK BY BUS FOUR PM SUNDAY AND WILL
CONTACT YOUR OFFICE ADVISING HER LITTLE ROCK ADDRESS
ON ARRIVING.

END J. E. CLEGG

Edward Brennen

cc Bureau

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

May 5, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BRENKID Edward A. Brenner

While at the Missouri State Penitentiary on other matters, Special Agent H. L. SCOTT of this office was contacted by FRED W. LEWIS, inmate 50415, who said that he formerly celled with inmate BEN AVERY of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and who is expected to be released about May 29, 1938, and that this individual had indicated to him that he had previous to entering the prison met a woman, name, or other identification, not known, who operated a five-acre chicken farm near Gallatin, Tennessee, and was supposed to have in her possession about $30,000.00 worth of the BREMER kidnap money. LEWIS said that AVERY had propositioned him relative to selling the money in Kansas City. It seems that the woman who operates the chicken farm and is supposed to have this money in her possession, got it from VOLNEY DAVIS, and that the woman corresponded with a sister of VOLNEY DAVIS, who lives near Neosho, Missouri.

LEWIS, continuing, said that AVERY told him this woman had spent about $1,000.00 of the money, and that he, AVERY, had put about $400.00 of it in circulation, but had apparently become frightened and now the idea is to dispose of it in one bale.

It seems that AVERY was sentenced from Rolla County, Missouri, for issuing fraudulent checks.

Warden J. M. SANDERS indicated to Special Agent Scott that FRED W. LEWIS, the informant, had formerly been an attorney and further indicated he would not place a great deal of credence in him.

This information is forwarded you for such attention as you may believe the same deserving of.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRADLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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May 25, 1938.

AIR MAIL

Mr. H. D. Harris
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Mr. Harris:

Reference is made to Kansas City, Missouri, letter dated May 3, 1938, containing information developed from Fred W. Lewis, inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary relative to the alleged possession of a portion of the ransom money in the instant case by a woman said to operate a chicken farm near Gallatin, Tennessee.

It is observed that no instructions, according to a review of the Bureau files, have as yet emanated from your office directing that Ben Avery, presently an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary from whom this information was originally supposed to have come, be interviewed and that the truth of these allegations be verified. Inasmuch as the Bureau believes that effort should be made to ascertain whether or not this matter has any foundation and fact, it is desired that the Kansas City Office, to which copies of this letter are being directed, immediately interview Ben Avery prior to his release from the Missouri State Penitentiary concerning the instant matter and thereafter that appropriate undeveloped leads be set out if there is any information to indicate that this woman may in fact be in possession of a portion of the ransom money in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
May 24, 1938

RE: BREKID

Mr. C. E. Hanlon,
Postmaster,
Caney, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20th, transmitting a tracing in connection with Ray Collins, our File 7-37.

I desire to thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter, and to assure you that it is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 2, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. John Shuttleworth, of True Detective Mysteries Magazine, called this afternoon and stated that Mr. Hirsch was going to do four articles, one on each of the following individuals: George W. Barrett, William Elmer Mead, Dr. John William Eisminger, and Edward Wilhiem Bentz.

He wanted to know if he could send Hirsch down to Washington for the purpose of getting more information. Copies of I.C.'s on Barrett, Mead and Eisminger have already been furnished to Hirsch. In the conversation with Hirsch I told him that I would send him a memorandum on Edward Bentz. He then pointed out that they would need a little more material than was contained in the I.C.'s. He wanted to know if he could read the newspaper clippings in our files but I suggested as an alternative that he make up a list of questions and if the material was readily available we would be glad to furnish it to him.

A letter has been prepared transmitting a copy of the I. C. write-up on Edward Bentz.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUNE 2, 1938

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MR. H. B. COUSINS
CURRENT HISTORY
63 PARK ROW
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM JUNE FIRST, PHOTOGRAPHS REQUESTED BEING FORWARDED WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO. SINCERELY,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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JJM:JEM June 3, 1938.

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Mr. N. B. Cousins
Current History
63 Park Row
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Cousins:

Reference is made to your telegram of June 1, 1938, and to my telegraphic reply thereto dated June 2, 1938, and in accordance with your request it is a pleasure to enclose the following listed photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker Gang for use in Current History:

Kate Barker	Arthur R. Barker
Fred Barker	Wynona Burdette
Harry Campbell	Sam Coker
Volney Davis	Dolores Delaney
Myrtle Eaton	Elmer Farmer
Charles Joseph Fitzgerald	Russell Gibson
Alvin Karpis	Cassius McDonald
Dr. Joseph P. Moran	J. George Zeigler
William Weaver	Harry Sandlovich

I am pleased also to enclose my photograph which you have requested, and I hope this material will prove of value to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure
AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
May 16, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BRKID

Dear Sir

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Aberdeen Office, dated April 21, 1938, and to letter from the Cleveland Office to all field offices, dated March 23, 1938.

Under date of May 16, 1938, the Office of the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, was requested to discontinue the stop notices placed against 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, Serial #2619857.

Very truly yours

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

For your information and such action as you deem appropriate there is enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter writeen to Cassius McDonald, an inmate of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, by his wife. The original of the letter has been retained in the files of the institution.

J. V. Bennett
Director.

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P.S. Your April 25 letter just receive. Will read it and answer later. Do not Except Keatings or any one else's compromise.

THE WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON D C

My motto is (Investigation or nothing to save the innocent from persecution such as we have suffered.

April 30, 1938

My dearest husband(Mac)

Please do not be worried if you do not receive a letter from me regularly as I am very busy and I do not wish to disclose my actions or the actions of others - regarding your matters.

I have only written about two letters, one about two weeks ago, from Washington, ahd other just before I left home this time.

Mac, do you remember that indident in the face in Cuba, about New Years Eve,35? When a Negro made insulting remarks to two white American women, whih you took exception too.

I do believe that had something to do with your after troubles Especially now, after finding that Publicist lives in Negro district right here in Washington.

I also learn he is of a dark complexion Black eyes and hair- and that most of this agents are southerners. Can you see the point?

I talked with numerous negroes in the district surrounding his home and find that most of them had lived in their homes since birth, so his excuse"that the negroes moved in an him", is false.

Two or three negro boys - about fifteen years old were very proud of the fact, they were taken by him to the Dept. of Justice office and had their pictures taken with him.

(P.S. perhaps that accounts for the determination to push through the anti-Lynching bill)

I understand his mother lived with him until about two months ago when she died.

He lives alone now except for a negro women who is supposed to take care of his house and dog.

He has a negro driving his car. Perhaps before I get through with my investigation I will find he is part negro. Who knows?

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That would be a joke on the Southerners working under him.

Well, dearest, I must close —

Devotely

Your wife,

Edith

Mrs. Cassius M. McDonald

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, May 18, 1938.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Nease
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Quinn
Miss Gandy

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Attorney in Charge of Pardons transmitting Bryan Bolton's application for commutation of sentence, for our advice and recommendation, as well as that of the Honorable Matthew Joyce, Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota who imposed sentence upon Bolton.

Bolton, as you will recall, testified for the United States in the William Hamm and in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping cases. The information he furnished the Bureau after his arrest and during the time he was held in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, pending trials of the Karpis-Barker gangsters was of incalculable value, and his testimony on behalf of the United States in the three cases actually tried was indispensable.

Judge Joyce, when he sentenced Bolton on August 25, 1936, to a three-year term of imprisonment, stated privately that he could not impose a lesser sentence without offending public opinion at that time, though he realized fully the inestimable value to the United States of the assistance rendered by Bolton, stating further that any greater leniency could be extended by the Attorney General through the avenues of commutation or parole should the Attorney General see fit to adopt such a course in the future. Our recollection is that at the time sentence was imposed on Bolton the Honorable Joseph B. Keenan, the Assistant to the Attorney General, was in personal touch with Judge Joyce concerning the matter.

From the standpoint of importance, the matter of this application seems to justify reference to you personally, inasmuch as you or Mr. Keenan or both of you may have some special interest therein; and accordingly I am taking the liberty of writing you respectfully

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J. Edgar Hoover,

asking that you favor me with whatever views you may care to express in the matter, in order that the correspondence this office has with the Pardon Attorney regarding this application may reflect properly and accurately the government's attitude in respect of the same.

We shall hold the application here in the office, pending your reply hereto.

Respectfully yours,

Victor E. Anderson

VICTOR E. ANDERSON,
United States Attorney.

Victor E. Anderson, U. S. Attorney,
St. Paul, Minn. requests Director's
recommendation re application for com-
mutation of sentence of Bryan Bolton,
who testified for the US in the Wm.
Hamm and Edward G. Bremer cases.

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Honorable Victor E. Anderson
United States Attorney
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 18, 1938, concerning application for commutation of sentence by William Bryan Bolton.

I wish to state in this connection that the Federal Bureau of Investigation feels that Bolton was of great assistance in the investigation and prosecution of both the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases and that it is entirely proper that he be given consideration for the information and assistance which he furnished. On July 21, 1936, in response to a request from the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice I expressed my views to this effect and received indication from the Department that a letter was to be written to the trial judge informing him of the assistance rendered by Bolton and indicating that we believed consideration should be shown Bolton for his action.

I trust that this will supply you with the information which you desire in handling the matter of Bolton's application for commutation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC-St. Paul

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. WILLIAM BOLT, Medical Director, New York Life Insurance Co., NYC, advised that subject MORAN filed application for insurance with the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn., in 1926 and 1934; Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, 1933; Continental Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois, in 1934, and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City, in 1927. Application filed with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. has been destroyed.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is the result of a contact made by the New York Office with Card Index Service Bureaus maintained throughout the New York district in connection with insurance claims, in order that arrangements could be made to place these Services on mailing lists to receive copies of identification orders and wanted circulars. The file in this matter is entitled: "Card Index Systems Used by Major Insurance Companies in New York", (New York File No. 62-6195), (Bureau File No. 62-122).

Among the companies contacted, was the New York Life Insurance Co. Dr. WILLIAM BOLT, Medical Director of the above named company, was interviewed by Special Agent M. J. Conroy, and at the time of the interview, Dr. Bolt requested that Agent Conroy contact him again on May 10, 1938.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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In accordance with Dr. BOLT's request, the writer interviewed Dr. Bolt on May 10 and 11, 1938, and was informed by Dr. BOLT that replies had been received to communications he addressed to insurance companies concerning subject MORAN, with the following results:

Subject MORAN filed application with the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn. in 1926 and 1934. The 1926 application has been destroyed. The application filed in 1934 is still available. Mr. L. MABROBOTHAM, Secretary of the Life Department of the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn. is the proper person to interview concerning this matter.

Subject MORAN filed application with the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company in 1933. Dr. SNOW, Director of the Medical Department, is the proper person to interview concerning same.

Subject MORAN filed application with the Continental Insurance Company, Chicago, Ill. in 1934. Subject gave his address at the time as 4 8 4 5 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. The application was declined.

Subject MORAN filed application with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York City, in October, 1927. Dr. CHARLES L. CHRISTIERNIN of the Medical Department is the proper person to contact concerning same.

The writer interviewed Dr. CHRISTIERNIN, and was referred to Mr. HARRY C. BATES, an attorney for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 23rd Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. Mr. BATES endeavored to locate application filed by subject Moran, and informed agent that same had been destroyed and the only information available was to the effect that subject had filed a tentative application which apparently had not been accepted.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: BOSTON OFFICE.

At Boston, Mass. will interview Dr. SNOW, Director of the Medical Department of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, and obtain all pertinent information from application filed by subject Moran with this company in 1933.

CHICAGO OFFICE.

At CHICAGO, Illinois, at the Continental Insurance Company, will ascertain all pertinent information from application filed by subject MORAN with this company in 1934. Subject at the time gave his address as 4 8 4 5 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. Application was declined.

NEW YORK OFFICE.

At HARTFORD, Connecticut, will interview Mr. L. M. ROBOTHAM, Secretary of the Life Department of the Travelers Insurance Company, and obtain all pertinent information from application filed by subject Moran with this company in 1934.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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May 19, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Brekid.

The Laboratory has in its Evidence Files certain exhibits in the above-entitled case which appear to be of no further value as evidence. These exhibits include:

Tacks, pieces of cloth and dirt taken from car used in above kidnaping

Bottle containing cleaning fluid used in cleaning seat of above car

Box containing matter from letter to Adolph Bremer and from inside of underwear

B-D Yale Syringe and two Yale Hypodermic needles found at 4419 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, September 12, 1934

Box containing morphine hydrochloride and lactose found at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, September 11, 1934.

These exhibits will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of unless instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau.

There is also in the Laboratory Evidence Files in this case various clips for Automatic Rifles, Machine Guns, and Automatic Pistols, including clips and drums found in the house wherein Ma and Fred Barker were killed. Advice is requested from the Bureau as to the disposition of these articles. It is suggested that the Chief Clerk's office may have use for these exhibits if no other disposition is desired.

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Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: REINAP
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Reference is made to your memoranda of May 19, 1938, in each of the instant cases, itemizing exhibits contained in the Laboratory Evidence File which appear to have no further value as evidence.

It is desired that these items having no further value as evidence be photographed and thereafter destroyed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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7-576 May 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREKID

(Reference is made to letter from the New York City Office dated May 21, 1938, in the case entitled Leora Beimel, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, Victims (Atlantic City, New Jersey Ring) White Slave Traffic Act - Harboring - Conspiracy.

In this regard interview is set out by Special Agent J. C. Ellsworth with Acting Chief of Police Captain Arthur Higbee, wherein Captain Higbee referred to the incident where Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and their two feminine companions, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Gurdette, were located in Atlantic City on January 20, 1935, and Campbell and Karpis made their escape. Higbee at that time indicated that the first information his department had received concerning this matter was in the form of a teletype message requesting that his department watch for a certain Florida license. He indicated that from the text of the teletype he gathered that the parties were wanted in an abortion case and he had no idea of the dangerous character of these persons. He further indicated that he had wired either Baltimore or Washington, requesting more information as to the identity of the individuals and had received a reply from either Baltimore or Washington: "Washington will notify you in a couple of days." In accordance with the instruction of Mr. Foxworth, the writer has reviewed the Bremer Kidnaping file in order to determine the exact facts of this matter.)

At about one o'clock A.M. on January 20, 1935, SAC J.H. Hanson at Miami, Florida, advised the Jacksonville Office that Karpis and Delaney had proceeded from Miami on January 16, in a Tudor Buick Sedan, 1935 Model bought at Miami during 1935, license tag D-5306, Motor Number 4949155, Serial Number 2783525. The information supplied by Mr. Hanson indicated that the Miami Police Department had notified other departments in that vicinity and had broadcast the description of the car in which the fugitives were traveling. SAC Alt indicated that immediately thereafter he called the Police Department at Jacksonville furnishing (him with) a description of the car and its occupants but furnished no names. He requested that a broadcast be made over the police chain radio which it was indicated would be done immediately. At approximately the same time, Mr. Alt called the Bureau furnishing instant facts. At

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2:50 A.M. telegrams in code went out to 21 of the Bureau's field offices located mostly in the eastern section of the United States to the following effect: "Notify by radio broadcast and teletype all law enforcement offices your district to be on watch for 1935 Tudor Buick Sedan Motor Number 4949155 Serial Number 2783525 last seen with Florida license number D-5306 bearing Alvin Karpis IO 1218 and Dolores Delaney Stop Karpis reported accompanied by Dolores Delaney who is in pregnant condition on verge of childbirth Stop notify all offices of dangerous character of Karpis To exercise all precautions in effecting their apprehension Stop car and occupants last seen in Florida several days ago."

The report of former Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, dated February 5, 1935, indicates that the Atlantic City Police Department received a broadcast teletype message which had originated in a radio cast from Jacksonville, Florida, and relayed through Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This message is stated to have been received at 2:30 A.M., January 20, 1935 and is as follows: "G.B. 454 dated 1-20-35 police information wanted by Jacksonville Florida police on a serious criminal charge white man five feet ten dark complexion dark hair dark eyes very slender build accompanied by woman who will become mother in few days driving 1935 Buick Sedan 1935 Florida license D-5306 Motor 4949155 he is armed with 45 calibre automatic and rifle reported to be dangerous use extreme caution in apprehension left Miami Wednesday January 16, 1935 headed north wanted by Jacksonville Florida police on a criminal charge contact above police for charges if apprehended radio West Harrisburg Pennsylvania 2:30 A.M."

A memorandum from Special Agent J. Heffler of the Philadelphia Office, dated January 20, 1935, indicated that the investigation conducted by the Atlantic City Police Department was based on the teletype sent by the Miami, Florida, Police Department. Mr. Heffler was reporting information which he received from former Special Agent Sharp, the author of the report last above mentioned.

In view of this conflicting information in the Bureau file it is not known definitely whether the first word received by the Atlantic City Police Department came from the Miami Police Department or from the Jacksonville Police Department. In any event, if the same was received from the Miami Department there is no indication in the file that the Bureau had any connection therewith and in the event the same was based on the message from the Jacksonville Police Department, appropriate advice was furnished of the dangerous character of the persons sought. The Atlantic City Police Department received this message at approximately 2:30 A.M. and about 3:30 A.M., the automobile in question had been located. Thereafter, according to the Bureau files, Karpis and Campbell were located

in the Danmour Hotel and the exchange of gunfire between them and Atlantic City Police officers occurred at about 6:30 A.M.

Copy of memorandum signed by SAC R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville, Florida, Office, dated January 20, 1935, indicates that at about 7 o'clock A.M. on January 20, 1935, Captain Cannon of the Jacksonville Police Department called him by telephone advising him that the Jacksonville Police Department was in receipt of the following telegram; dated at Atlantic City, New Jersey:

"Located Buick Sedan Florida 1935 tag D-5306 covering to apprehend occupants wire details and charges will advise when apprehended signed James McMenamin Chief of Police."

This memorandum states that Mr. Alt immediately contacted the Bureau furnishing the facts contained in this telegram. He was advised that the matter would be handled out of Washington. Thereafter the file reflects that at 7:30 A.M. the Bureau called the New York Office and instructed that an experienced Agent proceed immediately to Atlantic City with a group of Special Agents to handle the instant investigation. Instructions were also issued for the Philadelphia Office to have Agents proceed at once to Atlantic City. There (does not appear) in the file, (in so far as the writer has been able to find,) any mention of the telegram allegedly sent to the Atlantic City Police Department to the effect that additional information would be supplied to that department within a couple of days. It is to be observed, however, that if such a message was in fact sent to the Atlantic City Police Department it could not possibly have been sent from the Bureau or from any of the Bureau's offices for the reason that the first notification of the fact that the Atlantic City Police Department had wired to the Jacksonville Police Department stating that the car of Karpis and Campbell had been located and requesting additional information, did not come to the Bureau's attention until 7 o'clock A.M., approximately one-half hour after the exchange of shots had occurred and Karpis and Campbell had escaped.

In the letter of reference, Captain Higbee also complained concerning the Bureau taking possession of the Buick car abandoned by Karpis and Campbell when they fled from Atlantic City.

There was some difficulty had by Special Agents when they attempted to take possession of this car on January 23, 1935, as Chief of Police James A. McMenamin refused to turn it over. Previously on January 20, 1935, he had agreed to release it and had turned over all keys to the car, it being explained to him that the car was needed as possible evidence in this case. Thereafter the file indicates that a search warrant was issued at Trenton, New Jersey, on January 31, 1935, the United States Attorney indicating that this was the proper procedure to obtain the car. Special Agents proceeded to Atlantic City on February 1,

1935, with this warrant, but Chief McMenamin's attitude had changed in the interim and apparently as an act of cooperation, the car was voluntarily relinquished without ill-feeling. The Agents didn't use the search warrant and diplomatically didn't even mention it. Letter from the Philadelphia office, March 22, 1935, indicates that order was thereafter entered by Federal Judge George A. Welsh of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania ordering that the car remain in the possession of the FBI for its use. Upon examination by Agents, the motor number of this car was found to have been incorrectly listed in all broadcasts and messages previously. It is 42949155.

(Inasmuch as the above material is contained in some seven volumes of the file, for any possible future assistance the serials containing these data are listed as follows: 7-576-3851, 3858, 3894, 3910, 3914, 3965, 4006, 4047, 4120, 4182, 4275, 4296, 4657, 5051, 5164.

Respectfully,

D. E. BALCH.)

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June 9, 1938.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Mr. A. F. Kitchin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
936 Raymond-Commerce Building
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your Personal and Confidential letter of May 21, 1938, concerning the interview of Special Agent J. C. Ellsworth with Acting Chief of Police Captain Arthur Higbee of the Atlantic City Police Department on May 18, 1938.

Please be advised that in connection with the matters mentioned by Captain Higbee with reference to the escape of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Atlantic City on January 29, 1935, a review of the Bureau files has been made and the following is supplied for your information:

At about one o'clock A.M. on January 20, 1935, SAC J. M. Hanson at Miami, Florida, advised the Jacksonville Office that Karpis and Delaney had proceeded from Miami on January 16, in a Tudor Buick Sedan, 1935 Model bought at Miami during 1935, license tag D-5306, Motor Number 4949155, Serial Number 2783525. The information supplied by Mr. Hanson indicated that the Miami Police Department had notified other departments in that vicinity and had broadcast the description of the car in which the fugitives were traveling. SAC Alt indicated that immediately thereafter he called the Police Department at Jacksonville furnishing a description of the car and its occupants but furnishing no names. He requested that a broadcast be made over the police chain radio which it was indicated would be done immediately. At approximately the same time, Mr. Alt called the Bureau furnishing instant facts. At 2:50 A.M. telegrams in code went out to 21 of the Bureau's field offices located mostly in the eastern section of the United States to the following effect: "Notify by radio broadcast and teletype all law enforcement offices your district to be on watch for 1935 Tudor Buick Sedan Motor Number 4949155 Serial Number 2783525 last seen with Florida license number D-5306 bearing Alvin Karpis IO 1218 and Dolores Delaney Stop Karpis reported accompanied by Dolores Delaney who is in pregnant condition on verge of childbirth Stop notify all offices of dangerous

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character of Karpis To exercise all precautions in effecting their apprehension Stop car and occupants last seen in Florida several days ago."

The report of former Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, dated February 5, 1935, indicates that the Atlantic City Police Department received a broadcast teletype message which had originated in a radio cast from Jacksonville, Florida, and relayed through Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This message is stated to have been received at 2:30 A.M., January 20, 1935 and is as follows: "O.B. 414 dated 1-20-35 police information wanted by Jacksonville Florida police on a serious criminal charge white man five feet ten dark complexion dark hair dark eyes very slender build accompanied by woman who will become mother in few days driving 1935 Buick Sedan 1935 Florida license D-5305 Motor 4969155 he is armed with 45 calibre automatic and rifle reported to be dangerous use extreme caution in apprehension left Miami Wednesday January 16, 1935 headed north wanted by Jacksonville Florida police on a criminal charge contact above police for charges if apprehended radio test Harrisburg Pennsylvania 2:30 A.M."

A memorandum from Special Agent J. Keffler of the Philadelphia Office, dated January 20, 1935, indicated that the investigation conducted by the Atlantic City Police Department was based on the teletype sent by the Miami, Florida, Police Department. Mr. Keffler was reporting information which he received from former Special Agent Sharp, the author of the report last above mentioned.

In view of this conflicting information in the Bureau file it is not known definitely whether the first word received by the Atlantic City Police Department came from the Miami Police Department or from the Jacksonville Police Department. In any event, if the same was received from the Miami Department there is no indication in the file that the Bureau had any connection therewith and in the event the same was based on the message from the Jacksonville Police Department, appropriate advice was furnished of the dangerous character of the persons sought. The Atlantic City Police Department received this message at approximately 2:30 A.M. and about 5:30 A.M., the automobile in question had been located. Thereafter, according to the Bureau files, Karpis and Campbell were located in the Dunmoor Hotel and the exchange of gunfire between them and Atlantic City Police officers occurred at about 6:30 A.M.

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Mr. A. F. Kitchin
Newark, New Jersey

June 9, 1936.

Copy of memorandum signed by SAC N. A. Alt of the Jacksonville, Florida, Office, dated January 20, 1935, indicates that at about 7 o'clock A.M. on January 20, 1935, Captain Cannon of the Jacksonville Police Department called him by telephone advising him that the Jacksonville Police Department was in receipt of the following telegram dated at Atlantic City, New Jersey:

"Located Buick Sedan Florida 1935 tag D-5306 covering to apprehend occupants wire details and charges will advise when apprehended signed James McKenamin Chief of Police."

This memorandum states that Mr. Alt immediately contacted the Bureau furnishing the facts contained in this telegram. He was advised that the matter would be handled out of Washington. Thereafter the file reflects that at 7:30 A.M. the Bureau called the New York Office and instructed that an experienced Agent proceed immediately to Atlantic City with a group of Special Agents to handle the instant investigation. Instructions were also issued for the Philadelphia Office to have Agents proceed at once to Atlantic City. There has not been found in the file any mention of the telegram allegedly sent to the Atlantic City Police Department to the effect that additional information would be supplied to that department within a couple of days. It is to be observed, however, that if such a message was in fact sent to the Atlantic City Police Department it could not possibly have been sent from the Bureau or from any of the Bureau's offices for the reason that the first notification of the fact that the Atlantic City Police Department had wired to the Jacksonville Police Department stating that the car of Karpis and Campbell had been located and requesting additional information, did not come to the Bureau's attention until 9 o'clock A.M., approximately one-half hour after the exchange of shots had occurred and Karpis and Campbell had escaped.

In the letter of reference, Captain Higbee also complained concerning the Bureau taking possession of the Buick car abandoned by Karpis and Campbell when they fled from Atlantic City.

There was some difficulty had by Special Agents when they attempted to take possession of this car on January 29, 1935, as Chief of Police James A. McKenamin refused to turn it over. Previously on January 20, 1935, he had agreed to release it and had turned over all keys to the car, it being explained to him that the car was needed as possible evidence in this case. Thereafter the file indicates that a search warrant was issued at Trenton, New Jersey, on January 31, 1935,

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In connection with the complaint of Captain Higbee concerning the treatment of Officer Mortimer Hayes of the Atlantic City Police Department during the recent White Slave Traffic Act raids in that city, your attention is called to the copy of the memorandum of Special Agent J. D. Milenky of the New York Office relative thereto which has been forwarded to your office.

It is desired that at the very earliest possible time that you personally proceed to Atlantic City and there advise Chief of Police James C. McKenamin and Captain Arthur Higbee of the true facts of these matters of which they have complained as outlined in this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

401 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota

June 2, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest, please be advised that MR. JACK BARRY, manager of the LOWRY HOTEL, St. Paul, Minnesota, informed me on May 31, 1938, that MRS. CASSIUS MC DONALD was registered at the HOTEL LOWRY under the name of MRS. E. GORDEN, 714 Oakdale Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He stated that she was attempting to obtain information from employees of the LOWRY to the effect that the attorney for CASSIUS MC DONALD at the time of his trial was habitually intoxicated and that she had remarked that she expected to place this information before a Congressional Judiciary Committee in an effort to obtain a new trial. MR. BARRY said she talked somewhat "screwy" and that apparently she did not now have an attorney assisting her. MR. BARRY said that, as a matter of fact, the attorney for MC DONALD was extremely intoxicated all the time he stayed at the LOWRY during the trial in question.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. HENDON
Special Agent in Charge

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810 South Spring Street Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California

June 2, 1938.

Mr. W. F. Miller
District Supervisor, U. S. Immigration
and Naturalization Service
704 Pacific Electric Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1938, written from Brawley, California concerning RUSS OLIVER, employed as a bellboy in the Planters Hotel at Brawley, California, who you state furnished information indicating that he had been contacted in Climax, Colorado, in 1937 by an individual known as "Curly", whom he has subsequently identified as being identical with WILLIAM J. HARRISON, whose picture he saw in an issue of STARTLING DETECTIVE Magazine.

As your letter indicates, WILLIAM J. HARRISON who was sought by this Bureau in connection with a kidnapping case, is deceased, his body having been found some time ago in the middle west. It is also noted from your letter that OLIVER indicated he had been informed of the fact that WILLIAM J. HARRISON was deceased by our office in Denver, Colorado which office he had contacted at sometime in the past.

Your cooperation in forwarding the information furnished to you by OLIVER is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau

FILE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 8, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

I appeared on station KOMA at Oklahoma City from 8:30 to 8:45 P.M. on June 1, 1938 in an interview with Mr. PAUL AURANDT in the subject "Science Stops the Criminal," which is "C" in the current broadcast series.

Mr. AURANDT desired to have the next interview, on June 8th, cover the story of ALVIN KARPIS, which is "F" in the series, instead of "D," which is "The FBI's 'Who's Who' in Crime," and "E," which is captioned "The Law Enforcement Officer Goes to School," as he believed the subjects covered in "D" and "E" would fit in better at a later date after some of the stories concerning individuals had been covered.

The broadcast on June 8, 1938, therefore, will cover ALVIN KARPIS.

E. P. GUILFOYLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CASSIUS MCDONALD

SAC Guinane called from Kansas City and advised he had just received information from Assistant U. S. Attorney Gordon Sloan at Topeka, Kansas, that Mrs. Edith Gordon McDonald filed an amended petition for writ of habeas corpus at Topeka today. In the amended petition Mrs. McDonald makes some new charges, namely, charges Agents John Hanson and R. D. Brown with perjury; charges one Adams, Agent R. D. Brown, SAC McKee, John Hanson with subordination of perjury, and charges you with alteration of the transcript of testimony with reference to the ransom money. Mr. Guinane stated that the habeas corpus matter is being handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Homer Davis.

Mr. Guinane has learned through the Probation Officer at Kansas City, Kansas, that Mrs. McDonald is going to be in court tomorrow morning at ten o'clock and request the Judge to set her down for an immediate hearing.

Davis has not read the petition and does not know that Mrs. McDonald is going to be in court in the morning but he is going to be at Kansas City, Kansas tomorrow. Davis is going to read the petition tonight, however, and an Agent will get the petition from him tomorrow so that copies may be made at the Kansas City office and forwarded to the Bureau. Mr. Pennington, who talked with Mr. Guinane, told Mr. Guinane to try to get the petition tonight. He said he would try to do this.

Mr. Guinane advised that it appears that Mrs. McDonald filed an original writ on October 20, 1938, which writ merely charged technicalities in connection with the trial in that McDonald didn't have proper counsel, and no charges whatsoever were made regarding Agents.

Mr. Davis has taken depositions from Ed Sullivan at St. Paul, the person who handled the case, and from several other witnesses but that these new matters will not be permitted as far as the hearing is concerned.

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Mr. Guinane was informed that he would be notified if any further action is desired.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 18, 1939

RE: CASSIUS M. McDONALD, Petitioner
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT
OF HABEAS CORPUS

Honorable S. S. Alexander
United States Attorney
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir: ATTENTION: Mr. Homer Davis

Attached hereto is the copy of the first amendment to petitioner's application for a writ of habeas corpus filed by Cassius McDonald in the U. S. District Court for the District of Kansas on February 15, 1939, which you kindly loaned me on the occasion of your visit to this office on February 18, 1939.

I desire to thank you for your courtesy in loaning me this document.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CASSIUS M. MCDONALD, PETITIONER, VERSUS ROBERT H. HUDSPETH, RESPONDENT. FOLLOWING FILED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF KANSAS, FIRST DIVISION. FIRST AMENDMENT TO PETITIONERS APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS ADDRESSED TO HONORABLE RICHARD J. HOPKINS, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE. PETITIONER PLEADS THAT HIS INDICTMENT, TRIAL AND CONVICTION WAS ILLEGAL AND UNLAWFUL FOR FOLLOWING FACTS TO WIT QUOTE E. THE PERJURY WAS COMMITTED WHEN HANSON, MCKEE BROWN, BOLTON AND CUBANS IN THE ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS UPON THEIR LAWFUL OATH GAVE FALSE TESTIMONY MATERIAL TO THE ISSUE OR POINTS IN QUESTION. F. THE SUBORNATION OF PERJURY WAS THE OFFENSE OF PROCURING WITNESSES TO TAKE SUCH FALSE OATHS, AS BOLTON, HANSON, ADAMS, BROWN AND MCKEE. G. THE FORGERY OFFENSE WAS THE FALSE AND FRAUDULENT MAKING OR THE ALTERING OF THE TESTIMONY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF COURT RECORD, AS THE CHANGING OF THE TESTIMONY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF COURT RECORD, [redacted] AS THE CHANGING OF THE TESTIMONY QUOTE THE DESTRUCTION OF ALLEGED MONEY WAS ORDERED BY JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNQUOTE TO READ QUOTE BY ORDER OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD IF GENUINE APPARENTLY IMPOSE A LEGAL LIABILITY UPON ANOTHER OR CHANGE HIS LEGAL LIABILITY TO HIS PREJUDICE. H. THAT ON [redacted] ACCOUNT OF THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION OF ONE EVERETT JENNINGS

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AN ATTORNEY AT LAW OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHICH [redacted] HAS BEEN PURPORTED AND CLAIMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED YOUR PETITIONER, WHEN IN TRUTH AND IN FACT YOUR PETITIONER HAD NO COUNSEL OR ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL IN HIS TRIAL IN WHICH HE WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL. THAT YOUR PETITIONER WAS NOT ALLOWED OR PERMITTED IN HIS TRIAL TO TAKE THE STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF AND HE WAS NOT PERMITTED OR ALLOWED TO INTRODUCE HIS WITNESSES, EVIDENCE OR TESTIMONY, ESTABLISHING BEYOND A DOUBT HIS INNOCENCE. UNQUOTE..... NUMEROUS OTHER ALLEGATIONS WERE INCLUDED IN PETITION WHICH ARE RATHER INCOHERENT. THIS AMENDED PETITION FILED TODAY AT TOPEKA KANSAS. MRS. CASSIUS MCDONALD IS TO APPEAR BEFORE FEDERAL JUDGE HOPKINS COURT IN KANSAS CITY KANSAS AT TEN AM TOMORROW TO ASK FOR AN IMMEDIATE HEARING. ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HOMER DAVIS IS HANDLING THE MATTER FOR GOVERNMENT AND WILL REQUEST CONTINUANCE OF HEARING. COPIES OF PETITION BEING MAILED AMASD TO BUREAU TOMORROW. AGENT WILL ATTEND HEARING TOMORROW.

GUINANE

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Cleveland, Ohio

February 16, 1939

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

RE: TOLEDO (OHIO) POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent M. J. Lynch has informed me that in connection with the GEORGE TIMINEY hearing which is being presented before the Safety Director at Toledo, Ohio, GEORGE TIMINEY recently took the stand and portrayed himself as a great gang buster. He based his reputation on the fact that he cleared Toledo of the LICAVOLI gang, which was a gang of local hoodlums which existed in Toledo about five or six years ago.

On cross examination TIMINEY denied that he knew HARRY CAMPBELL or WILLIE HARRISON. He stated that Chief of Police ALLEN had played cards with JOE ROSCOE at Peelee Island. He further stated that he could not recall the incident at the Algeo Hotel when he was supposed to have sent two officers to take HARRISON into custody for the purpose of playing a joke on him.

It will be recalled that according to the Brelsford file, two officers went to the Algeo Hotel at the direction of TIMINEY to take HARRISON into custody and bring him to the Casino Club on the outskirts of Toledo. HARRISON, realising he was in custody, was somewhat worried, but upon his arrival at the Casino Club he was advised that it was all a joke.

Agent Lynch has informed that TIMINEY made allegations from the witness stand that Chief ALLEN was attempting to get him out of the Department due to the fact that he was of the Catholic faith.

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Detective MERLE HUNKLE, in conversation with Agent Lynch, volunteered the information that Chief ALLEN was greatly

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concerned over the condition existing in the Toledo Police Department, and that he had made the statement to his personnel that he was going to clean up the Department or quit. He advised that Chief ALLEN had indicated that after the TIMINEY case he was going to bring charges against two or three other officers providing the TIMINEY hearing resulted in TIMINEY's dismissal.

He also made the statement to numerous detectives in the Toledo Police Department that it was no wonder that representatives of the Federal Bureau refused to work with members of his Department, but that he, Chief ALLEN, was going to make his Department of such a calibre that representatives of the federal government would be proud to cooperate with him.

On February 10, 1939, Agent Lynch had an opportunity to confer with Chief ALLEN in connection with other business. Chief ALLEN informed that TIMINEY had supposedly given money to EDITH MARKS, who operates the bar room at the Lorain Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. EDITH MARKS is the wife of a Toledo gangster who had been shot to death, and there was a rumor that TIMINEY was in some way involved in the death of EDITH MARKS' husband. Further, that TIMINEY had later sued EDITH MARKS in Monroe, Michigan, demanding the return of $3,000, but that this suit was brought under the name of GEORGE P. TIMINEY.

Inasmuch as TIMINEY apparently had a rather illustrious legal staff representing him in this hearing, the question has occurred to many in Toledo as to where TIMINEY was getting his money to finance his defense. Agent Lynch has stated that the rumor in Toledo is to the effect that this money is being put up by EDWARD J. MARSHALL, who is an individual who owns rather extensive real estate holdings in Toledo. A great many of his holdings house gambling and numbers establishments, and therefore MARSHALL is in favor of a loose administration. The attorneys representing TIMINEY are HACKETT, MORTIMER and LYNCH, all rather prominent criminal attorneys.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau in order that the Bureau might be advised as to the developments in this case.

DIRECTOR - 7 - February 16, 1939

With reference to the TIMINEY hearing, I wish to inform that it appears it will not be terminated for about another two weeks.

Very truly yours,

AL ROSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

WSD:JR

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

LRP:MEC
6:22 p.m.

February 17, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Cassius McDonald

In compliance with your instructions, I telephoned SAC Guinane at Kansas City, and requested that he submit a teletype summarization of the pertinent parts of Mrs. Cassius McDonald's charges.

Mr. Guinane stated he had just talked to Agent Treadwell at Topeka, Kansas, and instructed him to secure a copy of the petition.

Respectfully,

L. R. Pennington.

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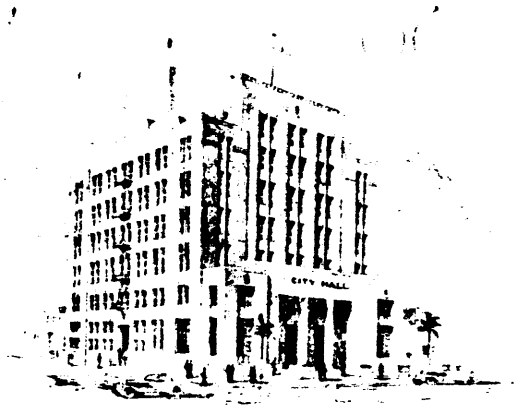

J. H. McCLELLAND
CHIEF OF POLICE

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Date February 21st, 1939.

To J.E.Hoover,Director
U.S.Dept.of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your bulletin #1236 of August 12th,1935 regarding Harry Campbell wanted for kidnapping. Will you please advise if this subject has been apprehended in order that we may clear our files?

J. H. McCLELLAND
Chief of Police

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PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO CHIEF OF POLICE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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RPK:TD March 1, 1939

Mr. J. M. McClelland
Chief of Police
Long Beach, California

My dear Chief:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 21, 1939, inquiring whether Harry Campbell, subject of Identification Order #1236 issued by this Bureau, is presently wanted.

Please be advised that Campbell has been apprehended and is presently in custody. The Identification Order previously issued with reference to this subject has, therefore, been canceled.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Los Angeles

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Crowl	
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739 Insurance Exchange Building
Des Moines, Iowa
February 28,1939

Miss C. Louise Clausen
300 North 5th Street
Clear Lake, Iowa

RE: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases. NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Miss Clausen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, 1938, in which you advise that Mr. H. H. Remore is presently confined in the Minnesota State Reformatory for Men at St. Cloud, Minnesota, after having been sentenced on a charge of second degree grand larceny.

I have reviewed your communications in this case and note that the swindle you referred to occurred in April, 1934. The law with reference to interstate transportation of stolen property was not passed until May 22, 1934, and, of course, would not apply in this case. In view of the fact that more than three years time has elapsed since the offense, there does not appear to be any action the Federal Bureau of Investigation can take at this time with specific reference to the offense. However, I am advising the surrounding offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the exact whereabouts of Remore, in case it becomes necessary to question him in connection with his past activities.

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Very truly yours,

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R. C. COULTER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Little Rock, Arkansas

March 3, 1939

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 31, 1939 (7-576).

Please be advised that on February 11, 1939, Special Agent (A) L. A. QUINDRY conferred with Assistant United States Attorney LEON B. CATLETT relative to the dress mentioned in reference letter. On this occasion Mr. CATLETT advised that although the apparent owner is GRACE GOLDSTEIN he did not think it advisable to make an effort to return it to her for the reason that she is presently confined in Federal custody and by the time she is released the styles will have changed to such an extent that the dress will be of no value to her even should she claim the dress, hence, Mr. CATLETT did not deem it desirable to conduct investigation to determine the owner of the dress and suggested that it be destroyed.

Accordingly, the dress has been disposed of by the Little Rock Division Office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - United States Attorney, Little Rock.

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Kansas City, Missouri
March 6, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith, for the information of the Bureau, an article which appeared in the Topeka Daily Capitol of February 25, 1939, relating to the writ of habeas corpus filed by Mrs. CASSIUS McDONALD.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: EDITH GORDON McDONALD
(Mrs. Cassius McDonald)

Mrs. Edith Gordon McDonald is the wife of Cassius McDonald who was convicted at St. Paul, Minnesota under an indictment charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Brener and who on February 1, 1936 was sentenced to serve a term of fifteen years in a Federal prison. This case was appealed and on March 6, 1937 a Circuit Court affirmed the conviction. The case was carried to the Supreme Court on a writ certiorari and this writ was denied on March 8, 1937.

In connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDSEL FORD - Victim, EXTORTION, the possibility was considered that letters received by the victim might have been dispatched by Cassius McDonald, particularly in view of the fact that Mr. Ford did not receive any additional letters after McDonald's arrest. Accordingly, a Special Agent of the Detroit office called at the summer home of Mrs. McDonald, located near Watersmeet, Michigan on August 12, 1937, and at that time interviewed her in an attempt to determine whether she had a typewriter upon which said extortion notes were written. She appeared very much incensed to think that anyone should approach her concerning a typewriter and stated that Bureau Agents had "railroaded" her husband and otherwise displayed a completely uncooperative attitude. Numerous uncomplimentary and bitter remarks concerning the Bureau's personnel were made. The Bureau Agent FIraly defended the FBI against Mrs. McDonald's remarks but at no time was discourteous in any manner whatever, making no demands for typewriter specimens nor threatening her in any way. Toward the end of this particular interview Mrs. McDonald assumed a more friendly attitude and volunteered the information that she did have an old typewriter in the attic of her home located at 15800 Lakeview Court, at Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, and that she would allow Bureau Agents to secure specimens of that machine providing her attorney first gave his approval. Pursuant to this statement on December 9, 1937, a Special Agent called at Mrs. McDonald's Grosse Pointe home for the purpose of securing specimens of the typewriter in the attic of this residence. A middle-aged woman,

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probably Mrs. McDonald, appeared at the door, stating that Mrs. McDonald was out of town. He inquired as to the time of her return and was questioned as to his identity and the nature of his business. Upon properly advising the woman of his identity and stating that Mrs. McDonald had advised there was a typewriter in the attic from which he was interested in obtaining specimens, the woman then became excited and almost hysterical, shouting: "There is no typewriter in the attic. You weren't told there was a typewriter in the attic. You were told it was Mrs. McDonald imagination." Thereupon the woman slammed the door in the Special Agent's face and as the Agent proceeded to his car a vicious barking dog came rushing toward him from the back of the house.

Shortly before this Agent arrived back at the Detroit office a call was received from Mrs. McDonald. She started a tirade against the Director and Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time she was interrupted and told that if she had any complaint to make she should come to the Detroit field office. She continued that her husband had been "framed" into the penitentiary and that she was going to see to it that she was not "framed" into prison as her husband had been. It being apparent that no intelligent discussion of the matter could be had over the telephone, she was advised if she had a complaint to make she should come to the office and when she continued her abuses the receiver was hung up. She immediately rang back stating that the Bureau was attempting to build up "one of its well-known scientific frame-ups on her and that all of the personnel of the Bureau were crooks." As it was again impossible to talk to her over the telephone the receiver was hung up.

On December 14, 1937 Mr. O'Leary, Secretary to Federal Judge Edward J. Moinet, Detroit, Michigan, telephoned the Detroit office, advising that Mrs. McDonald had called to see Judge Moinet but that she was not granted an interview. Mr. O'Leary stated that he had conversed with Mrs. McDonald and concluded that she is mentally unbalanced.

On December 15, 1937 Mrs. McDonald telephoned the Detroit office stating that she desired to make an appointment for 11:00 A. M. on December 17, 1937. Upon inquiry as to whether she wished to appear at the Detroit office, she stated in substance: "No, I wish to have you come out to my home in regard to the typewriter. I

understand that it will be better for me to cooperate and I have arranged to have my witnesses present." Upon being asked as to what she meant by having witnesses present, she stated: "Newspaper reporters and others." She was thereupon advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit office that there was no desire whatever to cooperate with her in view of the recent treatment which she had accorded to an Agent of that office and that no Agent would be present at her home.

On December 17, 1937, she called back and was again advised that no representative of the FBI would be sent to her house because of her previously manifested attitude.

Information obtained from Mr. John Carlisle, Detroit News, indicated that on January 14, 1938, Mrs. McDonald had called upon him complaining to him that her husband had been "railroaded" to the penitentiary by the Bureau and that in an effort to cause a Senate investigation she had wired the President and other officials of the nation. Mr. Carlisle expressed his belief that the woman was mentally unbalanced. He further advised on January 31, 1938, that she had been calling him on the telephone on an average of three times a week and was then trying to persuade him to write a story concerning the Bureau's activities in the Ross kidnaping case. Her statement to him was to the effect that victim Ross had been killed because the case had been mishandled by the Bureau. He reiterated that the woman appeared to be mentally deranged.

A memorandum from the Department dated February 2, 1938, enclosed correspondence indicating that Mrs. McDonald had corresponded with Warden Robert H. Hudspeth of Leavenworth Penitentiary with reference to her husband having been "framed" and as to unfair tactics having been used in his conviction. This apparently was not answered. On the same date she forwarded a letter to Mr. Bennett, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, enclosing a copy of the letter to the Warden at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

On December 20, 1937, she wrote a letter to the Director enclosing a copy of a letter of the same date to the Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit office, suggesting the Bureau's attention should be devoted to "legitimately solving the numerous past and present unsolved cases" in the file instead of "attempting to scientifically build up impregnable cases against innocent persons." Her letter was a further harangue about the

illegal and harassing acts of the FBI concerning her husband and herself. Her letter of the same date to the Special Agent in Charge at Detroit was of the same nature, ridiculing the Bureau and complaining because a representative had not been present at her house on December 17, 1937.

On January 17, 1938, she addressed another letter to the Director along the same lines, demanding an answer and going on at length as to the investigation in the Ross kidnaping case. Her complaint in connection with this case is generally to the effect that after ransom has been paid some victims have been murdered and she places the blame on the FBI therefor.

On January 18, 1938, she addressed a letter to the Attorney General enclosing a copy of the letter forwarded to the Director the day before, indicating a request for an investigation of the actions of the Director and certain Agents.

On January 29, 1938, she forwarded a letter to the White House enclosing copies of the letters previously forwarded to the Director and the Attorney General. This letter again was of a vicious critical nature and again dealt with the alleged "framing" of her husband.

On February 2, 1938, a memorandum was received from the Department requesting advice as to the allegations made by Mrs. McDonald, and calling attention to unanswered memorandum from the Department relative thereto dated September 30, 1937.

Under date of February 11, 1938, a memorandum was prepared for Mr. Keenan advising that the Bureau files failed to reflect receipt of the memorandum of September 30, 1937, describing the actions of Mrs. McDonald and informing that correspondence from Mrs. McDonald was being filed unanswered.

On February 22, 1938, Mrs. McDonald addressed a letter to Mr. Isaac Sway, Senior Warden's Assistant, Leavenworth Penitentiary, manifesting a desire to assist her husband, and in the letter making a number of derogatory remarks concerning officials of the Department. She continues with the statement "I am now making an extensive study of his (the Director's) life history and his ancestry. To date I find he has no social position and as long as you are so interested in helping to adjust persons socially, why don't you assist him?"

Information was received by Special Agent A. E. Larson of the Detroit Office in connection with an official investigation on May 6, 1938, from Leslie M. Anderson, former bookkeeper of the Special Loans Department of the First National Bank, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Anderson in his official capacity had occasion to deal with Mrs. McDonald who he related would time and again berate the Bureau. Mrs. McDonald would come to his desk and continue such tactics for as long as an hour at a time although no one in any way encouraged her conversation. She contended that on one occasion representatives of this Department had even entered and searched her house without her permission. Among other things she related she had attempted to obtain a loan and had been turned down because the party from whom the loan was solicited had been contacted by Bureau representatives. Mr. Anderson expressed the opinion that she was slightly mentally deranged.

According to a letter which Mrs. McDonald addressed to her husband on April 12, 1938, she arrived in Washington, D. C. on that date. Her letter indicates her time was spent in working on her husband's case and thereafter attempting to investigate the background of the Director. She attempts in her letter to her husband to cast inferences of an unwarranted type concerning the location of the Director's home, stating that she took photographs of negroes living in the rear of the home and of colored individuals passing by in front. Likewise she casts aspersions at the Director's social position.

On April 13, 1938, Mrs. McDonald called at the office of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg from Michigan and stated she had endeavored to obtain justice from all other sources and was coming to Senator Vandenberg's office as a last resort. She continued that if she could not find justice there she would take justice into her own hands by shooting a few people. It was the opinion of Arthur H. Vandenberg, Jr., son of the Senator, that the woman was obviously mentally unbalanced. She called at the Senator's office again on April 14, 1938, and advised she had located the Director's home and continued with making a number of general threats. Previously on April 12, 1938, the children in the neighborhood of the Director's home had been contacted by a strange woman described as being "rather painted up looking" who was inquiring in the neighborhood of Seward Square for the Director and indicated she was from Chicago and had some papers she wanted to give the Director. It was learned that this woman was driving a dark Packard sedan bearing Michigan 1938 license 30677. Subsequent investigation resulted in the determination that these license plates were issued to E. C. McDonald, 500 Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. The car was determined to be

a 1934 Packard sedan, motor No. 377912. This same woman was seen in the neighborhood of the Director's home again on April 13, 1938.

Subsequently Mrs. McDonald continued her activities in Washington registering at the Willard Hotel on April 25, 1938. A letter from her to her husband dated April 30, 1938, was written on stationery of the Willard Hotel. In this letter she continued to make a number of unwarranted and vitriolic remarks concerning the Director, the location of his home, and the personnel of the Bureau.

On May 9, 1938, information was received that she was again seen in the neighborhood of the Director's home, circling the block and not parking the car. A man was seen in the car with her wearing a Panama hat, whose identity was unknown. During the same day Mrs. McDonald stopped her car immediately in front of the Director's home, then circled the block. At this time she was again accompanied by a man. During the evening of May 9, 1938, Mrs. McDonald was again seen to drive slowly past the Director's home in the same black Packard automobile bearing Michigan license 30677. This time she was alone in the automobile. On May 10, 1938, Mrs. McDonald checked out of the Willard Hotel, leaving the City of Washington.

With further regard to Mrs. McDonald's activities, information was developed on May 31, 1938, through Mr. Jack Berry, Manager of the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul, that she was attempting to obtain information from the employees of his hotel to the effect that the attorney for Cassius McDonald at the time of his trial, was habitually intoxicated. She had remarked she expected to place this information before a Congressional Judiciary Committee in an effort to obtain a new trial. Mr. Berry said she talked somewhat "screwy" and that apparently she did not now have an attorney assisting her. Information was further received from the St. Paul Office on June 6, 1938, the same having been received from George Heisey, Assistant United States Attorney. Mrs. McDonald called at the office of the United States Attorney and manifested a very bitter attitude against both Mr. Heisey and former United States Attorney George Sullivan, United States District Judge at St. Paul. She stated according to Mr. Heisey, that he and Sullivan had suborned perjury and she was going to place all of the facts before a Congressional Investigating Committee, and that if possible she would have them both out of their jobs and in jail. Mr. Heisey said he was not worried concerning the matter.

Under date of July 2, 1938, Mrs. McDonald wrote to her husband and in a three-page typewritten communication commented in detail concerning newspaper articles, relating to the articles written by former Special Agent Leon G. Turrou and his attack on the Director. In this communication, which continued in the same vitriolic manner as the formerly mentioned letters, she referred to the Director as a publicist. In this letter she directed her attack against the Attorney General as well as the Bureau.

On November 11, 1938, Mrs. McDonald telephoned Mr. Alan B. Crowe, President of the Economic Club, Detroit, Michigan, before which group the Director was scheduled to speak. She asked details concerning the Director's prospective arrival in Detroit and the time and place of the luncheon meeting, and also asked to be allowed to speak at the luncheon, stating that she wanted to vindicate a man. When Mr. Crowe realized who she was, he refused to talk to her further and ignored her request. At the time the Director was in Detroit in connection with this speech, he was advised by a number of newspapermen that they viewed Mrs. McDonald as a mental case.

In connection with the conviction of Cassius McDonald for conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer, a writ of habeas corpus was filed in his behalf in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas on October 20, 1938. The principal allegations of this petition pertain to alleged lack of jurisdiction and procedural defects in the pleadings, and further allege that Cassius McDonald was deprived of counsel.

An amended petition to the above habeas corpus writ was filed on February 15, 1939, which, in addition to making further allegations of the same general nature as contained in the original petition, made, in substance, the following charges:

(1) That perjury was committed in the original proceedings by Special Agents Hanson, McKee and Brown, and by Bolton and Cubans who were witnesses in the case. (The Special Agents named are apparently meant to be John H. Hanson, S. K. McKee and Ralph D. Brown, and the Bolton mentioned is apparently Byron Bolton.)

(2) That subornation of perjury was committed by Hanson, Brown and McKee, and by Bolton and Adams. (The individuals accused of subornation of perjury are apparently identical with those accused of perjury, and the Adams referred to is possibly Joe Adams, Manager of the El Commodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.) The substance of this allegation is to the effect that witnesses were procured by the persons named to take false oaths.

(3) That the Director of the FBI committed forgery through alteration of the transcript of the court record, the allegation being to the effect that an alteration of the testimony concerning ransom in this case was made from "the destruction of alleged money was ordered by John Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice" to read "by order of the Treasury Department of the United States."

(4) "That the Government admits that the petitioner, McDonald, was in no way connected with the offense, and the Government and the United States Attorney and his able Assistant maliciously incorporated petitioner's name as one of the persons in the main offense.

These allegations are, of course, unfounded and untrue and apparently represent the further workings of Mrs. McDonald.

She appeared in Federal Court at Kansas City on February 18, 1939, without counsel, and requested that a date be set for the hearing on the amended petition. No hearing has, as yet, been held on the same, according to the information which has been received in the Bureau.

It has further been learned that Mrs. McDonald was recently in Washington and registered at the Willard Hotel on January 13, 1939. This time she registered from Watersmeet, Michigan, instead of from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, as before.

With further respect to Mrs. McDonald, the files indicate that following the conviction of her husband she became active in his behalf and made complaints against various Bureau Agents who had participated in the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case. The various charges made by Mrs. McDonald were investigated and it was ascertained there was no foundation for these allegations. These allegations dated back to April, 1937, when she communicated with Departmental officials and with the White House. The file in this case further indicates information was developed to the effect that about December 14, 1935, Mrs. McDonald, using her maiden name, Edith Gordon, had been in Cuba and she secured the services of a Cuban attorney who contacted all of the Government witnesses in Cuba, attempting to buy them off and when this failed after a fashion threatened certain of the witnesses. Attempts were also made to dissuade them from proceeding to St. Paul. Likewise information was developed while Cassius McDonald was in custody at Miami that he had appeared to attempt to coach her as to possible testimony in his behalf, particularly concerning his activities on or about December 29, 1934, thus evidencing her close association with her husband and her desire to assist him in escaping justice.

All of the information available in the Bureau's files concerning Mrs. McDonald was, on January 14, 1939, furnished by the Director to Mr. Edward G. Kemp, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Detroit - Michigan
March 14, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD

Dear Sir:

On March 13, 1939, the writer was visited in his office by Mr. JOHN M. CARLISLE, Staff Correspondent of The Detroit News, who is acquainted with you and who is a very close friend of this office and the Bureau. Mr. CARLISLE advised that he had just been subpoenaed to give testimony in the taking of a deposition, apparently on either an appeal or a writ of habeas corpus in the case involving the conviction of CASSIUS McDONALD. The hearing at which Mr. CARLISLE gave testimony, was held at the office of one EDWARD BARNARD, an attorney at Detroit, Michigan. Mr. CARLISLE stated that he had received a telephonic request on Saturday, March 11, 1939, from Mrs. CASSIUS McDONALD to attend the hearing at which time he emphatically refused and was subsequently served with the above-mentioned subpoena.

The hearing was set for 1:30 p.m. and after it was over Mr. CARLISLE telephoned me and advised that Mrs. McDONALD was present at the hearing and she was obviously attempting to gather evidence to the effect that her husband had not been adequately represented by counsel at the trial inasmuch as the testimony she endeavored to elicit from him tended to bear upon the intoxicated condition of CASSIUS McDONALD's attorney at the time of the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Mr. CARLISLE advised me that he testified to the fact that he had seen McDONALD's attorney imbibing of liquors quite freely after trial hours in the bar of the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul but that he could not testify as to whether McDONALD's attorney was actually drunk during the trial of the case or not. Mr. CARLISLE further advised that at the close of his testimony, in which the Government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney JOHN W. BABCOCK, he responded to one question put to him by Mrs. McDONALD, herself, to the effect that in his (CARLISLE's) opinion, CASSIUS McDONALD would have been found guilty "if he had been represented by the Supreme Court of the United States, itself."

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Letter from the Detroit Office
to the Bureau

March 14, 1939

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Kansas City Office as well as to the St. Paul Office for their information inasmuch as this office is not aware of what action is being taken in an attempt to free CASSIUS McDONALD.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

JSB:AM

cc-St. Paul
cc-Kansas City

AIR MAIL

March 16, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 18, 1939, with which there was transmitted a copy of the amended petition filed in behalf of Cassius M. McDonald for a writ of habeas corpus.

It is noted from reference letter that the date for hearing this petition had not then been set, but it was indicated same likely would be heard before March 13, 1939.

It is desired that you immediately advise the Bureau as to the status of this matter and as to any developments which have transpired since the date of reference letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

AIR MAIL

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD, Petitioner;
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 16, 1939, (7-576) in the above-entitled case.

You are advised that Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, who is handling this case for the United States Attorney's Office telephonically advised today that up to date the Court has not set a date for the hearing on this petition.

Mr. DAVIS stated that Mrs. CASSIUS McDONALD has during the past month been in Detroit, Chicago, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, obtaining depositions in support of her petition, and that some of these depositions have been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court at Topeka, Kansas. Mr. DAVIS stated he has examined a number of these depositions, and he has noted nothing appearing therein to date, which reflects upon the integrity of anyone in the Bureau. He said that the principal point that Mrs. McDONALD seems to be trying to develop in these depositions is the fact that CASSIUS McDONALD's attorney, during the course of the trial of the BREKID Case, was constantly under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Mr. DAVIS was of the opinion that the facts developed so far did not warrant the Court in granting a writ of habeas corpus to the petitioner. In this connection, Mr. DAVIS also pointed out that Attorney JOHN WILLIAMS of Topeka, Kansas, who was supposed to

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represent Mrs. McDONALD in this case, has withdrawn therefrom, and up to date he has not been advised of the name of his successor. Mr. DAVIS stated that the Government is ready to proceed with the hearing on this petition, and as soon as a hearing date is set, this Field Division will be notified.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
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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March 25, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD, Petitioner;
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

The Kansas City office has advised that, to date, hearing has not been held on the habeas corpus petition filed in behalf of Cassius McDonald. Further advice has been received that the court has not as yet set a date for the hearing on this petition.

It appears from information which has come to the Kansas City office that Mrs. Cassius McDonald has, during the past month, been in Detroit, Chicago, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, obtaining depositions in support of her petition. A number of them have been examined and nothing has appeared in them, to date, reflecting upon the integrity of anyone connected with the Bureau. Apparently the point being stressed by Mrs. McDonald is the fact that Cassius McDonald's attorney, during the course of the trial in the Bremer case, was constantly under the influence of intoxicating liquors. It has further been noted that Mrs. McDonald's attorney, John Williams, of Topeka, Kansas, has now withdrawn, and what lawyer will represent her and Cassius McDonald in this matter is not presently known.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: FURDRESS

In connection with the investigation looking to the location of LOUIS BUCHALTER, Gladys Sawyer, the wife of Harry Sawyer, who as you will recall was involved in the Edward George Bremer kidnaping case, was recently interviewed in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Sawyer stated that in August, 1936, when she was living in Omaha, Nebraska, she was summoned as a witness by a committee investigating the St. Paul Police Department. She said that she had to go to the Paxton Hotel in Omaha and was questioned for about two hours about TOM BROWN, the former Chief of Detectives of St. Paul. She said that Tom Brown and her husband, Harry Sawyer, were very close back in the old days, and used to see each other or call one another on the telephone practically every day. She said that whenever any hoodlum came into St. Paul, he would look up Harry and he in turn would fix it with Tom Brown so he wouldn't be picked up. She said she remembered when CLARENCE DUVALL and BILL WEAVER were picked up and released on $500 bond when they were hot on a serious charge in some other city. She said that Harry also told her that Tom Brown was to get a cut on the money in the Bremer kidnaping although she did not know whether he did or not. Mrs. Sawyer stated that the day before she was called to testify at the Paxton Hotel, CHARLIE HUTTER, a cabaret owner in Omaha, came to her and told her to get out of town. She said that she told Hutter she had been served with a subpoena and refused to go. She said that she and Harry had stayed at Charlie Hutter's house for several days when they left St. Paul after the Bremer kidnaping and were en route South where they were later picked up.

Respectfully,

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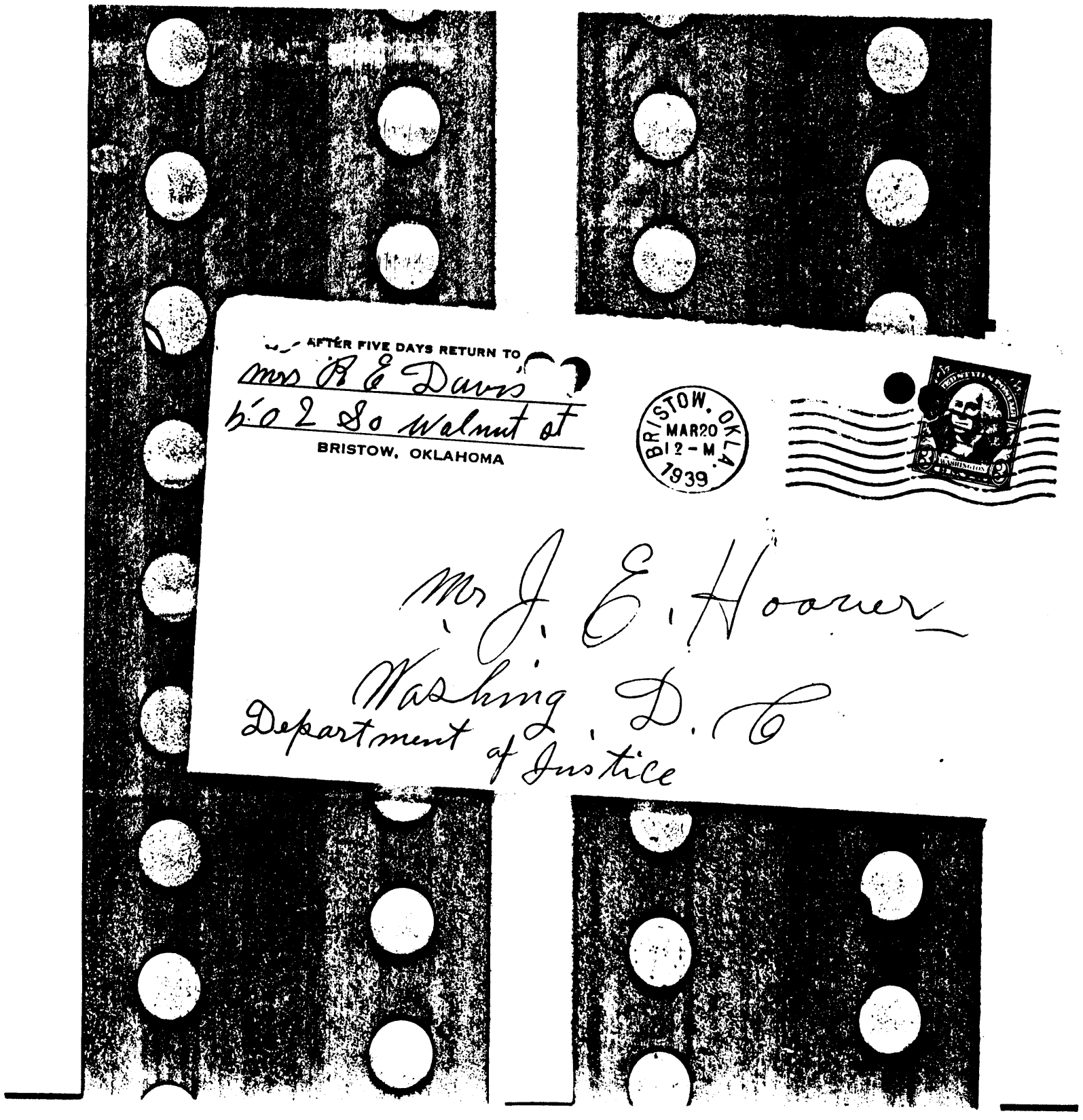
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Dear Mr. Hoover

I am writing to you at my sons V@lney Davis request he said to tell you that he knew you could have him transferd back to Leavensworth Prison if you would so we his Pariants could see him as whear he is we are to old to make the trip if we was abel but we are not abel financly he has ben in 4 years the 4 of June I beleave and has ben to Alcatraz 4 years the 26 of October he said to tell you he would never give you no cause to reget if you would as we are getting old and he is are only son we would sure love to see him befor we pass from this life we love him and it is nothing more than natural to love the one that has straid away will you pleas help him if it lays in your power to do so he was young when he got in bad co and thay got thair influence over him he and if you can help him to be transferd back to levensworth Kansas I will apreashate your goodness to ward us his Father and Mother Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis, Valneys Parints his father will be 75 this September and I his Mother will be 65 in December.

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502 South Walnut Street
Bristow, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated March 20, 1939, requesting my assistance in connection with the return of your son, Volney Davis, to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

I regret to inform you that the transfer of Federal prisoners is not a matter within the jurisdiction of this Bureau. Inasmuch as this is a matter exclusively within the jurisdiction of Mr. James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., I have taken the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to Mr. Bennett.

In view of the above facts, I know you will understand my inability to be of assistance to you in connection with your request for the return of your son to the Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City (Enc copy incoming letter)

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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March 28, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

I am transmitting herewith, for such attention as you may deem appropriate, a copy of a letter received by this Bureau under date of March 20, 1939, from Mrs. R. E. Davis, 502 South Walnut Street, Bristow, Oklahoma, requesting assistance in connection with the return of her son, Volney Davis, to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Kansas City, Missouri
March 31, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CASSIUS McDONALD, Petitioner
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Reference is made to letter of this field division to the Bureau dated March 21, 1939, in this case.

You are advised that Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, this day advised that another amended petition for a writ of habeas corpus has been filed in the United States District Court at Topeka, Kansas, in behalf of the above petitioner. This amended petition is in fact a supplemental petition to the supplemental petition filed on behalf of the petitioner in the above court on or about February 15, 1939. Copy of this February 15, 1939, petition was furnished the Bureau by this field division under cover letter dated February 18, 1939.

There is attached hereto a copy of the supplemental petition to the amended petition for the information of the Bureau. An examination of this document showed that it was dated March 1, 1939, and that it in substance charges that Assistant Attorney General BRIAN McMAHON and Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM W. BARRON falsely changed the true testimony as appeared in the original transcript of the trial record, for the purpose of deceiving the Judges of the Court of Appeals who reviewed the proceedings before the trial court.

Mr. DAVIS has advised that this matter is still pending in the Federal District Court at Topeka, Kansas, and that he will advise this office of the developments. We are closely following this matter here and the Bureau will be advised of the progress of the above proceedings.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
In The United States District Court
For The District of Kansas
FIRST DIVISION

PETITION TO AMEND WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Cassius McDonald, Petitioner,)
vs)
Robert H. Hudspeth, Respondent) H.C. 525

To The Honorable Richard J. Hopkins, Judge

Comes now your petitioner, Cassius McDonald, and respectfully moves this Court for leave to file a supplement amendment to his petition for Habeas Corpus #525 filed herein.

To amend petition by incorporating the following: By changing the word "Marshal" to read "Bailiff" on page #8, paragraph #1 of said writ; that the word "Marshal" was incorporated through error as evidenced by depositions taken at St. Paul, wherein the petitioner erroneously referred to "Bailiff" as "Marshal."

To amend petition by incorporating the following: That the petitioner further alleges that his illegal imprisonment was caused by the false changing of the true testimony, as recorded in the original transcript of record, to deceive and mislead the Judges of the 8th U.S.C.C.A., #10587, which deception is apparent as evidenced by the U. S. Attorney's brief.

The petitioner shows that in the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, in a brief submitted by the U. S. Attorney for the Government as alleged, and introduced in evidence, (see page #471 original transcript of record) did then and there so change the record to influence the Circuit Court of Appeals and

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the Supreme Court of the United States, which caused the said Courts to fall into error in assuming the record showed the alleged moneys were called in and destroyed under orders of the "Treasury Department of the U.S.", which caused the said Court of Appeals to place an entirely different and erroneous construction, prejudicial to the petitioner, in the rendering of the decision. See page #4 of a typed opinion in U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, #10587, November term, 1936, Cassius McDonald, appellant, vs U.S., March 6, 1937, page #4, paragraph #1 of the opinion which was made to read as follows:

> ..... In face of record which showed: ". that this money had been called in and destroyed under orders of the Treasury Department of the United States." .....

The petitioner alleges that the above quotation is false, and a fraud practised upon the Court which will be shown by the testimony in the transcript of original record, hereafter set forth and made a part of this amended petition.

When in truth and in fact no such allegation as above referred to is contained in the transcript of record. Nor did any witness testify to the above upon which the opinion of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals was based. The transcript of original record will show positively the following testimony shows:

> .....THAT THIS "MONEY WAS NOT CALLED IN AND DESTROYED UNDER ORDERS OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF U.S. BUT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION."

The testimony in the transcript of record shows the

"ALLEGED MONEY" was destroyed at the request of Samuel K. McKee, Special Agent of the F.B.I. as ordered by J. Edgar Hoover, his superior. (See transcript of record in the original case #10587: Cassius McDonald, Appellant, vs U.S.A., Appellee, pages 206-207.

As stated, Mr. McKee's superior was Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the Department of Justice. Mr. McKee further testified that he, McKee, had his instructions to destroy this alleged money, from the said Mr. Hoover, and with reference to transmitting these alleged bills to the Federal Reserve Bank. (See original transcript, pages #209-211.

To further amend the petition by incorporating the following allegations: That the petitioner further alleges that his illegal imprisonment was also caused by the Assistent Attorneys General Brian McMahon's and William W. Barron's falsely changing the true testimony as it appears in the original transcript of record, to deceive and mislead the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, which deception is apparent as evidenced by their brief. (See page #2, paragraph #3 and page 15, Supreme Court, October term, 1936, which is made to read as follows:

> ....."The record showed that such money had been called in and destroyed under order of the Treasury Department of the U.S. without any ulterior motive."

The petitioner further alleges that the above misrepresentations and false allegations relative to the order for the "Destruction of the Alleged Money" above referred to was carried into effect with the knowledge of its falsity by the Solicitor General and the Assistant Attorneys General Brien McMahon and

William W. Barron in their briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court, #897.

The above shows that a fraud was perpetrated by Government Attorneys upon the Supreme Court and the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States of America. This petitioner was the victim of a malicious, wilful, and false allegation, as set forth in their briefs, and from which this petitioner's unlawful imprisonment resulted.

Wherefore the petitioner prays that the amendment be granted.

(s) Cassius McDonald
Petitioner

State of Kansas)
Leavenworth, County) s.s.

Cassius McDonald, being first duly sworn on oath, states he is the above petitioner, that he has read the contents of the above and foregoing motion and petition to amend Writ of Habeas Corpus, and that the statements and allegation therein are true. Further affiant saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day, March 1939

My commission expires March 29, 1941

(s) Wm. A. Hainer, Jr.
Notary Public

COPIES TO:

Honorable Richard J. Hopkins,
United States District Judge,
Topeka, Kansas.

Homer Davis,
Assistant U.S. Attorney,
Topeka, Kansas.

Howard F. McCue,
Clerk U.S. District Court,
Topeka, Kansas.

COPIES TO: (Continued)

John M. Williams,
Attorney at Law,
Topeka, Kansas.

Honorable Frank Murphy,
U.S. Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

March 31, 1939

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Sometime back I wrote you a letter asking about Ma Barker and her boys. Could you suggest where I might obtain further information about them. The literature you sent me was indeed interesting but I was unable to find in it anything about Ma or her boys. I am making a study of criminal mind reaction and here I find a most interesting case. I do not wish to be a pest but am most eager to find anything on this character and her associates that I can.

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Yours Truly,

Wheatley B. Knox

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122 du Cedar
Glendale, Calif.

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Miss Dorothy B. Knox
122 South Cedar
Glendale, California

Dear Miss Knox:

I wish to acknowledge your letter which was received May 8, 1939, requesting further information concerning Mr. Barker and her boys.

It would be a pleasure to furnish these data to you, but I must advise you that the FBI does not have any further material relative to this gang available for distribution.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Des Moines, Iowa
April 10, 1939

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is being set forth a letter written by JOHN SPAULDING, formerly of 515 South Spruce Street, now at 4348 East English Street, Wichita, Kansas, to Mr. PAUL GRUBER, Des Moines, Iowa, which may be of interest to the Bureau. This letter is undated but the letter was answered by PAUL GRUBER on June 8, 1936. This letter was secured by Special Agent E. H. WILLIAMS when interviewing R. W. NEBERGALL, Chief of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, when conducting some investigation concerning MAURICE DENNING. This letter indicates that there may have been some ill feeling engendered in the Kansas State Highway Patrol over the capture of ALVIN KARPIS by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This letter is as follows:

"Mr. Paul Gruber,
Des Moines, Ia.

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Dear Paul:

How are you getting along? You have been busy I suppose on the Morningside job.

Have you anyone identified on that job? When I finish a case down here I may be able to help you a little if I can get up in that country.

I wish you would take the covers off of some paper matches you can pick up for me in different cities you might visit, matches with names of hotels or night clubs on the covers.

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Also of course absolutely untrue. EW 5/15/39

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Director
Washington, D. C.

Des Moines, Iowa
April 10, 1939

Letter to Mr. Paul Gruber from John Spaulding (quoted), con't.

"One of our men, JOE ANDERSON, got an awful trimming on the KARPIS capture after he had jumped him up several times in the short time he went after him and worked up everything that led to his capture even his man was used to catch KARPIS and JOE was sent off on some pretext.

With best regards and wishes.

Sincerely,

JOHN SPAULDING /s/"

In the reply by PAUL GRUBER, former Agent of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation and now an Agent for the Milwaukee Railroad and living at Sioux City, Iowa, no mention was made concerning any "pet peeves" on his part against the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Coulter

R. C. COULTER,
Special Agent in Charge.

EHW/mg
cc Kansas City

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 14, 1939.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

[redacted] appeared at the Cleveland Office on March 31, 1939 and advised that he had recently learned through MILDRED AUERBACH, nee MILDRED KUHLMAN, that TED and BERT ANGUS, who were convicted on a charge of harboring in instant case, have made threats of retribution against MILDRED KUHLMAN [redacted] when they are released from the federal penitentiary.

[redacted] stated that it was his opinion that TED and BERT ANGUS were to be released in the near future and in view of the information furnished by MILDRED KUHLMAN, he believed it advisable to immediately report the same to this office, especially in view of the fact that he had served as an informant in connection with this case and had furnished information [redacted] He further stated that in view of the fact that he had thus acted in the capacity of an informant, he believed this Bureau should furnish him some protection, in view of the statements made by TED and BURT ANGUS.

This information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for whatever action it deems advisable to take. It is requested that this office be advised in the premises.

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We can't furnish protection

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Very truly yours,
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AL ROSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 14, 1939, concerning the alleged threats made against Mildred Kuhlman [redacted] b7C b7D

Please be advised in connection with your request for information in this matter that the Bureau cannot furnish protection to these individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Cincinnati

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

April 29, 1939.

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Attention: Honorable Gerald P. Openlander,
Assistant United States Attorney.

Re: SAM COKER

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APR 29 8:18 AM
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
U.S. ATTORNEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 27, 1939, advising that Sam Coker will be released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, on May 25, 1939, and that you have requested the United States Marshal at Toledo, Ohio, to take him into custody at that time.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in apprising me of this information at this time.

Very truly yours,

AL ROSEN,
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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March 27, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Alvin Karpis, w. a. et al (deceased)
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

There are presently maintained in the Laboratory's file of questioned ammunition specimens some 10 specimens recovered in connection with the Bureau's investigation of the above-entitled case. It is felt that these specimens are no longer serving a useful purpose in being maintained in the questioned specimen file and it is respectfully requested that permission be granted to have these specimens removed from the file, photographed and returned to contributors.

The following is a list of the specimens referred to:

One .32 caliber auto. cartridge case, recovered on February 27, 1935 at Kansas City, Missouri.
Two 12 gauge shotgun shells.
One .30 caliber Luger cartridge case, and several fragments of lead bullets, recovered at Melrose Park, Illinois on July 5, 1935.
Four .45 caliber bullets recovered on November 25, 1935 at Bowling Green, Ohio.
One .32 caliber bullet recovered at Ontarioville, Illinois on January 6, 1935.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

E. P. Coffey

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: ALVIN KARPIS w.a., et al (deceased);
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 27, 1939, in the instant case, tabulating specimens recovered in connection with the Bureau's investigation in this matter, and requesting that permission be granted to have the same removed from the file, photographed, and returned to the contributors.

Authorization is hereby granted for this procedure.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Oklahoma City Office letter dated October 3, 1938, a copy of which was directed to your office.

It would be appreciated if you would supply the Bureau with any additional data in your possession relative to the possible evasion of income tax as related by Herbert Akers to Inspector Connelly, as indicated in the memorandum of Special Agent Frank S. Smith transmitted with the letter of reference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Omaha, Nebraska,
April 26,1939.

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

EDWARD McDERMOTT, Attorney, 940 First National Bank Building, Omaha, today informed me that this morning a woman came to his office, stating that his name had been suggested to her by MONSIGNOR WEGNER, Private Secretary to BISHOP RYAN. She gave her name as MRS. CASSIUS McDONALD and informed him that her husband, CASSIUS McDONALD, is now confined in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on a charge of conspiring to kidnap EDWARD BREMER.

She said that she desired to retain McDERMOTT to take a deposition from EUGENE O'SULLIVAN, a local attorney, who was one of the defense attorneys in this case at St. Paul, Minnesota, stating that CASSIUS McDONALD'S lawyer was drunk practically the entire trial and that he did not put up a defense for him. She also said that she had traveled over a hundred thousand miles since McDONALD was convicted, in an effort to obtain a new trial for him. I recall reading in the newspapers recently, where she attempted to secure a similar deposition from Federal Judge GEORGE SULLIVAN at Winona, Minnesota, who, at the time of the trial, was the United States Attorney. She further informed McDERMOTT that her husband had told her that when you and Attorney General FRANK MURPHY were recently in Kansas City, MR. MURPHY talked to her husband in the penitentiary and told him that he was considering his case.

MRS. McDONAID informed McDERMOTT that two Agents of this Bureau were responsible for the framing and the conviction of her husband. She gave these Agents' names as SAM McKEE and JOHN HANSON. She also made some disparaging remarks about the Bureau in general.

McDERMOTT, who is personally known to me to be of high caliber, informed her that he never handles any criminal cases, and suggested that she take her troubles to someone else.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul; Kansas City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
April 25, 1939.

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Confidential

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On April 21, 1939, THOMAS FRANK KIRWIN, #FBI-22,439, was questioned at this Office. It will be recalled that KIRWIN was formerly sentenced for harboring HOMER VAN METER in St. Paul. During the interview with KIRWIN he was questioned casually with respect to the killing of VAN METER and he informed the writer that PFEIFFER, who formerly ran the Hollyhocks Inn and was convicted in the Bremer kidnaping case, and TOM GANNON, who was convicted in the Dillinger case of harboring, put HOMER VAN METER on the spot for the St. Paul Police Department; that PFEIFFER is supposed to have split with the police officers ten or twelve thousand dollars that was found in a brief case carried by VAN METER and that TOM GANNON is alleged to have gotten VAN METER's guns and other equipment in return for putting VAN METER on the spot.

I thought the Bureau would be interested in receiving this information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D. M. Ladd.

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

500 Rector Office Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 29, 1939

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

Dear Sir: Re: B r e k i d

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 25, 1939 under Brekid caption concerning an index on various types of informants which has been returned to the Little Rock Office to be maintained here.

Inasmuch as the index, when received, was contained in a mahogany cabinet with lid, size 3x5x10, Receiving Slip No. 97 is being attached hereto to account for this piece of property.

Very truly yours,
H. E. Anderson
H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas

April 28, 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 26, 1939, (7-576) in the above entitled case. This is to advise that I do not have any additional information concerning the possible evasion of income tax by officials at Hot Springs, Arkansas, except rumors which have come to me from time to time.

In the event the Bureau desires, I shall personally contact several of my sources of information in Hot Springs for information regarding this matter, particularly as it refers to Mayor McLAUGHLIN and other officials in Hot Springs.

Agent learned from Mr. JIM POULAS, a hotel keeper at Hot Springs whom I have known for years, that SAM WATT, a gambler associated with the Hot Springs administration, would undoubtedly tell the truth if brought before the Federal Grand Jury. I feel that it would be possible to obtain the names of several other persons who should be in a position to tell the truth regarding conditions there.

It is my understanding that the gambling establishments controlled by William S. Jacobs have ceased to keep books, and that Mr. WATT has first hand information concerning the whole transaction.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Cincinnati

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 26, 1939.

It is not desired that you personally contact any sources in Hot Springs for the information referred to in your letter of reference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner	MISCELLANEOUS PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Assistant United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, advises that on April 19, 1939, he appeared before United States District Judge RICHARD J. HOPKINS, Kansas City, Kansas, and filed an answer in behalf of the Government to the heretofore reported amended petitions for a writ of habeas corpus filed in behalf of CASSIUS McDONALD in the above Court; further that Mrs. CASSIUS McDONALD appeared before Judge HOPKINS on April 19, 1939, without an attorney and requested permission of the Court to take more depositions; that the Court severely reprimanded her for appearing before it without counsel and told her that no hearings would be held on the matter until she was represented by an attorney of record.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Detroit to Bureau, March 14, 1939; and letters Kansas City to Bureau, March 21 and March 31, 1939.

DETAILS: AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

On April 22, 1939, Agent telephonically contacted Assistant United States Attorney

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E.O. Brennan — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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HOMER DAVIS at Topeka, Kansas, relative to developments in this case. Mr. DAVIS stated that on April 19, 1939, he filed an answer in United States District Court, Kansas City, Kansas, before Federal Judge RICHARD J. HOPKINS in behalf of the Government to the matters set out in the heretofore reported amended petitions for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of McDONALD. Mr. DAVIS stated that on April 19, 1939, Mrs. CASSIUS McDONALD personally appeared before Federal Judge HOPKINS and requested authority to obtain additional depositions in this matter. When she appeared in open Court before Judge HOPKINS and made the above request, Mrs. McDONALD was without counsel, her attorney of record having withdrawn from the case. Mr. DAVIS advised that Judge HOPKINS severely reprimanded Mrs. McDONALD for attempting to act as an attorney before him in this matter; that he told Mrs. McDONALD that he would not recognize her as attorney of record in this case; and that he would hold no hearings or enter no further orders in this matter until Mrs. McDONALD had secured an attorney, and a record of same had been filed in his Court. Mr. DAVIS stated that in view of the above ruling of the Court, the matter is in status quo, and nothing further will be done by the Court on this petition until Mrs. McDONALD gets an attorney.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Kansas City, Kansas, will follow and report proceedings in this matter.

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March 31, 1939.

Victor E. Anderson, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1939, relative to the pending indictments in your district arising out of the kidnaping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr. After considering your statements and in view of the results in previous trials, authority is hereby granted to dismiss the following indictments.

No. 6095, as to Alvin Karpaviez, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William Harrison, John Doe and Richard Roe, charged with kidnaping and transporting interstate Edward G. Bremer.

No. 6096, as to Alvin Karpaviez, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William Harrison, Joseph Patrick Moran, "Whitie", Myrtle Eaton, John Doe and Richard Roe, charged with conspiracy to kidnap and transport interstate Edward G. Bremer

No. 6174, as to Alvin Karpaviez, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, William Harrison, Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, charged with conspiracy and transporting interstate Edward G. Bremer.

No. 6248, as to Alvin Karpaviez, Arthur Barker, Byron Bolton, John P. Peifer, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Elmer Farmer and Edmund C. Bartholmey, charged with conspiracy, kidnaping and transporting in interstate commerce William Hamm, Jr.

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No. 6249, as to Alvin Karpavicz, Arthur Barker, John P. Piefer, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Edmund C. Bartholmey, charged with conspiracy to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce William Hamm, Jr.

No. 6257, as to Alvin Karpavicz, Arthur Barker, John P. Peifer, Charles J. Fitzgerald and Elmer Farmer, charged with conspiracy to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce William Hamm, Jr.

No. 6256, as to Arthur Barker and Elmer Farmer, charged with conspiracy to transport and transporting in interstate commerce William Hamm, Jr.

Please advise the Department when these cases are finally dismissed.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Chicago FILE NO. 7-82

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Chicago, Illinois	5/16/39	5/9/39	A. A. MUZZEY AAM/ehc

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:

Docket No. 28,791 in the office of the Clerk of United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, reflects case against MATTHEW GLEASON stricken from docket with leave to reinstate on December 30, 1937, by order of United States District Court Judge WILLIAM H. HOLLY. On September 29, 1937, order entered by Judge HOLLY canceling bond of GLEASON and releasing him on his own recognizance.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. L. BRENNAN, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 15, 1938.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois.

Agent examined Docket No. 28,791 in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, which docket reflected that in the case of United States against MATTHEW GLEASON, alias MAT GLEASON, an order was entered by United States District Court Judge WILLIAM H. HOLLY December 30, 1937, striking this case from the docket with leave to reinstate. It was also noted that on September 29, 1937, an order was entered by United States District Court Judge HOLLY canceling the bond of the defendant in the amount of $3,000.00, releasing the sureties, and also releasing defendant on his own recognizance.

It will be noted from the foregoing that there has been no change in the status of this matter since the date of reference report.

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VCZ:MC May 11, 1939

Time: 9:10 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Mr. Pryor, of the Criminal Division of the Department, called and stated that he would like to have a case history on John Dillinger, Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis; however, from questioning him, it appeared that Mr. Pryor was interested in obtaining the criminal records of the three above named individuals only.

Mr. Pryor was requested to send a memorandum to the Director concerning his request.

Respectfully,

V. C. Zimmer

Watch out! We should ignore request unless there is real reason [redacted] for them.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

May 19, 1939

EAT:CHS *Time: 9:55 A.M.*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: ELMER FARMER

Mr. James Bennett of the Bureau of Prisons was contacted and advised that the Director had secured certain information that he thought should be referred to Mr. Bennett concerning a prisoner by the name of Elmer Farmer, who was sentenced in the Bremer Kidnaping case and who is now at Alcatraz. Mr. Bennett was informed that an informant of the Chicago Office furnished information to the effect that considerable pressure was being placed on various people in an effort to obtain the transfer of Elmer Farmer from Alcatraz to some other penitentiary. He was further advised that some prominent political man is supposed to have received $1000 for endeavoring to use his influence to get Farmer this transfer.

Mr. Bennett stated this case had not come to his attention as yet but that he would be glad to check into the matter and ascertain if anything has been received in this connection. He stated that he personally approves the transfers into and out of Alcatraz and he was quite sure nothing had been received regarding this situation.

Mr. Bennett was informed that a memorandum would be forwarded to him relative to this matter.

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

May 17, 1939

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowl
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

The following information is being furnished for the interest of the Bureau:

On May 6, 1939, SPECIAL AGENT R. N. PRANKE, while interviewing [redacted] ascertained from him that about seven or eight months ago he learned that CHAUNCEY REED, United States Congressman from Du Page County, Illinois, is supposed to have received $1,000.00 for trying to use his influence to see that ELMER FARMER was transferred from Alcatraz Penitentiary to some other penitentiary. Informant stated that after REED received the $1,000.00 FARMER'S sister or brother, named JIM, is supposed to have received a letter from the Bureau of Prisons or Attorney General of the United States, wherein certain questions were asked regarding ELMER FARMER'S personal habits, health, etc., and that this letter is supposed to have contained a statement that they were contemplating changing FARMER from one penitentiary to another.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Take up at once & tell Bennett. Also indicate our view of Farmer is that he should stay at Alcatraz.

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May 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS

Confirming the information which was furnished to you telephonically recently by Mr. Tamm I desire to advise that information has recently been furnished to a representative of the Bureau alleging that a concerted effort is being made to have Elmer Farmer transferred from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary to some other Federal penal institution. The allegation was made that a prominent political figure had received $1,000 for the use of his influence in endeavoring to have this transfer effected. You will recall that Elmer Farmer was convicted for his participation with members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the Bremer kidnaping. I desire to express my personal view that Farmer is the type of individual who should be continued in custody at Alcatraz Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons. For your further information in this regard data has been furnished to the Bureau alleging that United States Congressman Chauncey Reed of Illinois recently received $1,000 for the use of his influence in having Elmer Farmer transferred from Alcatraz Penitentiary to some other Federal penal institution. If any additional data is received upon this matter I will transmit it to you immediately.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner	MISCELLANEOUS PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, advises no change in status of this case since the last report.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. B. RHODES, Kansas City, May 4, 1939.

DETAILS: AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

On June 1, 1939, Agent telephonically contacted Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS of Topeka, Kansas, and Mr. DAVIS informed that there has been no change in the status of this case in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Kansas, since he last discussed the matter with Agent on April 22, 1939.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

*At Kansas City, Kansas, will follow and report proceedings in this matter.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 6, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Please be advised that on May 25, 1939 SAM COKER was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, where he had been serving a sentence of twenty-five years for bank robbery, and he was immediately taken into custody by the United States Marshal, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

On May 29, 1939 COKER was arraigned before Federal Judge EUGENE RICE, Muskogee, at which time his bond was set at $15,000.00. COKER was advised by Judge RICE that he would instruct the Marshal to not remove him for four days but at the expiration of that time, if he had not made bond, the Marshal would be instructed to immediately remove him to the Northern District of Ohio for trial.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Suite 1729-111 Sutter
San Francisco, California
June 10, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

While at Alcatraz Prison on other matters, the attention of Special Agent A. E. FARLAND was called to a letter which was being sent out by VOLNEY DAVIS #271.

Mr. WALTER DORINGTON, record clerk also advised that there is a detainer which was filed by the Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on 11/11/35 on a charge of "Escaping while on leave of Absence".

Copies have been made and are attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper,
Special Agent in Charge.

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From - - - - - Volney Davis #271-AZ

To - - - - - - Mrs L. B. Hoffman, Route 8, Box 162, Tulsa, Okla

Date - - - - - May 11, 1939

My Dear Sister & Family

I will answer your letter just received. I was glad to hear from you. I sure hated to hear about Dolore getting hurt. I hope she has recovered by this time you receive this letter. I was glad by the time to hear she and Charles were doing so well in school. You should have taken her to the Doctor. One can never tell an injury of that sort.

I am well and feeling good both mentally and physically. I just received a letter from the Folks, also one from the Court of the Court at St. Paul. She informed me in regards to having my judgment corrected. I have hopes having this sentence here, set aside, through habeas corpus hearing in regards to my sentence being illegal by me having been denied a constitutional right of which I was ignorant of at the time of my plea and sentencing. If I am successful it will be one time my ignorance was an asset.

The reason I havn't been writing is because of this business I have been taking care of. It will be some time before it can be consummated. Then after that if I am here still, I will try to write regularly.

Tell sister Morrison I appreciate her prayers. Tell her to give my regards to Elmer and that I hope for him to get well some day.

I would like to see you all and surely will if I ever leave here. The weather is awful windy here this time of the year, but not very cold.

Mamma said that a hail storm ruined papa's garden. It was a pity for he spends so much labor on one. Give my regards to Luther and the children and tell them I would like to be there with them.

I am as ever

Volney Davis, #271

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

DEB:LCB

June 19, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

As of possible interest to you, Agent A. E. Farland while recently at Alcatraz Penitentiary learned of a letter which had been sent out by Volney Davis which indicates his intention of filing a writ of habeas corpus in the possibility of effecting his release. He indicates in this letter which was addressed to Mrs. L. B. Hoffman at Tulsa, Oklahoma, that he will maintain that his sentence is illegal by reason of denial of his Constitutional rights of which he was ignorant at the time of his plea and sentence.

Apparently he refers to the matter of being advised of his right to counsel as numerous other prisoners from Alcatraz Penitentiary have petitioned for writs on this basis. It was learned, however, that there is presently filed at Alcatraz Penitentiary a detainer placed in favor of the Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary against Davis based on a charge of escaping while on leave of absence.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.
June 12, 1939

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention of Mr. L. B. Nichols

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the memo which I spoke to you about over the telephone today.

I want to say how much I appreciate your kindness in allowing me to forward this to you for your consideration.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

S/ John Shuttleworth

John Shuttleworth
Editor

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TO: MR. J. SHUTTLEWORTH FROM: MR. ELLENBOGEN COPY TO:

SUBJECT: MAGIC WALLET WIZARD by Richard Hirsch TDM APRIL '39

Noted and returned herewith. The New York attorney for this claimant called to see us today in order to exhibit various books of newspaper clippings proving that Mrs. Matson has been nationally known as Klondike Kate for almost forty years. I reviewed these clippings and I find that Mrs. Matson was formerly Kate Rockwell, daughter of a United States District Court Judge; that in 1898, at the age of eighteen, she went to the Yukon where she gained prominence as "The queen of the dance-halls". Subsequently, she became the shweetheart of Alexander Pantages, who later amassed a tremendous fortune as a motion picture magnate; that he left herm in 1904 and subsequently married another woman, resulting in a breach of promise suit by claimant, which action was settled out of court for a substantial sum. That Miss Rockwell, in or about 1910-1914, did marry someone whose name is not furnished, but from whom she was divorced four years later. That in 1932, she married a John Matson, a gold prospector, whom she met in 1900 in the Yukon; Mr. Matson is still living, is over seventy years of age and that their married life is happy, but most unusual, since they see each other only once a year for a few weeks, when Mrs. Matson travels from her home in Bend, Oregon, to the Yukon on an annual pilgrimage. "The Sunday Oregonian" of Portland, Ore., carried a five-part biographical story of Mrs. Matson in the issues of January 6, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1934. She is an honorary member of almost every civic and fraternal organization in and about Bend, Ore. and is well and favorably known throughout the states of California, Oregon and Washington, as well as the Yukon, as a really remarkable woman and for her charity and philosophy. Will Rogers, Rex Beach, Irvin Cobb and prominent public officials appear to be among her closest friends. She is a legend in the Yukon, but apparently she has never been regarded as immoral; on the contrary, she always fought for the segregation of the immoral habitues of the Yukon from the dancers in the cafe, who she claims were invariably "good girls".

I am giving the foregoing details, because frankly the woman appears to be just the opposite of what the titled "Klondike Kate" conveys. It is, of course, possible that Meade actually married a woman who was also known as Klondike Kate, in which event we can assert the defense of truth when an action is brought by Mrs. Matson. Then, as I see it from the present facts, the question would be who the public believed was referred to and meant by the statements. If it is true that the "American Magazine" in March 1937 published the same facts and if the FBI case report No. 7 IC7-576 may be disclosed to Mrs. Matson, it is my belief, judging from her apparent fine character, that we may be able to clean up the situation.

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June 13, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

On June 12 John Shuttleworth called from New York and stated that they would probably have a law suit in connection with the article they published in True Detective Mysteries Magazine on William Elmer Mead. He stated the Legal Department had just furnished him with a memorandum and I asked him to send it down so we might have the advantage of having all the information they have available. The letter and memorandum arrived and are attached hereto.

In this memorandum the Legal Department states that the attorney for the claimant, a Mrs. Matson, called and exhibited various books of newspaper clippings proving that she has been nationally known as Klondike Kate for almost forty years. Mrs. Matson was formerly Kate Rockwell, daughter of a United States District Court Judge. At the age of 16, in 1898, she went to the Yukon where she gained prominence as "The Queen of the dance-halls." Later she became the sweetheart of Alexander Pantages, who amassed a fortune in the motion picture industry. In 1904 he left her and subsequently married another woman, and Klondike Kate instituted a breach of promise suit which was settled out of court for a substantial sum. During the period 1910-14 Miss Rockwell married an individual whose name was not furnished, but from whom she was divorced four years later. In 1932 she married John Matson, a gold prospector, whom she met in 1900 in the Yukon. Matson is still living, although he is over 70 years of age, and their married life is happy. However they see each other only once a year for a few weeks, when Mrs. Matson travels from her home in Bend, Oregon, to the Yukon on an annual pilgrimage. The "Sunday Oregonian" of Portland, Oregon, carried a five-part biographical story of Mrs. Matson in the issues of January 8, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1934. She is an honorary member of almost every civic and fraternal organization in and about Bend, Oregon, and is well and favorably known throughout the states of California, Oregon, and Washington as well as the Yukon, as a really remarkable woman and for her charity and philosophy. Among her close friends are the late Will Rogers, Rex Beach, Irvin Cobb and other prominent public figures. She is alleged to be a legend in the Yukon and according to the Legal Department has never been regarded as immoral; on the contrary, she always fought for the segregation of the immoral habitues of the Yukon from the dancers in the cafe, who she claims were invariably "good girls."

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For your information in the article entitled "The Man With the Magic Wallet," which appeared in the March, 1937, issue of the American Magazine, the following reference appears: "Later on hearsay evidence that his wife had divorced him, he was married again, this time to a woman known variously as California Kate, Frisco Kate and Klondike Kate." In another portion of the article this statement appears: "Sometimes he and California Kate would take hunting and fishing trips which lasted for months." In the article which appeared in the April, 1939, issue of True Detective Mysteries magazine entitled, "Magic Wallet Wizard," by Richard Hirsch, this statement appears: "In 1914 Mead learned that his wife had divorced him, whereupon he married a woman known variously as Frisco, California or Klondike Kate. It was her job to rush to his side with money and with tears to the prosecutor whenever some victim awoke to the realization that the tall, thin and rather distinguished looking man with the peculiar looking mouth was in fact dishonest." In another portion of this article the statement appears, "Mead's wife dipped into the family funds, brought $10,000 in Liberty Bonds to court, and Elmer promising to appear in Jacksonville for a trial in April, 1934, was released without further ado."

It would appear that some unscrupulous shyster lawyer has gotten hold of Miss Rockwell, alias Klondike Kate, and is attempting to shake Macfadden publications down, because the foregoing statements are substantiated by facts, and it would appear that there can be no question as to which Klondike Kate the article was referring to in the articles in both True Detective Mysteries and American Magazine. A quick review of the Bureau files however, fails to show where Mead married his wife. Her description in 1936 appears as follows: "Name, Kate Mead, aliases Marie Mead, Katherine Mead, Kate Schmidt, Kate Schmitt, Mrs. C. C. Chase, Klondike Kate, Frisco Kate, California Kate; Age 45; height 5', 4-5"; weight 165 pounds; build heavy; complexion medium; hair brown-gray; eyes blue; nationality American; scar on inner forearm of right arm. (7-576-8500.)

A picture in the Bureau files of Fern Davis who was arrested in Williamsport, Indiana, on April 7, 1933 and who at one time was thought to be Kate Mead, was not identified by Mrs. C. A. Baxter, her sister, Ann Baxter, niece, Charles Baxter, nephew, Mary Baxter, niece, and C. A. Baxter, brother-in-law, all of San Francisco, California. This is being set forth for record purposes and future reference. The Meads' only home is located at 1633 Kearny Street, Chicago, Illinois, [illegible]

a tax lien a few years ago and there was some difficulty.

The Interesting Case write-up on William Elmer Mead, I. C. #7-576, on page three states: "He didn't swear, he didn't drink to any great extent, and following a divorce which he was informed had been secured by his first wife, he married in 1914 a woman who has had the colorful nicknames of 'Frisco Kate,' 'Klondike Kate,' and 'California Kate.' This woman is still Mead's wife and it is she who has rushed to his side with money and with tears for the prosecutor, when she believed they would have effect, upon the various occasions when law enforcement officers have taken him into custody....." There is no question about Mrs. Mead's seeking to assist her husband, and an Agent overheard a conversation between her and Charles Long at which time she inquired as to what Long had told the Bureau and then stated it would be necessary for her to change her story. (Serial 12044).

It will be recalled that Mrs. Mead, while steadfastly denying any knowledge of her husband's whereabouts, called him and it was this call which led to his apprehension (Serial 12360).

The alias "Klondike Kate" came to the Bureau in the following manner: Special Agent A. R. Gere was conducting an investigation at the State Penitentiary, Canyon City, Colorado, on December 7, 1935. Mead was received at this prison on June 3, 1923 under the name of John H. Foster to serve a term of from three to ten years. On September 14, 1925 he was paroled and on June 4, 1929 was discharged from parole. Upon release on parole on September 14, 1925 he was taken into custody by the United States Marshal at Denver, Colorado, on a mail fraud charge. William F. Green, gate keeper and former Deputy Warden of the prison, stated that William E. Mead's alleged wife, Kate Mead, was known as "Klondike Kate" and "California Kate" and that the Denver Police Department made an inquiry concerning her at one time soon after she and other women had visited Mead and other confidence men confined in the State Penitentiary, and that a few months prior to the interview with Mr. Gere, Mr. Green stated, he noticed in the paper that the officers were looking for Kate Mead in California. It does not appear that any investigation was conducted at the Denver Police Department to determine why they were looking for Kate Mead, but in the event it is necessary, it is believed that further information might be secured by inquiry at the Denver, Colorado, Police Department and by re-interviewing Mr. Green, and by a check of the newspaper morgue files.

The Omaha, Nebraska, World on December 12, 1936, in a story stated, "Present but unable to aid him, was Mead's once beautiful wife, known as 'Frisco Kate,' 'Klondike Kate,' and 'California Kate.' The now gray-haired woman of 58 stood by her husband and dabbed tears with a small handkerchief. When Mead was up for a sentence in Denver 16 years ago in connection with a million dollar confidence game in which

thirty-four men were arrested, 'Frisco Kate' made a tearful plea and won for him the minimum sentence of three years." The article then goes on to state that Postal Inspector Batis revealed that Mead was wanted in connection with other crimes. It is altogether possible that Batis might have furnished the above-mentioned story. (Serial 12338.)

Kate Mead's brothers, Frank and Henry Schmitt, reside in Portland, Oregon. (Serial 8572.)

Louis Nathan, who operated the 606 Club a few years ago, located at 606 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at one time was a close associate of Mead's and Kate claimed he owed her some money. A few years ago she went to collect it and he threw her out of the club. (Serial 12360). A picture of Kate Mead with William Elmer Mead is available in the file, serial 8179.

It is believed that no further inquiry should be made at the present time. However, if suit is filed it will probably be necessary to secure a proof of Kate Mead's marriage to Mead. Undoubtedly the files of the Bureau of Prisons will reflect such information on his personal life, as will the files of the Atlanta Penitentiary, where he was incarcerated. If any further inquiry is necessary the Police Department at Denver, Colorado should be checked and Mr. Green should be re-interviewed. It is pointed out that it appears this is an attempted shake down and a letter is attached to Mr. Shuttleworth.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols.

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June 13, 1939

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Mr John Shuttleworth
Editor
True Detective Mysteries
Chanin Building
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear John :

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 12, transmitting the copy of a memorandum directed to you by your Legal Department regarding the claim of Mrs John Matson, the former Kate Rockwell, alias Klondike Kate.

From the facts set forth in the memorandum furnished you by your Legal Department, it would appear that Mrs. Matson is an entirely different person from Kate Mead, the wife of William Elmer Mead, who is known by the following aliases: Marie Mead, K atherine Mead, Kate Schmidt, Kate Schmitt, Mrs C.C. Chase, Klondike Kate, Frisco Kate, and California Kate. Frankly, it would appear that the claim bofde s on blackmail and is an attempted shake down.

In the event it becomes necessary to prove that William Elmer Mead married and lived with Kate Mead, alias Klondike Kate, I wish you would let me know in order that I might furnish you with the desired leads.

Likewise I would like to point out that an item appearing in the Omaha, Nebraska, World on December 12,1936, states : " Present but unable to aid him was Mead's once beautiful wife, known as ' Frisco Kate ', ' Klondike Kate ' and California Kate, The now gray haired woman of 58 stoon by her husband and dabbed tears with a small handkerchief, When Mead was up for a sentence in Denver 16 years ago in connection with a million dollar confidence game in which thirty-four men were arrested, " Frisco Kate " made a tearful plea and won for him the minimum sentence of three years."

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J.Edgar Hoover

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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME AT WESTFALMOUTH DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF KARPIS HUNTER GRACE GOLDSTEIN AND CONNIE MORRIS REGARDS

FREDERICK COLLINS.

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June 6, 1939

Mr. Frederick Collins
West Falmouth, Massachusetts

Dear Fred:

By reference from Inspector L. B. Nichols, I have your telegram of June 5, 1939, and I am very happy indeed to furnish the physical descriptions of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein, and Connie Morris, in accordance with your request.

Alvin Karpis, whose correct name is Francis Albin Karpavics, was born in Montreal, Canada, on August 10, 1907. He is 5 feet, 10 inches in height and weighs 140 pounds. He is of medium build, sallow complexion, with light blue eyes and light chestnut hair. On his face he has three scars which are the result of his attempts to change his appearance by plastic surgery. These consist of an inch and a half scar above the right ear, an inch and three-quarters scar above the left ear, and a scar a little over four inches in length below the left ear.

Fred Hunter was born at Warren, Ohio, on October 13, 1899, one of a family of six children. He is a man of very slender build, measuring 5 feet, 8 inches in height and weighing 118 pounds. He has brown hair, a medium complexion, and blue-grey eyes. He has no distinguishing marks or scars other than a ragged cut scar on the right wrist.

Grace Goldstein, whose correct name is Jewell LaVerne Grayson, was born in Texas on January 29, 1906. She is a short, stocky woman, measuring 5 feet, 2 inches in height and weighing 153 pounds. Her complexion is

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light and she has blue eyes and ash blonde hair. She has no distinguishing scars or marks, but her features clearly indicate a life of dissipation.

Connie Morris, whose true name is Ruth Hamm Robsion, was born November 25, 1917, in the State of Oklahoma. She is a small woman, barely 5 feet, 1 inch in height and weighing 110 pounds. She has blue eyes and brown hair which she dyed red. Her complexion is described as medium, and she has no distinguishing scars or marks.

I hope that the above information will be of assistance and in the event I can be of further service to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO FILE NO. 7-1

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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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Assistant United States Attorney Paul Manton advised he intends to prosecute subject COKER on harboring charge.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on 8/26/37.

DETAILS: At Toledo, Ohio

Assistant United States Attorney Paul Manton advised that he intended to prosecute subject SAM COKER on a charge of harboring in connection with the Brekid Case upon his release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, on May 25, 1939. He informed that he was also going to arraign this subject on a charge of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which is reported in Cleveland File Number 26-235, entitled SAM COKER, with aliases; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; that in event this subject entered a plea of guilty on this charge, he would give further consideration of prosecuting subject on harboring charge. Mr. Manton pointed out that the charge against this subject on a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act was rather weak, and

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that he doubted if subject would enter a plea of guilty to this charge. He informed that in event subject does not enter a plea of guilty to the charge of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, he would then press the prosecution against COKER on the harboring charge. Mr. Manton pointed out that he had a very strong case against this subject on the harboring charge, and that he believed COKER would enter a plea of guilty to that charge.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At McAlester, Oklahoma

Will report the removal of subject COKER to Toledo, Ohio.

CLEVELAND OFFICE

At Toledo, Ohio

Will follow and report prosecutive action maintained against subject SAM COKER.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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June 16, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

As of possible interest to you, I desire to advise that a report has been received from the Cleveland office reflecting that Assistant United States Attorney Paul Manton has indicated he intends to prosecute Subject SAM COKER on a charge of harboring in the BREMER CASE upon his release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester on May 25, 1939.

Mr. Manton likewise informed it is his intention to arraign this subject on a charge of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which case was investigated by the Bureau under the title "SAM COKER, with aliases - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT," (26-40230). Mr. Manton indicated that, in the event Coker entered a plea of guilty on the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge, he would then further consider the harboring prosecution, but that it was doubted whether a plea of guilty would be entered in the NMVTA case and, accordingly, in that contingency, the harboring charge would be pressed.

For your information in this connection, an indictment in three counts was returned in the Northern District of Ohio at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging Sam Coker in count 1 with a violation of Title 18, Section 551, U.S.C., that is accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; in count 2 with a violation of Title 18, Section 88, U.S.C., in connection with Title 18, Sections 408C and 551, U.S.C., in that he conspired with the others as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; and in count 3, with conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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TRUE DETECTIVE MYSTERIES
Chanin Building
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

May 31, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith for the FBI files a carbon copy of a story written by Richard Hirsch entitled THE CASE OF EDDIE GREEN, which we anticipate publishing.

This is submitted in the hope that if you have any changes to suggest in support of accuracy or in the public interest you will advise me at your convenience.

I would also appreciate it if you could send me a photograph of Eddie Green for use with this story.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

s/ John Shuttleworth
Editor

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June 23, 1939

Inspector E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
800 Joseph Vance Building
Seattle, Washington

RE: BREID

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a letter which Special Agent John L. Madala of this office received from LeROY MUNYON, Chaplain at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., with reference to EDNA MURRAY's present efforts to be released from prison on parole.

MR. MADALA informed me that he, of course, made no such statements or overtures as indicated in MR. MUNYON's letter, to either him or EDNA MURRAY at Toledo, Ohio, and I am forwarding this letter to you for whatever action you might want to take in this particular matter.

Neither I nor Agent MADALA has acknowledged MR. MUNYON's letter and I am leaving this to your discretion.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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STATE OF MISSOURI
Department of Penal Institutions

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
Office of LeROY MUNYON, Chaplain, Physical
Director and Librarian
Jefferson City, Missouri

June 12, 1939

Mr. John L. Madalla,
C/O Federal Bureau of
Identification.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

You will recall that I met you at Toledo while there with Edna Murray and at that time you were appreciative of the service rendered by Edna and said that you would be glad to say a word in her behalf at the opportune time.

Mrs. Murray has some good friends who are interceeding with the Board of Pardons and Paroles in her behalf in the very near future and I thought you would wish to send a letter for her to Mr. Robt. C. Edson, Director of Paroles, Jefferson City, Mo.

If and when you are in Jefferson City I should be most happy to have you come to see me at the prison.

Very sincerely yours,

LeRoy Munyon (signed)
LeRoy Munyon,
Chaplain.

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Mr. John Shuttleworth
Editor
True Detective Mysteries
Chanin Building
122 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear John:

I have your letter dated May 31, 1939, with which you enclosed a copy of the story written by Mr. Richard Hirsch, entitled "The Case of Eddie Green," and I want you to know that I have read this article and am certain that your readers will find it most interesting.

I would like to suggest that on Page 3, Paragraph 3, the date July 26, 1933, be substituted for the words "his twenty-fourth birthday," since the exact date when Eddie Green was born is not known. Likewise, it might be well to indicate on Page 1, Paragraph 4, that Eddie Green was born about the year 1899.

In accordance with your request I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Edward Green for your use in connection with the publication of this story.

Please be assured it is indeed a pleasure for me to cooperate with you in this matter and I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me when I can be of assistance to you in matters of mutual interest.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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June 29, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 23, 1939, to Inspector E. J. Connelley, advising that Special Agent John L. Madala is in receipt of a letter from LeRoy Munyon, Chaplain at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting assistance for Edna Murray, who is presently seeking release from the prison on parole.

It is suggested that you instruct Agent Madala to acknowledge Mr. Munyon's letter and advise him that Departmental regulations preclude Agent Madala from furnishing information to the Parole Board and that Edna Murray's testifying as a Government witness at various trials is a matter of official record.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Inspector E. J. Connelley

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

June 12, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al (deceased); Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 27, 1939 tabulating specimens recovered in connection with the Bureau's investigation of the above-entitled matter, and requesting that permission be granted to have the same removed from the questioned ammunition specimens file, photographed and returned to the contributors. Reference is also made to the Director's memorandum dated April 28, 1939 in which authorization was granted for this procedure.

Recently, the policy of the Bureau has been to have these specimens destroyed by the laboratory after they have been held in the bulk evidence file for a period of three years. Accordingly, it is suggested that the specimens recovered in connection with this case also be so retained instead of returning them to the contributor.

Unless advised to the contrary, the laboratory will retain these specimens for three years after which time they will be destroyed. The laboratory also will advise the office of origin as to this procedure.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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STATE OF MISSOURI
Department of Penal Institutions

Missouri State Penitentiary

OFFICE OF LEROY MUNYON, CHAPLAIN, PHYSICAL DIRECTOR AND LIBRARIAN

Jefferson City, Missouri

June 12,1939.

Mr.Dan P. Sullivan,
C/O. Federal Bureau of
Identification.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

You will recall that I met you at Toledo while there with Edna Murray and at that time you were appreciative of the service rendered by Edna and said that you would be glad to say a word in her behalf at the opportune time..

Mrs.Murray has some good friends who are interceding with the Board of Pardons and Paroles in her behalf in the very near future and I thought you would wish to send a letter for her to Mr.Robt. C.Edson, Director of Paroles, Jefferson City,Mo.

If and when you are in Jefferson City I should be most happy to have you come to see me at the prison.

Very sincerely yours,

LeRoy Munyon,
Chaplain.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

202 U. S. Court House
El Paso, Texas
June 19, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching a letter dated June 12, 1939, addressed to Resident Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, Albuquerque, New Mexico, by LE ROY MUNYON, Chaplain at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting that he send a letter to the Board of Pardons and Paroles at the Penitentiary in behalf of EDNA MURRAY, who is seeking a parole.

The Bureau will recall that EDNA MURRAY was formerly the paramour of VOLNEY DAVIS and was prominently mentioned in the BREKID and HANAP cases. She testified for the Government on several occasions in connection with the trial of various members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang at which times Agent Sullivan came in contact with her. Agent Sullivan states that he never indicated to EDNA MURRAY, Chaplain MUNYON, or anyone else, that he would provide any recommendation, letter of reference, or acknowledgement for EDNA MURRAY.

Agent SULLIVAN will not acknowledge Chaplain MUNYON'S letter unless the Bureau advises to the contrary. This matter is being referred to the Bureau for whatever action is necessary.

Yours very truly,

R. J. UNTREINER
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas

RE: BRAKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 19, 1939, wherein you advise that Resident Agent D. P. Sullivan, Albuquerque, New Mexico, is in receipt of a letter from Le Roy Munyon, Chaplain at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting Agent Sullivan to direct a letter in behalf of Edna Murray to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

It is suggested that you instruct Special Agent Sullivan to acknowledge the receipt of this letter to Le Roy Munyon, setting forth that Departmental regulations prohibit him from transmitting a letter to the Board of Pardons and Paroles of the Missouri State Penitentiary, and further indicating that the testimony of Edna Murray as a Government witness in connection with the trial of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang is a matter of official record.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Ralph C. Weir,
Superintendent,
Bureau of Identification,
Spokane County,
Spokane, Washington.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 8, 1939, addressed to the Superintendent of the State Bureau of Identification, State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, requesting the original records of the men implicated and convicted in the Bremer kidnaping case has been referred to me. It is suggested that you contact the Seattle Office of this Bureau for such information as you desire.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. HENDON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau
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Albuquerque N.M.
June 29,1959.

Rev. Le Roy Munyon, Chaplain,
Missouri State Penitentiary,
Jefferson City, Mo..

Dear Reverend Munyon,

I have just now received your letter referring to Miss Edna Murray's efforts to obtain a parole from the Missouri State P enitentiary. Our Departmental regulations prohibit me from writing lettersof recommendations or reference such as you have in mind. I have been advised, however, that Miss Murray's testimony as a Government witness in connection with the trial of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang is a matter of official record.

There is little possibility that I will visit Jefferson City in the near future, as I am now stationed here in Albuquerque, but if I should be in the vicinity of your city, I certainly will make every effort to stop by and see you.

With kind regards

Daniel P. Sullivan.

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July 8, 1939

Mr. LeRoy Munyon, Chaplain
Missouri State Penitentiary
Jefferson City, Missouri

RE: BREKID

Dear Mr. Munyon:

Your letter of June 12, 1939, concerning Edna Murray was received by me just a few days ago.

With reference to your request that I write a letter to the Board of Pardons and Paroles in behalf of Edna Murray that would assist in getting her a parole from your institution, I wish to state that departmental regulations precludes my writing such a letter to the Parole Board. However, I might state that any assistance rendered by Miss Murray as a government witness at various trials, is a matter of official record and it is my belief that this information can be obtained by writing to the United States Attorneys of those districts in which Miss Murray has testified.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JOHN L. MADALA,
Special Agent.

cc - Bureau
- Inspector E. J. Connelley, Seattle

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO — OC — FILE NO. 7-26

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR	REPORT MADE BY
OKLAHOMA CITY	6-20-39	6-13-39	RALPH T. HOOD br

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; Et Al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: SAM COKER removed to Toledo, Ohio by USM on 6-5-39.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent A. P. BARBER, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 6-9-39.
Letter to Cleveland, dated 6-6-39.

Details: AT MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

A search of the records of Mr. GRANVILLE T. NORRIS, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma by Special Agent W. L. BUCHANAN, revealed that SAM COKER was removed from Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Toledo, Ohio on June 5, 1939.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION

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June 27, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: RESEARCH

Dear Sir:

On the evening of June 26, 1939, from 6:30 to 6:45 P.M. I was interviewed over radio broadcasting station WFBM, Indianapolis, Indiana, the script on ALVIN KARPIS supplied by the Bureau being used.

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 29 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Springfield, Illinois
June 30, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, L.O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Sheriff CLAUDE BARRETT, Clinton, Illinois, has advised Special Agent JACK WALSMAN that JOSEPH LAUER and JOHN LAUER, brothers, were recently sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, from Henry County, Illinois, on charges of robbery. Sheriff BARRETT stated that these individuals are either nephews or otherwise closely related to Doctor JOSEPH P. MORAN, and that during conversation with them, about a month ago they informed him that Doctor MORAN is alive, and that they know his present whereabouts. Sheriff BARRETT stated that he did not question them in detail regarding their assertion, but that he was assured they would be quite willing to converse freely if interviewed concerning this matter.

It is suggested that your office arrange to interview JOSEPH and JOHN LAUER, at the Joliet State Penitentiary, for whatever information they may possess concerning Doctor MORAN.

Very truly yours,

memo Director 7/1/39
Let Chicago 7/14/39
cc Springfield
Cincinnati

E. P. FITZSIMONS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of June 30, 1939, addressed to you from the Springfield office, furnishing information to the effect that Dr. Joseph P. Moran may still be alive, according to reputed statements of his relatives, Joseph Lauer and John Lauer.

It is desired that the Chicago office give expeditious attention to interviewing these two individuals and to covering the leads which may arise incident thereto in order to definitely establish whether or not they in fact have true information and whether or not Dr. Moran is in fact still alive.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Springfield
Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

DEB:JDiF

July 1, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREKID

On June 30, 1939, by reference from your office, Mr. Balch interviewed Mrs. Vada Nyberg, formerly of Hot Springs, Arkansas, presently residing at 1723 P Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. She was accompanied by Lieutenant A. M. Winbell of the Metropolitan Police Department who resides at 4404 Brandywine Street, Northwest.

Mrs. Nyberg stated that she had come to Washington because her safety and life had been threatened in Arkansas because of information she had supplied to the Government in the Bremer case, she having served as a Government witness in the harboring trial of Dutch Akers, et al. However, more important than that is the fact that she indicates she has been advised by a number of her friends that she is entitled to the reward or a portion of the reward previously offered for the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

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Briefly, the Bureau files reflect concerning this matter that Mrs. Nyberg was not interviewed by Bureau Agents until May 19, 1938, at which time investigation was being conducted concerning the harboring matter at Hot Springs. At that time Mrs. Nyberg advised that in November of 1935 she had been requested by a Hot Springs police officer to furnish him any information that might come to her concerning Karpis, apparently this officer having in mind that Karpis might be around Hot Springs, and mentioning to Mrs. Nyberg that she got around a great deal and accordingly might see him. Karpis' photograph was displayed to her. About two weeks later, namely, in December, 1935, Mrs. Nyberg was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Fincel, which residence is next door to the address 124 Clubb Street, and which latter address was occupied by Karpis and his associates at that time. While at the Fincel home, Mrs. Nyberg, according to her statements to Bureau Agents, did actually recognize Alvin Karpis in the back yard of the home and upon a subsequent occasion she again identified him. In December, 1935, a few days after the first identification, she called upon Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin of the Hot Springs Police Department allegedly advising him that she would furnish information as to Karpis' whereabouts if the two of them could divide the reward.

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As you know, Wakelin already knew of Karpis' whereabouts in Hot Springs at that time and accordingly merely laughed at her and indicated that her information could not possibly be correct. Thereafter, while again at the Fincel home, she observed one of the Hot Springs Police Department cars stopping in front of the house occupied by Karpis and his associates and saw Dutch Akers go into the house. After the arrest of Karpis she again talked to Chief Wakelin and he admitted to her, according to her statements, that she was correct in her identification and that he was a "damn fool" for not acting upon the information when furnished to him. Subsequently, Mrs. Nyberg was present and testified as a Government witness concerning these facts at the time of the prosecution of Wakelin, Akers and the others. There is indication in the file that Mrs. Nyberg may be of questionable reputation inasmuch as members of the Hot Springs Police Department not involved in the harboring matter advised Agents on October 21, 1938, that Mrs. Nyberg was holding herself out to be an Agent of the Department of Justice and indicated that her reputation was that of a "shake-down artist" and probably a professional prostitute. Mrs. Nyberg has the manner of a very forward and flirtatious individual constantly bragging of her association with the Agents who interviewed her.

The above information is a brief review of the facts contained in the Bureau file; however, Mr. Balch was conversant with the same at the time of the interview with Mrs. Nyberg and advised her at that time that the facts in her possession in December, 1935, were never made known to the Bureau and as a matter of fact did not become known to Bureau Agents until she was interviewed by them in May, 1938. It was called to her attention that inasmuch as Alvin Karpis was apprehended in New Orleans on May 1, 1936 and no indication of her identification of Karpis was known to the FBI until May, 1938, two years later, that of course her information had nothing whatever to do with Karpis' actual apprehension. It was explained to her that the information she had furnished and the investigation conducted at that time had to do solely with the prosecution of certain individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the harboring of Karpis and that no reward whatever had been offered in this connection.

Mrs. Nyberg seemed entirely reconciled to the facts and admitted that the above was entirely true and that she had never spoken to a Bureau Agent until 1938. She was disappointed, of course, having built up hopes that she could collect some reward.

Mrs. Nyberg was advised of the entire facts of the matter and upon her request was told that the matter would be called to your attention but she was assured that her information could not possibly have had anything to do with the actual apprehension of Karpis.

Lieutenant Winbell left before the interview was completed and came back on July 5. He was advised along the same lines as had been Mrs. Nyberg.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Seattle, Washington
July 1, 1939

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

Re: BREKID

7-77

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge ROBERT C. HENDON dated at St. Paul June 20, 1939 addressed to this office, which refers to a letter from the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, requesting criminal records of the principal subjects convicted in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

It was determined that Sergeant WALTER HOGAN of the Spokane Police Department was endeavoring to complete his files, and had asked the Sheriff's Office for the records of the Bremer kidnapers; that the Sheriff's Office at Spokane, Washington did not have the record, and MR. RALPH WEIR, who is acting at the Spokane County Identification Bureau in the place of AUBREY ROWLES, who is at present attending the National Police Academy in Washington, D. C., wrote the State Bureau of Identification at St. Paul, Minnesota for the information, for Sergeant HOGAN.

Sergeant HOGAN has requested that he be furnished with the complete criminal records of the principal subjects involved in the Bremer case, for the completion of his files, and it is, therefore, requested that the criminal records of the following principal subjects be submitted to the police department at Spokane, Washington for transmittal to Sergeant HOGAN:

WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases
ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER
HARRY SAWYER
ELMER FARMER
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
FRED BARKER
HARRY CAMPBELL
HAROLD ALDERTON

Very truly yours,

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R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

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July 24, 1939

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Mr. Ira A. Martin
Chief of Police
Spokane, Washington

Re: BRSKID; #7-1.

My dear Chief:

In compliance with the request received from the Bureau Field Division, Seattle, Washington, dated July 1, 1939, I am attaching hereto, for your transmittal to Sergeant Walter Hogan, the criminal records of the following individuals as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

WILLIAM WEAVER, #FBI-17920
ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, #FBI-289428
HARRY SAWYER, #FBI-421336
ELMER FARMER, #FBI-62348
VOLNEY DAVIS, #FBI-400441
ALVIN KARPIS, #FBI-199217
FRED BARKER, #FBI-59165
HARRY CAMPBELL, #FBI-419856
HAROLD ALDERTON, #FBI-878061

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

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Seattle, Washington
Bureau Field Division
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

CLEVELAND, OHIO

July 7, 1939.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith clipping from The Cleveland News of June 29, 1939, indicating that ARTHUR HEBEBRAND was released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and that an application has been filed to declare him insane.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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CLEVELAND NEWS
Date JUN 29 1939

Ask Hebebrand Insanity Ruling

Dr. John S. Tierney, county psychiatrist, today filed in Probate Court an application to declare as insane Arthur Hebebrand, who yesterday finished serving a two-year federal term for harboring Alvin Karpis, one-time Public Enemy No. 1, at the Harvard Club, of which Hebebrand formerly was co-proprietor.

Hebebrand, suffering from paranoid dementia praecox, was en route to Cleveland from the Springfield (Mo.) Federal Hospital for mental and physicial delinquents. He was transferred there from Leavenworth (Kan.) Federal Prison on March 26, 1938.

Dr. E. W. Green, physician at the federal hospital, told Dr. Tierney that Hebebrand had partly recovered following attacks of "stir-craziness" at the prison. Green recommended further hospitalization for Hebebrand for complete recovery.

Probate Judge Nelson J. Brewer will hear the application tomorrow, after Hebebrand has spent the night in the psychopathic ward of County Jail.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, etal; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: SAM COKER upon plea of guilty in U. S. District Court at Toledo, Ohio, on June 16, 1939, sentenced to serve fifteen months on each of three counts to be served in a Federal Penitentiary concurrently. Disposition sheet submitted.

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REFERENCE: Report A. P. Barber, S.A., dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on 6-9-39.

DETAILS: At Toledo, Ohio

The records in the office of the Clerk of Court for the Western Division of the Northern District of Ohio, United States District Court, were checked by the writer and reflect under Criminal Docket Number 7960 that SAM COKER, with aliases, on June 16, 1939 entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with a violation of Sections 88 and 551, Title 18, in connection with Sections 246, 408-e, and 551, Title 18, U.S.C.A. in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio at Toledo, Ohio, and was sentenced on the same date by the Honorable Frank Kloeb, District Judge presiding, to serve a term of fifteen months in a Federal Penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney

DISPOSITION SHEET

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General on each of three counts. The sentences to be served concurrent with the sentence imposed on the first count, making a total of fifteen months to be served.

This report is being submitted in accordance with Bureau instructions and a parole report will be submitted in the near future.

It was ascertained at the office of the Assistant United States Attorney at Toledo, Ohio, that a letter had been directed to the Attorney General requesting permission to dismiss the indictment against subject SAM COKER charging him with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which indictment is reported in Cleveland File 26-235.

ENCLOSURE

To Bureau, one disposition sheet.

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The CLEVELAND OFFICE

At Cleveland, Ohio,
will prepare and submit a parole report on subject SAM COKER.

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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 27, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

You will recall that in a memorandum to you dated June 16, 1939, information was furnished to the effect that the Assistant United States Attorney in the Cleveland District had indicated that he intended to prosecute Sam Coker on a charge of harboring in the Bremer case upon his release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester.

A report has now been received from the Cleveland office indicating that upon a plea of guilty to the charges of accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, conspiracy with others as accessory after the fact and conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, Coker was sentenced on June 16, 1939, to serve terms of fifteen months on each of three counts, the same to run concurrently.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
July 6, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated June 23, 1939, from the Newark Office enclosing a letter from LEROY MUNYON, Chaplain, Missouri State Penitentiary, concerning the application of EDNA MURRAY to the Board of Pardons and Paroles in connection with the State sentence she is serving.

In this connection, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the past, I understand, has made definite recommendations favorable to EDNA MURRAY by reason of the assistance rendered to the Government in her testimony as a witness in the cases growing out of the above-entitled kidnaping. I do not know to whom he made this information available; however, it is believed that the office of the United States Attorney at St. Paul will have copies of letters reflecting his action in this connection.

I do not believe that the Bureau can place themselves on record with the Board of Pardons and Paroles in this case as to the activity of this individual which was favorable to her, and that this should more properly come from the United States Attorney who conducted the cases in which she appeared as a witness in Federal Court.

It is not believed that Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA should acknowledge the letter in question; however, it is possible the Bureau might wish to suggest to Chaplain MUNYON that he communicate with the United States Attorney at St. Paul.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. B. Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: BREKER

Dear Sir:

Leroy Munyon, Chaplain of the Missouri State Penitentiary, has recently directed letters to Special Agent John L. Madala, presently assigned to the Newark Division, and to Special Agent D. F. Sullivan, presently assigned to the El Paso Division, wherein he requests assistance for Edna Murray, who presently has an application before the Board of Pardons and Paroles of the State of Missouri, in connection with the State sentence she is serving.

Mr. Munyon has been advised by letters from both Special Agents Madala and Sullivan that the rules of the Department prevent them from appearing before the Pardon Board, and the fact that Edna Murray rendered assistance to the Government by testifying as a Government witness in the Bremer kidnaping is a matter of official record.

The Bureau instructs that you have an Agent contact Leroy Munyon and suggest to him that he communicate with the United States Attorney who prosecuted the cases in which Edna Murray appeared as a witness in the Federal Court.

This matter should be given expeditious attention and the Bureau immediately advised when the same has been done.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Coffey
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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 12, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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.

In a communication to the Chicago office from the Springfield office, it has been observed that relatives of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, subject in the Bremer case, related to the Sheriff at Clinton, Illinois, that Dr. Moran is still alive and they know his whereabouts. According to the information received by the Springfield office, these two individuals are Joseph Lauer and John Lauer, brothers, believed to be nephews or other fairly close relatives of Moran, who were recently sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, for robbery.

From the information developed, they are apparently willing to converse freely on this matter, and the Chicago office has been requested to interview them. A letter is going forward requesting that the Chicago office give this matter expeditious attention in view of the extensive efforts made by the Bureau to determine whether or not Dr. Moran is in fact still alive.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Press this vigorously.
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August 8, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Springfield, Illinois

Re: George Timiney; Dr. Joseph
F. 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 the report of Special Agent T. F. Mullen, dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 22, 1939, in the above-entitled case, wherein it is noted undeveloped leads which have been set out for your office are still outstanding.

It is the Bureau's desire that this matter be given expeditious attention and that a report covering this investigation be submitted at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JULY 14, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to the Kansas City Field Division dated July 12, 1939, in the above case.

In accordance with instructions contained in reference letter, you are advised that on July 14, 1939, Special Agent M. B. RHODES of this office contacted Reverend LEROY MUNYON, Chaplain of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Agent RHODES pointed out to Reverend MUNYON that the rules of the Department of Justice prevent Special Agents JOHN L. MADALA and D. P. SULLIVAN from appearing before the Pardon Board and giving testimony in behalf of EDNA MURRAY. However, Agent RHODES suggested that MUNYON communicate with Mr. VICTOR E. ANDERSON, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, whose office handled the cases in which EDNA MURRAY gave testimony in behalf of the Government. A suggestion was also made by Agent RHODES that he contact United States District Judge GEORGE SULLIVAN, St. Paul, Minnesota, who was United States Attorney at St. Paul at the time these cases were prosecuted, and that he request them to furnish statements in regard to the assistance rendered by EDNA MURRAY to the Government in these cases. In this connection, Mr. MUNYON stated that he had just received a communication from Mr. EMRICH B. FREED, United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein the latter in substance stated that EDNA MURRAY had cooperated with his office, however, Mr. FREED made no recommendations to the Parole Board.

Mr. MUNYON further stated that EDNA MURRAY's hearing comes up before the Missouri Parole Board on August 2, 1939, and that he would contact United States Attorney ANDERSON and GEORGE SULLIVAN by letter as above suggested.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - St. Paul
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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI K.C. FILE NO. 62-1395

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	7-19-39	7-18-39	M. B. RHODES MC

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner	MISCELLANEOUS PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, advised that a hearing in this case has been set before Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS, U. S. District Judge, to be held in the Federal Court room at Kansas City, Kansas at 10:00 A.M. on July 28, 1939. A representative of the Kansas City Field Division will attend this hearing.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. B. RHODES, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 6-2-39.

DETAILS: AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On July 18, 1939, Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, informed Special Agent G. H. TREADWELL that a hearing in this case has been set by Federal Judge RICHARD J. HOPKINS to be held before him in the Federal Court room at Kansas City, Kansas on July 28, 1939, at 10:00 A.M. Mr. DAVIS further stated that insofar as known to him, McDONALD has no attorney of record, but that a copy of the order of court setting the case for hearing had been served upon McDONALD at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, by the Deputy Warden of that institution, on July 16, 1939.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight Brantley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The Kansas City Field Division office will have a representative at this hearing to observe what transpires there, in view of the charges made by McDONALD against the Director and other Bureau employees.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, will follow the scheduled hearing above referred to.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

AR:GVC

July 22, 1939

Time: 1:20 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Special Agent Rhodes of Kansas City called and informed that Cassius MacDonald, who is presently serving a sentence in Leavenworth Penitentiary, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus through his wife in the Federal Court in Kansas City, Kansas.

A hearing is going to be held on this writ before Judge Hopkins at Kansas City, Kansas, on July 28, 1939, at which time some Agent from the Kansas City office will be present. This morning Rhodes received a call from Assistant United States Attorney Homer Davis at Topeka, Kansas, who is handling this matter for his office. MacDonald's attorney has filed the petition and has requested that a subpoena be issued for the Director and SAC McKee. Davis told Rhodes he was going to resist the whole thing at a hearing next Tuesday morning.

The motion was filed this morning requesting that subpoenas ad testificandum and duces tecum be issued for the Director and SAC McKee and a Dr. Singleton of the Public Health Service. Rhodes stated that he would send a full report of this to the Bureau. A representative of the Kansas City office will also attend the hearing Tuesday morning.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. ROSEN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	7-22-39	7-22-39	M. B. RHODES MC

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner	MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, advised a supplemental petition was filed in U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Kansas on 7-22-39 by CASSIUS McDONALD for an order for subpoena duces tecum to be issued for one Dr. D. E. SINGLETON; and a subpoena ad testificandum to be issued for Director HOOVER and Special Agent in Charge SAMUEL H. McKEE; further, a subpoena duces tecum for Mr. HOOVER to produce all records in his possession pertaining to CASSIUS McDONALD. United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, to resist above petition at a hearing on 7-25-39. The main hearing in this case has been set in the above court for 7-28-39. Bureau telephonically advised upon receipt of above information.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. B. RHODES, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-19-39.

DETAILS: AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On the morning of July 22, 1939, Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, telephoned the Kansas City office and advised that CASSIUS McDONALD had on this date filed an amended petition before the United States District Court,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight Brantley Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Kansas, containing the following allegations:

"Re: CASSIUS McDONALD

vs.

ROBERT H. HUDSPETH,

TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. HOPKINS, JUDGE:

Comes now the petitioner and moves the honorable court for an order for subpoena duces tecum of the hospital records from November, 1936, up to and including July 28, 1939, and all the records, papers, books, documents, letters, reports, and etc., in the possession of the Department of Justice, Federal Prison Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration, State, and Treasury Departments and the Army of the United States of America, of Subject CASSIUS McDONALD, number 48,370, from January, 1932, up to and including this date, July 28, 1939, and the hospital records of BYRON BOLTON from the Public Health Service at Springfield, Missouri; subpoena ad testificandum of witnesses, said Dr. D. E. SINGLETON, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, and SAMUEL H. McKEE; subpoena duces tecum of all personal records that JOHN EDGAR HOOVER may have in his possession pertaining to Subject, number 48,370, said one CASSIUS McDONALD.

As set for hearing before the honorable court on July 28, 1939, at 10:00 A.M., Kansas City, Kansas.

Signed - Cassius McDonald."

Mr. DAVIS stated that the above petition would be resisted by his office in its entirety at a hearing in the above court on Tuesday, July 25, 1939. As has been previously pointed out in a report, the main hearing on this matter is scheduled to come up in the above court at Kansas City, Kansas on July 28, 1939.

Upon receipt of the above information from Mr. DAVIS, Mr. ROSEN of the Bureau was telephonically informed of contents of same.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION, at KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, will follow the hearing on the above-referred-to petition scheduled in United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, for July 25, 1939; will also follow the main hearing on this matter, which is scheduled to come up in the above court at Kansas City, Kansas on July 28, 1939.

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July 23, 1939

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

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation of Special Agent M. B. RHODES of this office with Mr. E. A. TAMM of the Bureau on July 23, 1939, you are advised that our file in this matter has been checked and it has been ascertained that all material documents, including copies of petitions for writ of habeas corpus heretofore filed, have been sent to the Bureau. A review of this file reflects the following summary of the matter.

A copy of the original petition for writ of habeas corpus was filed by CASSIUS McDONALD, Petitioner, in U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Kansas on October 20, 1938 and directed to the Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. A copy of this petition was forwarded by the Kansas City Office to the Bureau on February 18, 1939. This original petition was not sent into the Bureau until February 18, 1939 for the reason that officials of the Bureau were not involved in this proceeding, and the matter had not been called to the attention of the Kansas City Office.

The first amended petition for writ of habeas corpus was filed in the above court on February 15, 1939. Copies of this amended petition were forwarded to the Bureau on February 18, 1939.

The second amended petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in the above court March 1, 1939. A copy of this document was forwarded to the Bureau by the Kansas City Office on March 31, 1939.

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On July 22, 1939, the petitioner filed in the above court a motion for an order for subpoena duces tecum and subpoena ad testificandum for Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER and Dr. D. E. SINGLETON, Public Health Service, Springfield, Missouri - for all personal and official records pertaining to CASSIUS McDONALD. Also, for subpoena ad testificandum for Special Agent in Charge SAMUEL H. McKEE of the Bureau. A copy of the above referred to motion was set out verbatum in the report of Special Agent M. B. RHODES of the Kansas City Office, dated July 22, 1939 and forwarded to the Bureau airmail special delivery.

It is noted that the first amended petition, dated February 15, 1939, contains a number of allegations. The allegations of interest to the Bureau are as follows:

(1) That perjury was committed by Special Agents - HANSON, McKEE, BROWN and witness BYRON BOLTON and the Cuban witnesses when they, upon their oaths, gave false testimony material to the issue. It is noted that this allegation does not set out what testimony was false.

(2) Subornation of perjury occurred when witnesses - BOLTON, ADAMS and Agents - HANSON, BROWN and McKEE were procured to give this alleged false testimony. There is no allegation in the petition as to who caused these witnesses to perjure themselves.

(3) Forgery occurred in the changing of the following testimony on the court record: "The destruction of alleged money was ordered by JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Department of Justice". The petition alleges that the above testimony was changed to read - "The destruction of alleged money was by order of the Treasury Department of the United States".

It is noted that among other things alleged by the petitioner was the fact that his attorney, EDWARD JENNINGS of Chicago, Illinois was incompetent to handle his case.

The second amended petition filed March 1, 1939 charges that Assistant Attorney General BRIEN McMAHON and Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM G. BARROW falsely changed testimony in the original transcript of the court record for the purpose of deceiving the judges of the Court of Appeals.

You are advised that this office again contacted Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, today, and he informed that McDONALD is now represented by Attorney W. H. McCANISH, a former city or district judge in Kansas City, Kansas. Further, that the hearing on the motion filed in the above court on July 22, 1939, for the issuance of subpoena duces tecum and ad testificandum for Mr. HOOVER and Mr. McKEE would take place in Judge HOPKINS' chambers at Kansas City, Kansas on Tuesday, July 25, 1939. Mr. DAVIS stated that this being a civil proceeding, even though there might be some merit to the petitioner's contentions, which Mr. DAVIS, of course, does not concede, the Court is without power to order anyone, over a hundred miles distant from the location of the court, to appear and testify as a witness. Further, that the motion filed by the petitioner on July 22, 1939, is ambiguous, vague, and that it is impossible for one reading this petition to understand just what records the petitioner desires subpoenaed. Mr. DAVIS stated he is reasonably certain the Court will dismiss the motion filed for the above subpoena at the hearing.

A representative of the Kansas City Field Office will follow this matter in Federal Court at Kansas City, Kansas on July 25th and July 28th, 1939.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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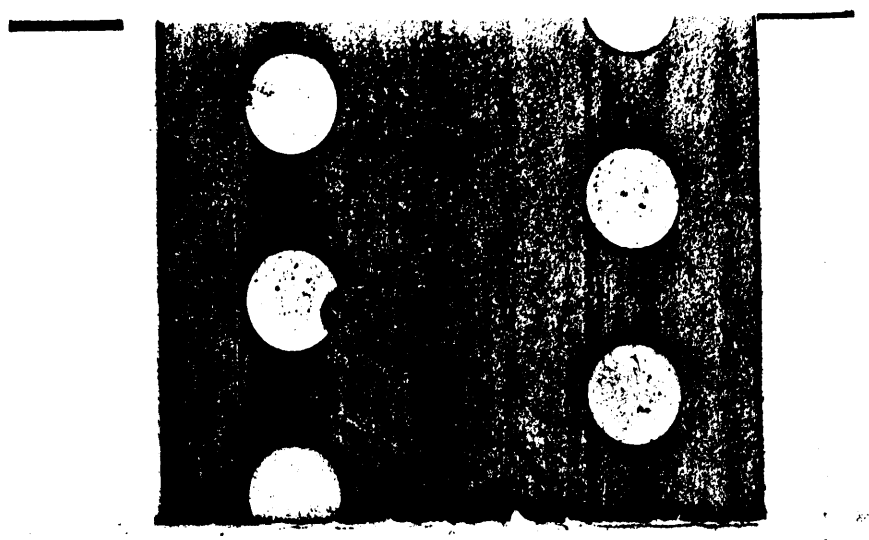

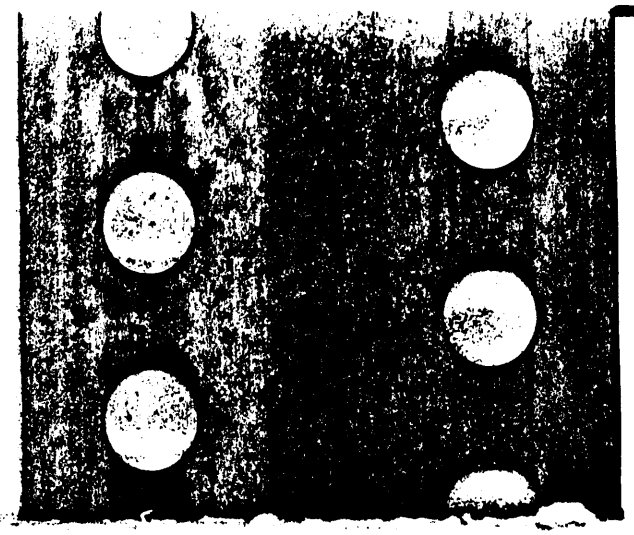

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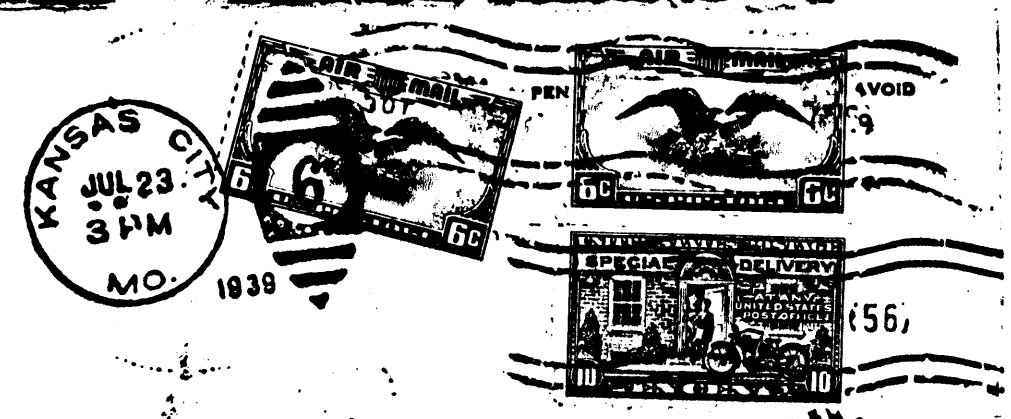

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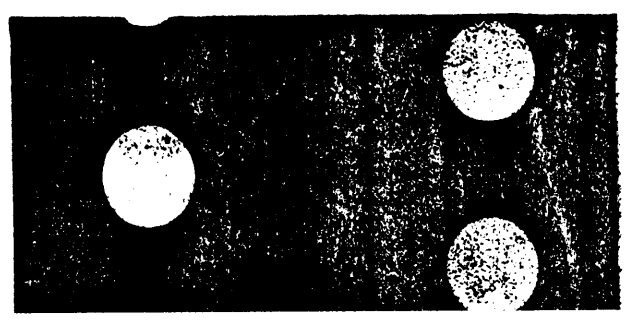

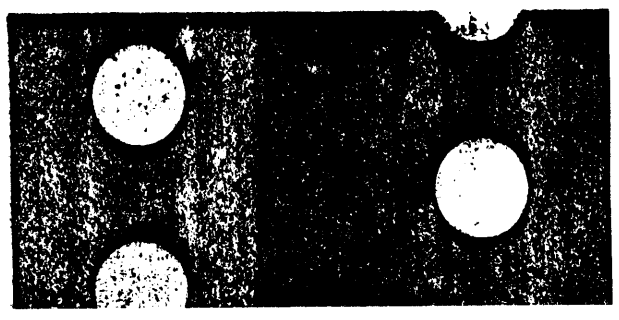

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.	KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN LAUER, #15,230, a nephew of SUBJECT MORAN, advises that in 1935 an individual by the name of TOM, whose nationality appeared to be Irish, advised him that SUBJECT MORAN, his uncle, was still alive. JOHN LAUER states that since that time he learned but through no person directly that MORAN had been found dead. JOSEPH LAUER presently incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Ill.

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REFERENCE: Springfield Office letter dated 6/30/39.

DETAILS: AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS:

At the office of the Record Clerk of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet Agent was advised by MR. JOHN BRODERICK that both JOHN and JOSEPH LAUER, #15,230 and #15,231, had been received at the Illinois State Penitentiary on June 14, 1939, from Henry County on a charge of robbery, sentence one to twenty years; that JOSEPH LAUER was transferred to Pontiac, Illinois, on July 14, 1939. The records further indicate that both JOHN and JOSEPH LAUER are wanted by the De Kalb and DeWitt County authorities, the charge from De Kalb County being robbery with a gun, and the charge from DeWitt County being burglary and larceny; that detainers have been placed on file for both of these persons; that neither JOHN nor

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JOSEPH LAUER will come before the Board of Pardons & Paroles before June, 1940, to have a definite sentence set which they are to serve. The records further indicate that JOSEPH LAUER was transferred to the Pontiac, Illinois State Penitentiary on July 14, 1939.

At the Old Prison, Joliet, Illinois, Agent interviewed JOHN LAUER, where he is presently confined to the hospital and will be for some months to come due to a partial paralysis of the legs and a brain tumor, said to have been caused from syphilis. He stated that both he and his brother, JOE, are nephews of SUBJECT DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, DR. MORAN being their mother's brother; that the mother is presently dead, but that in 1935, while he was working in a Greek fruit and vegetable store located in the 1800 block on East 71st Street, Chicago, he became acquainted with an individual, whose first name is TOM, last name unknown, but who he believes to be of Irish descent; that at that time TOM, who was likewise employed by GEORGE at the fruit store, advised him JOHN that his uncle, SUBJECT MORAN, was presently alive. JOHN stated that he did not appear to be very much interested or make any additional inquiries because he did not want to have "any heat" put on him by the police authorities. Whether or not this TOM is still in the employ of GEORGE in the fruit store JOHN LAUER could not state, but he did learn, through no direct information from anyone, that his uncle, SUBJECT MORAN, had been found dead in the vicinity of some lake. JOHN stated that the report that he might have any direct or specific information indicating that SUBJECT MORAN was still alive was erroneous, and all during the time he was incarcerated in the County Jail at Cambridge, Illinois, and for some time prior thereto, he, JOHN LAUER, had been laid up and was in such a condition that he could not do much travelling about; that his home was in Spring Valley, Illinois, and that the last time he saw his uncle, SUBJECT MORAN, was in 1933, this being at his mother's home; that he doubts very much whether his brother, JOE, would have any additional information concerning his uncle; that he has another brother, PAUL LAUER, who is presently residing in Spring Valley, Illinois, and does not know whether or not he has any direct information indicating if SUBJECT MORAN is dead or alive.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SPRINGFIELD OFFICE:

At Pontiac, Illinois, will interview JOSEPH LAUER, who is presently incarcerated in the Illinois State Prison at that place, along the lines set out in letter of reference.

At Spring Valley, Illinois, contact PAUL LAUER, a brother of both JOHN and JOSEPH LAUER and a nephew of SUBJECT MORAN, for the purpose of obtaining any information he might have indicating whether or not SUBJECT MORAN is presently living, and, if so, his possible whereabouts.

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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 22, 1939

Time: 7:35 p.m.

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I called Agent Rhodes at Kansas City in connection with the habeas corpus proceedings being brought by the wife of Cassius MacDonald, presently incarcerated in Leavenworth Penitentiary, which are to be held on Friday, July 28, 1939.

Since a motion for the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the Director has been allowed, I instructed Mr. Rhodes to have the Kansas City file checked to be sure it contains no information relative to the writ that is not in the Bureau's possession. Should additional information be disclosed, the same is to be forwarded to the Bureau not later than tomorrow afternoon via air mail special delivery for the purpose of being included in a comprehensive memorandum of the case. I told Mr. Rhodes I was particularly interested in the merits of the proceedings, that is, the basis of the writ, the charges, et cetera.

In a hearing to be held Tuesday morning, July 25, Assistant United States Attorney Homer Davis at Topeka will resist the allowance of the subpoena against the Director. In this connection, I instructed Agent Rhodes to be sure that the subpoena is vigorously resisted.

The last information received by Agent Rhodes is to the effect that Mrs. MacDonald does not as yet have an attorney of record.

12:15 p.m. 7-23-39

Agent Rhodes called after having checked the Kansas City file and stated that all of the material documents had been forwarded to the Bureau.

The first document that was furnished the Bureau is a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed October 20, 1938. This did not allege anything in which the Bureau was interested, according to Rhodes, other than the fact that MacDonald was being held unlawfully and general charge of incompetency

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on the part of MacDonald's attorney.

An amended petition was filed by MacDonald on February 15, 1939, and the same was forwarded to the Bureau on February 18. The same charged that perjury was committed at the trial on the part of Special Agents Hanson, McKee and Brown, as well as by Byron Bolton and the Cuban witnesses, when during the course of the trial they gave certain false testimony. The specific false testimony is not alleged. It is further alleged that subornation of perjury occurred when Bolton and Adams, witnesses, and Agents Hanson, Brown, and McKee were procured to give alleged false testimony. No allegation is made as to who caused these witnesses to perjure themselves. It is further alleged that forgery occurred in the changing of certain testimony in the original court record. The testimony in question was "the description of the alleged money was ordered by John Edgar Hoover of the Department of Justice." It is charged that this line in the testimony was changed to read, "the description of the alleged money was by order of the Treasury Department of the United States". A general charge of incompetency on the part of MacDonald's attorney, Edward Jennings of Chicago, also is contained in the amended petition.

A second amended petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed on March 3, 1939, and forwarded to the Bureau by the Kansas City Office on March 31. This amendment charges that Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon and Assistant Attorney General William W. Barron, falsely changed the testimony in the original transcript of the record for the purpose of deceiving the judges of the Court of Appeals.

No further documents were filed until the filing of the petition on July 22, the contents of which were quoted in an air mail special delivery letter which has been forwarded to the Bureau.

Agent Rhodes talked to Assistant U. S. Attorney Davis this morning and learned that W. H. McCamish of Kansas City, Kansas, has been named as MacDonald's attorney.

Davis is of the opinion that since this is a civil proceeding, the Director cannot be successfully subpoenaed due to the restriction that a man cannot be compelled to attend court in a civil proceeding where he is over 100 miles away from the place of the proceeding. Davis is confident subpoenas will not be issued for the Director and the Agents.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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July 28, 1939

Time: 11:20 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

I called Special Agent Boardman at Kansas City with reference to the outcome of the hearing Tuesday morning as to whether the subpoena for the Director was allowed in the Cassius MacDonald habeas corpus proceeding. Mr. Boardman said that a report on this was submitted to the Bureau on Tuesday by air mail special delivery.

According to Agent Boardman, the attorney who is representing Cassius MacDonald stated he knew nothing about the motion and that MacDonald had apparently made the motion on his own. Judge Hopkins at the hearing Tuesday said he would demand a hearing today and indicated at that time no subpoena would be issued for the Director. The United States Attorney at Topeka advised he had all kinds of authority to show that in the first place it was not appropriate to issue a subpoena duces tecum on a writ of habeas corpus and that there was absolutely no danger of such a subpoena being issued. Agent Rhodes is attending the hearing this morning.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner	MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

McDONALD delivered to U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Kansas on Writ of Habeas Corpus, 7-28-39; testified in open court as to reasons for his desiring records of the Public Health Service, Federal Immigration and State Departments, War Department, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further testified that at his trial in St. Paul, at which time he was convicted, he did not have representation of counsel; that his attorney, one JENNINGS was drunk throughout the trial and made no effort to defend him; further that he was not afforded an opportunity by his attorney to take the witness stand and testify in his defense and that JENNINGS refused to permit him to introduce the testimony of some witnesses brought to St. Paul by his wife from Cuba to testify in his behalf. Up to date the Court has issued no order for the appearance of any Bureau official or employee to testify in this case or to produce any records. Special Assistant to the Attorney General, WILLIAM W. BARRON, Washington, D. C., took the witness stand and denied that he or any of his subordinates changed the record of the trial court for the purpose of deceiving the appellate courts. Hearing adjourned until an indefinite date in September, 1939.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. B. RHODES, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-25-39.

DETAILS: AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

On July 28, 1939, the Warden at the United States Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas, through the United States Marshal at Topeka, Kansas, in response to a Writ of Habeas Corpus issued out of the U. S. District Court for the District of Kansas, on July 25, 1939, produced CASSIUS McDONALD, an inmate of Leavenworth prison, in U. S. District Court at Kansas City, Kansas. The Government was represented at the McDONALD proceeding by Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas. McDONALD was represented by Attorney JOHN F. RHODES of Kansas City, Missouri, who on July 25, 1939, was appointed by Federal Judge RICHARD J. HOPKINS to represent McDONALD. In this connection, it is pointed out that Mr. RHODES, who is in no manner related to the writer of this report, is an attorney of excellent reputation in Missouri and Kansas. He has practiced law for many years in Kansas City, and is considered a high-class gentleman and attorney. Mr. RHODES placed McDONALD on the witness stand before Judge HOPKINS and interrogated him as to his reasons for desiring the documents and witnesses mentioned in his supplemental petition filed in the above court on July 22, 1939, as indicated by report of this writer of that date.

Questioned by Mr. RHODES as to his reasons for wanting the records of the Public Health Service at Leavenworth prison to be used as evidence by him in the Habeas Corpus proceeding, McDONALD testified that on July 22, 1937, he was transferred in the above prison to the insane ward at the prison hospital and that he remained there under observation until August 5th or 6th, 1937. McDONALD stated that there was no reason whatever for this; that he was getting along all right in the cell assigned to him and that he was suddenly shifted to the insane ward without any explanation. He stated that he wanted the above records for the purpose of ascertaining who issued the order for him to be transferred to the insane ward. He said that Dr. D. E. SINGLETON of the Public Health Service, is the physician who examined him on the above occasion and will know who issued the above order and why it was issued.

Dr. SINGLETON at this time is a psychiatrist attached to the U. S. prison at Atlanta, Georgia. It is pointed out that throughout McDONALD's testimony, he charged that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was out to "get" him in this case and it is his theory that as a part of the "conspiracy" to "get" him, the Federal Bureau of Investigation had him placed in the insane ward at Leavenworth prison.

McDONALD stated that the reason he wants the records of the War Department in Washington subpoenaed in this hearing, is to determine who in the F.B.I. or who in the War Department sent a letter along about the spring of 1936 to the Social Service people in the U. S. prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, wherein the statement was made that he, McDONALD, had no war record. This letter, according to McDONALD is another step in the attempt by the F.B.I. to "get" him.

Questioned as to his reason for wanting records of the Immigration and State Departments in this hearing, McDONALD testified that the Immigration records will show that he was not in the United States on the date that the F.B.I. agents at his trial testified that he, McDONALD, was in Miami, Florida. He said that he can prove by the Immigration records that on the date the F.B.I. agents claimed he was in Miami, Florida, he, McDONALD was actually in Havana. He further stated that the records of the State Department at Washington, D. C. would show that at the time the F.B.I. witnesses testified in the trial that he was in Miami, he, McDONALD, was actually in the American Embassy at Havana, Cuba, in conference with U. S. Ambassador CAFFREY.

Questioned as to his reasons for wanting the records of the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital at Springfield, Missouri (The Federal Prison Hospital), McDONALD stated that he wants to show by these records that witness BYRON BOLTON, who testified against him at the St. Paul trial, is insane; further, that if these records are produced they will show that some of the evidence that was offered in court against him was offered by an insane man. McDONALD also testified that Special Agent JACK BRENNAN of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the man who went over to the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul, Minnesota during the course of McDONALD's trial and coaxed BOLTON to testify against him.

Questioned as to what personal records of Director J. EDGAR HOOVER were desired by him, and his reasons for wanting Mr. HOOVER to produce these records, McDONALD stated that at one time Mr. HOOVER wrote a letter to Chief of Police CARROLL, Grand Rapids, Michigan, wherein Mr. HOOVER made certain statements derogatory to McDONALD. McDONALD said that he wanted Mr. HOOVER and his personal records in court, in order that Mr. HOOVER could be interrogated as to the source of his, HOOVER's, information regarding McDONALD. In response to questioning by his attorney, McDONALD admitted that he knew of no records which Mr. HOOVER might have in his personal files that would not be in his official files.

Questioned as to his reason for wanting official records of the Bureau and wanting the testimony of Special Agent in Charge SAMUEL McKEE, McDONALD testified that McKEE is the man who ordered the destruction of approximately $12,500.00 of the ransom money that was located in the Cuban Treasury at Havana. McDONALD testified that he wanted McKEE's testimony in his Habeas Corpus proceeding for the purpose of determining who ordered McKEE to destroy this money.

After McDONALD gave the above testimony, Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS moved to strike all of this testimony from the record on the ground that it was incompetent in the Habeas Corpus proceeding and that all records and testimony desired by McDONALD were irrelevant and immaterial to this hearing. Judge HOPKINS reserved ruling on this point. It is pointed out that up to date no order has been made by the above court directing Mr. HOOVER or any other official of the Bureau to appear in the court at Kansas City, Kansas and give testimony or produce any official or personal document in this matter.

Following the above testimony, McDONALD told the court that he was not properly represented by counsel in the trial of his case before Federal Judge NORDBY at St. Paul, for the reason that the man who was supposed to represent him, one JENNINGS, was drunk throughout the trial; further, that on two of the twenty-two days of the trial, JENNINGS was not in court and he, McDONALD was without counsel; further that on several occasions, JENNINGS, during the course of the trial vomited in open court and had to be escorted from the court room by a bailiff. McDONALD further

testified that when he attempted to introduce other counsel to Judge NORDBY that Judge NORDBY refused to recognize counsel other than JENNINGS. He further testified that JENNINGS refused to permit him to take the stand and testify in his behalf and refused to put witnesses that McDONALD's wife brought from Cuba to testify in McDONALD's behalf, on the stand. Further, when the time came to make the closing argument to the jury, JENNINGS made little effort to present McDONALD's case to the jury.

Questioned as to what evidence he had in his possession to the effect that Assistant Attorney General BRYAN McMANN and Special Assistant to the Attorney General WILLIAM W. BARRON deliberately altered the record of the trial court for the purpose of deceiving the Justices of the Court of Appeals in the U. S. Supreme Court, McDONALD testified that the record of the trial reflects that Special Agent McKEE testified that he, McKEE, destroyed the $12,500.00 in ransom money found in the Cuban Treasury, upon orders from Mr. HOOVER. McDONALD stated that this testimony was altered in the brief filed by BRYAN McMANN and Mr. BARRON with the United States Supreme Court, to show that this ransom money was destroyed upon orders of the United States Treasury. At this point, Mr. DAVIS raised the objection that it was immaterial as to who destroyed this money, whether it was destroyed upon orders of Mr. HOOVER or upon orders of the Treasury Department. Judge HOPKINS stated that he was inclined to hold that it was immaterial as to who destroyed this money; however, he permitted McDONALD to make his statement in this respect into the record.

Following McDONALD's testimony, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, WILLIAM W. BARRON of Washington, D. C., took the stand and testified that the preparation of the appeal brief in this case was under his immediate supervision and that Mr. McMANN had nothing to do with preparing this brief; further that he, BARRON, had read the record of the trial of this case at St. Paul many times and considered himself familiar with every detail of it; also, that he had carefully read the appeal brief which went up to the Suprene Court and Court of Appeals in this matter. He said that at no time did he or anyone else under his supervision change any part of the record in the trial court when writing the appellate brief. Mr. BARRON also testified

that there had been no material change in the testimony in respect to the destruction of the ransom money in the preparation of the trial brief; further, that the appellate judges could not have been deceived in this matter in view of the fact that regardless of what might have been said in the appellate brief, the appellate judges still had the record of the trial court before them.

At the conclusion of Mr. BARRON's testimony, Attorney RHODES informed the court that as matters then stood, the only witness desired by him at this time from whom he wanted a deposition in this matter was Dr. D. E. SINGLETON of the Public Health Service in Atlanta prison; that the purpose of this deposition was to ascertain who ordered McDONALD transferred to the insane ward at Leavenworth prison. Judge HOPKINS pointed out that he could not see the materiality of this testimony in this hearing; however, the Judge stated that in view of the fact that he got Mr. RHODES into the case, he felt he should cooperate with Mr. RHODES in permitting him to take whatever depositions RHODES desired. When Judge HOPKINS made this statement to Mr. RHODES from the Bench, Attorney BARRON of the Department of Justice was sitting in the witness chair and Judge HOPKINS asked Mr. BARRON if he would not enlist the cooperation of the Department of Justice in permitting Mr. RHODES to take this deposition from Dr. SINGLETON, pointing out that Mr. RHODES would have to go to Atlanta to take the deposition. Mr. BARRON then assured the court and Mr. RHODES that he would cooperate in an effort to get the consent of the Department to permit the giving of the deposition by Dr. SINGLETON.

Following the above, the hearing was adjourned to sometime in September, 1939. No definite date for resumption of the hearing was fixed by the Court.

Following the hearing, the above information was telephonically communicated to Mr. PENNINGTON of the Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at TOPEKA, KANSAS, will follow this matter in the United States Attorney's office.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

St. Paul,
July 20, 1939.

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

7-244

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This office has received a letter from Robert C. Edson, Director of Probation and Parole, State of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, advising that Edna Murray, No. 28973, is scheduled for a parole hearing on August 2, 1939, and asking this office for information which might be of value to the Board in determining whether parole should be granted this woman.

This office has written to Mr. Edson advising him, in brief, of the assistance Edna Murray rendered by giving testimony for the government in various prosecutions arising out of the kidnaping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota.

It occurred to the writer that your Bureau might desire to be apprised of this situation in order that you may have an opportunity to give Mr. Edson information on the subject, should you be disposed to do so.

Respectfully yours,

VICTOR E. ANDERSON,
United States Attorney.

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cc St Paul 7/24/39 gmb

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DEB:JHK July 28, 1939

Honorable Victor E. Anderson
United States Attorney
District of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Reference; GAH:amm

My dear Mr. Anderson:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 20, 1939, concerning the application made by Edna Murray for parole and the hearing on the same which has been scheduled for August 2, 1939.

I sincerely appreciate your calling this to my attention, and you may be sure that the same has been given appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc St. Paul

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 24, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: CASSIUS M. McDONALD

Cassius M. McDonald was convicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, under an indictment charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer, and on February 1, 1936, he was sentenced to serve a term of fifteen years in a Federal prison. The case was appealed and on March 6, 1937, the Circuit Court affirmed the conviction. The case was carried to the United States Supreme Court on a writ of certiorari and this writ was denied on March 8, 1937. On October 20, 1938, Cassius McDonald filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. His allegations were briefly as follows:

1. That an overt act in the conspiracy to kidnap with which he was charged and convicted - namely, receiving, disposing of and exchanging ransom money - was not illegal until the passage of the January 24, 1936, Statute, and hence this allegation was in effect an ex post facto one. (Indictment was dated September 27, 1935). The claim of McDonald is that this charge could not have been made directly because to have done so would have made the charge ex post facto and hence that it could not be charged as an overt act in the conspiracy either.

2. McDonald charges that he was deprived of counsel in that when the case was called for trial on January 7, 1936, his attorney Everett Jennings of Chicago was not present and proceedings for the selection of the jury were conducted prior to his arrival. Further he alleges that an associate counsel, Edward Bennett of Detroit, did not appear the next morning, and after a day's trial Mr. Jennings likewise did not appear. Petitioner alleges that he was refused his request to employ other counsel and was without an attorney in all for about ten days during the trial, all of which time he was refused permission to employ other counsel.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. [illegible]
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On February 15, 1939, an amendment was filed to the petition for writ of habeas corpus which was in fact a supplemental petition. This supplemental petition charges that McDonald's indictment, trial and conviction were illegal for numerous reasons, briefly as follows:

Allegations A, B and C merely pertain to or reiterate the ex post facto theory alleged in the original petition.
There is no allegation D in this petition.
Allegation E charges that perjury was committed in the original proceedings by Special Agents Hanson, McKee and Brown, and by Bolton and Cubans who were witnesses in the case. (The Special Agents named are apparently meant to be John H. Hanson, S. K. McKee and Ralph D. Brown, and the Bolton mentioned is apparently Byron Bolton.) The specific false testimony is not alleged.

Allegation F charges that subornation of perjury was committed by Hanson, Brown and McKee, and by Bolton and Adams. (The individuals accused of subornation of perjury are apparently identical with those accused of perjury, and the Adams referred to is possibly Joe Adams, Manager of the El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Florida.) The substance of this allegation is to the effect that witnesses were procured by the persons named to take false oaths. No allegation is made as to who caused these witnesses to perjure themselves.

Allegation G charges that the Director of the FBI committed forgery through alteration of the transcript of the court record, the allegation being to the effect that an alteration of the testimony concerning ransom in this case was made from "the destruction of alleged money was ordered by John Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice" to read "by order of the Treasury Department of the United States."

Allegation H again charges that the petitioner was not permitted counsel, and further that he was not allowed to take the stand in his own behalf, nor permitted to introduce his witnesses, evidence or testimony.

Allegation I charges that in the entering of the petitioner's name in the charging part of the indictment with knowledge, at the time and prior to the indictment thereto: THAT the government admits that the petitioner McDonald was in no way connected with the offense and the government and the U. S. Attorney and his able Assistant, maliciously incorporated the petitioner's name as one of the principles in the main offense.

Allegation J charges that the court erred in his instructions to the jury.

A second amended petition or supplemental petition to the supplemental petition of February 15, 1939, was dated March 1, 1939, concerning which the FBI was notified on March 31, 1939. The second amended petition was filed on March 3, 1939. This petition first requests authority to correct an error by causing the word "Marshal" to read "Bailiff" in the original petition. Further, it requests permission to amend by incorporating the following:

"That the petitioner further alleges that his illegal imprisonment was caused by the false changing of the true testimony, as recorded in the original transcript of record, to deceive and mislead the Judges of the 8th U.S.C.C.A., #10587, which deception is apparent as evidenced by the U. S. Attorney's brief.

"The petitioner shows that in the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, in a brief submitted by the U. S. Attorney for the Government as alleged, and introduced in evidence, (see page #471 original transcript of record) did then and there so change the record to influence the Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States, which caused the said Courts to fall into error in assuming the record showed the alleged moneys were called in and destroyed under orders of the 'Treasury Department of the U. S.", which caused the said Court of Appeals to place an entirely different and erroneous construction, prejudicial to the petitioner, in the rendering of the decision. See page #4 of a typed opinion in U. S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, #10587, November term, 1936, Cassius McDonald, appellant, vs U.S., March 6, 1937, page #4, paragraph #1 of the opinion which was made to read as follows:

..... In face of record which showed: ". that this money had been called in and destroyed under orders of the Treasury Department of the United States."....

"The petitioner alleges that the above quotation is false, and a fraud practised upon the Court which will be shown by the testimony in the transcript of original record, hereafter set forth and made a part of this amended petition.

"When in truth and in fact no such allegation as above referred to is contained in the transcript of record. Nor did any witness testify to the above upon which the opinion of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals was based. The transcript of original record will show positively the following testimony shows:

.....THAT THIS MONEY WAS NOT CALLED IN AND DESTROYED UNDER ORDERS OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF U. S. BUT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

"The testimony in the transcript of record shows the ALLEGED MONEY was destroyed at the request of Samuel K. McKee, Special Agent of the FBI as ordered by J. Edgar Hoover, his superior. (See transcript of record in the original case #10587: Cassius McDonald, Appellant, vs U.S.A., Appellee, pages 206-207.

"As stated, Mr. McKee's superior was Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the Department of Justice. Mr. McKee further testified that he, McKee, had his instructions to destroy this alleged money, from the said Mr. Hoover, and with reference to transmitting these alleged bills to the Federal Reserve Bank (See original transcript, pages #209-211."

It contains the further allegation which is quoted as follows:

"That the petitioner further alleges that his illegal imprisonment was also caused by the Assistant Attorneys General Brian McMahon's and William W. Barron's falsely changing the true testimony as it appears in the original transcript of record, to deceive and mislead the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, which deception is apparent as evidenced by their brief. (See page #2, paragraph #3 and page 15, Supreme Court, October term, 1936, which is made to read as follows:

'...The record showed that such money had been called in and destroyed under order of the Treasury Department of the U. S. without any ulterior motive.'

"The petitioner further alleges that the above misrepresentations and false allegations relative to the order for the 'Destruction of the Alleged Money' above referred to was carried into effect with the knowledge of its falsity by the Solicitor General and the Assistant Attorneys General Brien McMahon and William W. Barron in their briefs to the U. S. Supreme Court, #897."

On July 22, 1939, the petitioner filed a motion for an order for subpoena duces tecum and subpoena ad testificandum for the Director and Dr. D. E. Singleton, Public Health Service, Springfield, Missouri, for all personal and official records pertaining to Cassius McDonald; also for a subpoena ad testificandum for Special Agent in Charge S. E. McKee of the Bureau. This petition is quoted as follows:

"TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. HOPKINS, JUDGE:

Comes now the petitioner and moves the honorable court for an order for subpoena duces tecum of the hospital records from November, 1936, up to and including July 28, 1939, and all the records, papers, books, documents, letters, reports, and etc., in the possession of the Department of Justice, Federal Prison Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration, State, and Treasury Departments and the Army of the United States of America, of Subject

"Cassius McDonald, number 48,370, from January, 1932, up to and including this date, July 28, 1939, and the hospital records of Byron Bolton from the Public Health Service at Springfield, Missouri; subpoena ad testificandum of witnesses, said Dr. D. E. Singleton, John Edgar Hoover, and Samuel H. McKee; subpoena duces tecum of all personal records that John Edgar Hoover may have in his possession pertaining to Subject, number 48,370, said one Cassius McDonald.

As set for hearing before the honorable court on July 26, 1939, at 10:00 A. M., Kansas City, Kansas.

Signed - Cassius McDonald."

Mr. Homer Davis, Assistant United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, has supplied information that the hearing on the above motion will take place in Judge Hopkins' chambers at Kansas City, Kansas, on Tuesday, July 25, 1939. He further indicated that this being a civil proceeding, even if some merit to the petitioner's contention could be established, which Mr. Davis does not concede, the court in his opinion is without power to order anyone over 100 miles distant from the location of the court to appear and testify as a witness. He has further indicated an opinion that the motion of July 22, 1939, is ambiguous, vague, and impossible from one reading the same to understand just what records the petitioner desires subpoenaed. He felt reasonably certain when interviewed by Special Agents that the court would dismiss the motion filed for the above subpoena.

Hearing on the petition for writ of habeas corpus with supplemental petitions thereto as above set forth, is to come on for hearing before Judge Hopkins on July 28, 1939, at 10:00 A. M. at Kansas City, Kansas. Memorandum to you dated July 13, 1939, concerning Mrs. Cassius McDonald sets out her complete activities in connection with this case, including the various activities she has pursued in connection with her petitions from the time of the trial of her case until the filing of the motion for subpoenas for you, Special Agent in Charge McKee and Dr. Singleton.

Likewise memorandum to you dated November 12, 1938, sets forth in summarized form prosecutive action taken against Cassius McDonald and the background of information leading to his prosecution in connection with the Bremer case.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 28, 1939

LRP:TEB

Time 7 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Agent Rhodes called from Kansas City with reference to the Cassius MacDonald habeas corpus hearing which was held before Judge Hopkins today.

Mr. Rhodes stated no order was issued by the Court on the Bureau to produce any records or to give any testimony. The Court appointed an attorney named Rhodes, who is no relation to Agent Rhodes, to represent MacDonald. Attorney Rhodes is a high class lawyer and is going into this matter thoroughly.

Agent Rhodes stated MacDonald filed a petition last Saturday requesting that a subpoena duces tecum be issued for the Director to produce all of the Bureau's records on the case and a subpoena ad testicandum issued for the Director and Sam McKee. The Court, however, did not issue any order last Tuesday or today.

MacDonald was placed on the stand and questioned as to why he wanted these records. MacDonald said he wanted the records of the Public Health Department and wanted a Dr. Singleton, now of Atlanta Penitentiary, subpoenaed for the purpose of finding out who issued an order at Leavenworth Penitentiary on July 22, 1937 to put MacDonald in the insane ward. MacDonald wanted to know who was behind this order intimating it was the FBI. He claimed there was no reason for this order. The Court intimated this was not material in a habeas corpus hearing.

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MacDonald then requested all records in the Department of Justice from January 1, 1932 to July 28, 1939 pertaining to his case. MacDonald said the Social Service organization in Kansas received a letter in the Spring of 1936 stating he, MacDonald, had no war record and MacDonald told the Judge he wanted to know who in the FBI sent this letter to the Social Service organization. The Court intimated this was not material.

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MacDonald then stated the reason why he wanted the records from the Immigration and State Department was because these records would show that on the date that Sam McKee or another Bureau Agent testified in his trial that he was seen at Miami that he was actually in Cuba.

MacDonald also wanted the records of the Springfield, Missouri hospital subpoenaed to show that Byron Bulton was insane when he testified against MacDonald.

MacDonald also requested that the personal files of Mr. Hoover be produced because the Director, according to MacDonald, wrote a letter to Chief of Police Carroll at Grand Rapids, Michigan, date not mentioned by MacDonald, and in this letter the Director made certain statements of a derogatory nature concerning MacDonald and therefore, he, MacDonald wanted to know where Mr. Hoover obtained this information contained in the letter.

MacDonald admitted when questioned by his own counsel that he knew of no personal record which Mr. Hoover might have in this case which would not be in the official files.

MacDonald stated Sam McKee had testified in the course of the trial that he, McKee, had ordered the destruction of some $12,500 of the ransom money which happened to be in the Cuban Treasury and MacDonald wanted to know who gave McKee this order.

All of this was objected to by the Government as being immaterial in a habeas corpus hearing and the Court made no ruling on this but intimated that it would not allow this to be entered as evidence.

MacDonald then mentioned the main point, namely, that one Jennings who represented him at the trial in St. Paul was intoxicated all the time, according to MacDonald. MacDonald claims Jennings was not fit to properly present his case; that he did not allow MacDonald to take the stand and didn't permit him to introduce certain witnesses from Cuba to testify in his behalf.

Agent Rhodes stated Mr. Berrand, the Special Assistant to the Attorney General, then went on the stand.

Agent Rhodes stated apparently in the supplemental petition which MacDonald filed with the Court in this matter he charged that the original transcript of the records had been deliberately changed and falsified by Mr. Berrand and Brien McMahon for the purpose of deceiving the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. In other words the contention was that according to the testimony of the trial Sam McKee testified that he ordered the destruction of this ransom money upon orders from Mr. Hoover and that this was contained in the record of the trial and that this had been deliberately changed in the Appeal Brief to read that the destruction of the money was made upon orders of the Treasurer of the United States.

Judge Hopkins intimated that it didn't make any difference who ordered the distruction of the money; that this was immaterial to this hearing.

Mr. Berrand testified there was no attempt on the part of anyone in his office to alter or change the record.

Attorney Rhodes stated he wanted to take the deposition of this Dr. Singleton on the point as to who issued the order placing MacDonald in the insane ward at Leavenworth on July 22, 1937. This caused quite a bit of argument as to what difference it made who issued the order. Mr. Berrard stated, however, he would cooperate with Attorney Rhodes if he desired to take this deposition.

L. R. PENNINGTON

MAT:GVC

August 1, 1939

Time: 10:40 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SAC Richmond of Little Rock called and informed me he had been in Hot Springs, Arkansas, yesterday, at the Director's request, to find out what the agents of the Internal Revenue were doing. These agents have been there since January 9, 1939, except for a seven week period. They are investigating pay-offs to city officials and they may be there for three or four more months. I asked Mr. Richmond if these men were frank and open in disclosing what they were doing and he said they were rather evasive. From Mr. Richmond's interview with Mr. Waterbury, the agent of the Intelligence Unit, and who was more evasive than Mr. Rowe, an agent of the Internal Revenue, it was gathered they were investigating these alleged pay-offs. Waterbury says he is leaving for Washington sometime this week and said that confidentially his trip was to see and interview "Dutch" Akers and Grace Goldstein. He asked Mr. Richmond whether the Bureau had any information in the files concerning specific statements these two had made concerning pay-offs, and if the Bureau had these statements he wanted to see them. Mr. Richmond told him he was not familiar with this particular request and he would have to check the files.

I told Mr. Richmond to tell Mr. Waterbury, if any further inquiry was made, that this was something that would have to be obtained through the headquarters at Washington. Mr. Richmond said he could tell Waterbury he does not have that information, as he doesn't actually have, and I told him to do this. Waterbury told Mr. Richmond he had heard the Attorney General or one of his representatives had been in Little Rock talking to Mr. Rowe and asking that the Internal Revenue investigation be speeded up and finished as soon as possible.

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While Mr. Richmond was in Little Rock, he got some articles from the newspapers which he is sending to the Bureau.

One editorial which is entitled "Slandering a Community" states, "If the offenses were not Federal then it was a moral, if not the legal duty of Hoover's men of the FBI to submit such evidence to State authorities for their action."

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On Wednesday, July 19, 1939, there was an editorial "A Former G-Man Replies to Hell in Hot Springs". This is written by T. D. Sisk and in the article he states he worked eleven years as a Special Agent. Mr. Richmond states that Sisk is angling for "Dutch" Akers' job.

On the investigation of the pay-offs by the Internal Revenue agents, bookmakers and gamblers have been questioned to a great extent.

E. A. TAMM

FRANK G. HARRIS, CHAIRMAN

LESLIE N. BLEDSOE, MEMBER

H. S. JOHNSON, MEMBER

STATE OF MISSOURI

Board of Probation and Parole

ROBERT C. EDSON
DIRECTOR OF
PROBATION AND PAROLE

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

August 3, 1939

Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
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Miss Gandy .....
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps it is a rather unusual procedure for a Director of Probation and Parole to write you asking your opinion concerning parole of inmates from penitentiaries. However, I believe this request is justified.

Edna Murray, #28973-MSP, was received at the Missouri Penitentiary on November 2, 1925, to serve a term of twenty-five years on the charge of robbery first. She later escaped and was given an additional two years, making a total term of twenty-seven years. Due to the fact that Edna Murray was so closely assosiated with the various members of the so-called Karpis-Barker gang who were tried in the United States District Court of St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the kidnapping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremmer of St. Paul, I am writing you requesting any information which you may give me in this case, or, if you so desire, your opinion concerning a parole for the subject.

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Several communications have been received from the Federal authorities recommending that favorable consideration be given Edna Murray because of her invaluable assistance to the Government in the prosecution of the members of the gang.

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The Board of Probation and Parole is giving this case a routine hearing in reference to parole, but I am sure they would be more than pleased to receive any expression from you that you may care to make.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Edson

Robert C. Edson
Director of Probation and Parole

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Mr. Robert C. Edson
Director of Probation and Parole
Board of Probation and Parole
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Edson:

Upon my return to Washington, D. C., I received your letter dated August 3, 1939, requesting my opinion concerning the paroling of Edna Murray, #28973-MSP, who was received in the Missouri State Penitentiary on November 2, 1925, to serve a term of twenty-five years on the charge of robbery, and subsequently received an additional two year sentence for escaping from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The testimony of Edna Murray as a Government witness in various prosecutions arising out of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, is a matter of official record, and it is not within my province, or the province of this Bureau to recommend either favorably or unfavorably for the parole of any individual.

The function of this Bureau is the ascertaining of facts for the use of United States Attorneys in criminal prosecutions.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Glavin
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DIRECTOR

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

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Date 8/14/39

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. W. H. F. Swain, Special Agent, Intelligence Division, Bureau of Internal Revenue, called and requested to be furnished with information from the investigative files on ALVIN KARPIS. I referred Mr. Swain to Mr. Sears.

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Signature

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August 10, 1939

Mr. A. C. Rutzen
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1021 Bankers' Building
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Rutzen:

There is enclosed herewith a script entitled "'Dutch' Akers" for your use in connection with the series of radio broadcasts over Station WEMP at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 11, 1939.

It will be noted that the broadcast on Akers was divided in two parts, the second part of which will reach you in time for broadcasting purposes on August 18, 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Parole report on SAM COKER submitted.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent W. A. Collier, Cleveland, Ohio, July 9, 1939.

Details: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

A parole report on SAM COKER is furnished the Bureau at this time.

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NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:
SAM COKER, alias: Ralph Pool, Ralph Poole, Ralph Nelson, Sam C. Coker, Tommy Coleman, Tommy Pratt, Robert Pratt.

VIOLATION:
ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT TO KIDNAPING; CONSPIRACY AS ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT TO KIDNAPING; CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR.

PAROLE REPORT

Following the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER of St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934, by members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, and his subsequent release after ransom of $200,000 had been paid, the Federal Bureau of Investigation began a manhunt which was to result in the apprehension of all the numerous persons connected with the crime, either as actual participants or as their associates who rendered them aid and assistance thereafter.

Among the latter was SAM COKER who began his criminal career on January 2, 1924, when he and another boy were arrested at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and upon conviction of bank robbery was sentenced to serve thirty years in the penitentiary. While serving this term he became friendly with ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, who, with ALVIN KARPIS led the Barker-Karpis gang. When released on parole January 11, 1931, upon "DOC" BARKER's instructions he contacted "MA" BARKER, mother of the BARKER boys, together with "DOC's" brother FRED, and ALVIN KARPIS. On June 10, 1931, COKER was again arrested, this time at Tulsa, Oklahoma, together with ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER and one JOE HOWARD, at which time they were in possession of burglar tools, guns and $1,500 worth of jewelry which was obtained in a jewelry store holdup. For this offense COKER was sent back to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary as a parole violator and was incarcerated there during the period of the BREMER kidnaping. However, COKER, was successful in securing a second parole on September 3, 1935, and according to information developed

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from his associates, ALVIN KARPIS, who he had learned while in the penitentiary was being sought all over the country for this kidnaping, met him near the penitentiary gates and took him to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where various members of the gang roamed the streets, apparently without fear of apprehension, due to corrupt local police officials, several of whom were later convicted and sentenced on Federal harboring charges. Thereafter COKER lived and associated with KARPIS and the latter's companion, FRED HUNTER, in and around Hot Springs, until sometime in October, 1935, when all three proceeded together to Toledo, Ohio, where they associated with HARRY CAMPBELL, another principal member of the gang, until November 7, 1935. Later COKER traveled back and forth between Hot Springs and Toledo and was finally arrested by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 7, 1936, at Toledo, HARRY CAMPBELL also being taken into custody on the same date. COKER was immediately returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, as a parole violator.

On June 10, 1937, a Federal grand jury sitting at Toledo returned an indictment charging COKER as follows:

Count 1 - For violation of Title 18, USC, Section 551, as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

Count 2 - For violation of Title 18, USC, Section 88, in connection with Title 18, USC, Sections 408C, 246 and 551 in that COKER conspired with other defendants as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

Count 3 - For conspiracy to harbor ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL.

On May 25, 1939, COKER was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at the expiration of his original bank robbery sentence and was immediately taken into custody by the United States marshal and removed to Toledo, Ohio. There, on June 16, 1939, upon arraignment before United States District Court Judge FRANK KLOEB, he entered a plea of guilty to the indictment returned June 10, 1937, and was sentenced to serve fifteen months in a Federal penitentiary on each of the three counts, the sentences to be served concurrently.

In aggravation it will be noted that immediately following the release of COKER from prison on two occasions he began associating with members of the Barker-Karpis gang, on the second occasion with full knowledge gained in the penitentiary that these individuals were the most sought after criminals in the United States, being wanted for the major crime of kidnaping.

There appear to be no mitigating circumstances.

COKER is forty-four years of age, having been born, according to his statement, at Nowata, Oklahoma, September 20, 1895. He is an American citizen and claims to have completed the seventh grade in school. He further states that after leaving school he became engaged in trading cattle, and upon the death of his father inherited considerable money. It does not appear that COKER has been married and with the exception of the above nothing is known of his family. His reputation is obviously bad in view of the circumstances related herein, together with his criminal record in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which, with the exception of instant case, is as follows:

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August 15, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
(deceased) Edward George Bremer -
Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are presently maintained in the Laboratory's file of questioned ammunition specimens some 10 specimens recovered in connection with the Bureau's investigation of the above-entitled case.

Inasmuch as these specimens are no longer serving a useful purpose in being maintained in the questioned specimen file, they are being removed from this file and will ultimately be destroyed by the Laboratory. However, in order to preclude any remote possibility that they may be needed again, these specimens are being wrapped and placed in the Laboratory's bulk evidence file, where they will be retained for three years and then destroyed. The following is a list of the specimens referred to:

One .32 caliber automatic cartridge case, recovered on February 27, 1935 at Kansas City, Missouri
Two 12 gauge shotgun shells
One .30 caliber Luger cartridge case, and several fragments of lead bullets, recovered at Melrose Park, Illinois on July 5, 1935
Four .45 caliber bullets recovered on November 25, 1935 at Bowling Green, Ohio
One .32 caliber bullet recovered at Ontarioville, Illinois on January 6, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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August 23, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Springfield, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. F. Mullen, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 22, 1939, in the above-entitled case which sets forth leads for your office at Pontiac and Spring Valley, Illinois, in an effort to determine whether or not Dr. Joseph P. Moran is still alive. Reference is likewise made to Bureau letter dated July 14, 1939, addressed to the Chicago Field Office, a copy of which was designated for your division requesting that this phase of this investigation be given expeditious attention in order to establish definitely whether or not Dr. Moran is in fact still alive.

As the Bureau's file fails to reflect that you have taken any action on the outstanding leads in your Division, it is desired that immediate investigation be conducted relative to the matter and that the Bureau be advised as to the results of this inquiry.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Recently Mr. John Shuttleworth called from New York and referred to the suit which had been brough against the Macfadden Publications by the original "Klondike Kate" on the basis that her character had been damaged by the reference to the wife of William Elmer Mead as "Klondike Kate."

There was ample jusitification for referring to Mrs. Mead as "Klondike Kate" and it looks as though this were an out and out "shake down."

Mr. Shuttleworth stated that he would like to have any information which would be of assistance to the trial of the case. It is respectfully suggested that in this instance authority be secured from the Department to permit the Bureau Agents to testify in the case if the suit is brought, and that John Shuttleworth be so advised at a later date.

A letter furnihsing some background of William Elmer Mead and his wife is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

/s/ L. B. Nichols

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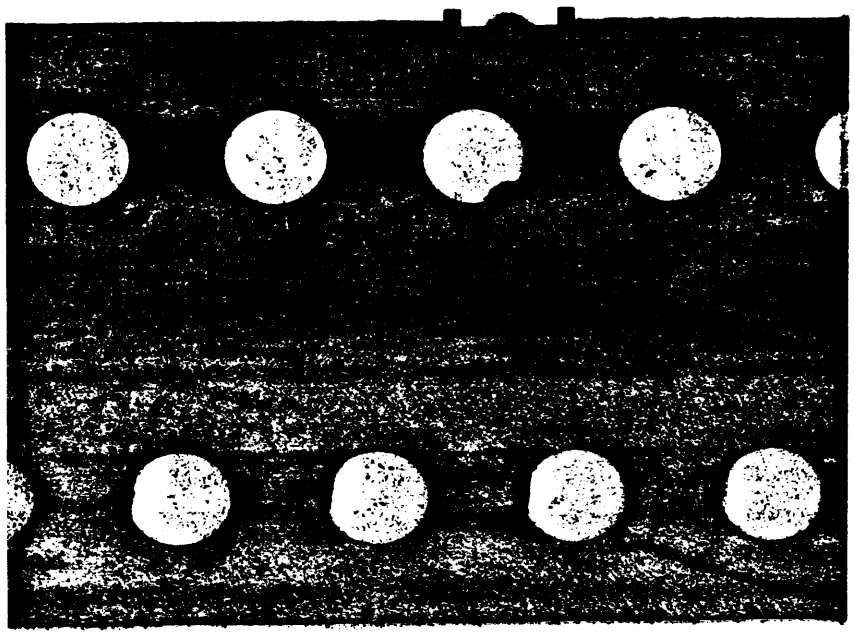

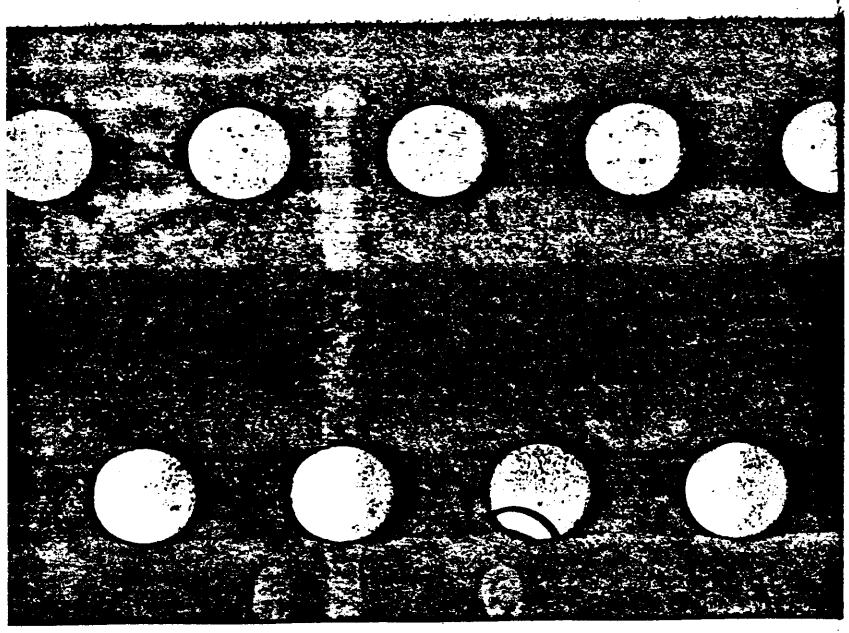

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

There are attached hereto radio scripts Numbers 39 and 40, relative to "Dutch" Akers. Copies of these scripts have previously been forwarded to the Milwaukee Field Division for use.

If approved, copies of these broadcasts will be sent to each field office. A form letter to the field offices is attached for approval.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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"DUTCH" AKERS

ANNOUNCER: One of the cardinal principles instituted by Director J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation years ago was that his Special Agents would thoroughly investigate every angle of a case in order that all guilty persons should be brought to justice. Money changers in kidnaping cases, aiders and abettors of criminals and harborers of fugitives from justice alike were tracked down with their culprit associates. That is why the "G-Men" have thrown fear into the underworld. Tonight the object of our discussion deals with "Dutch" Akers — harborer of criminals — and here is Mr. Hoover's personal representative, Mr. _____, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's _____ Field Division. Won't you begin by telling us a little about Herbert "Dutch" Akers?

ANSWER: For many years Herbert Akers was the Chief of Detectives of the Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department. He was widely known by the name "Dutch". Six feet, four inches tall, exceptionally slender, he was born in Hot Springs in 1894, where his tall, stooped figure and peculiar gait was a familiar sight on the streets of his home town. Over a period of years, he developed a reputation among the populace of Hot Springs as a super-detective. His uncanny memory of faces and automobile license

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numbers was well known among his police associates. At one time he worked for certain local interests in investigating the activities of confidence men.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. _____, possibly it might be well for you to describe just what you mean by the term "confidence men".

ANSWER: Certainly, Mr. _____. In the parlance of the underworld they are more often referred to as "Con-Men". Sleek, suave and scheming, they prey on unsuspecting people who have managed to save for the rainy day. They concoct all sorts of wild tales and schemes in order to win people's confidence and eventually swindle them out of their money. Unlike a rattlesnake, they give no warning as to when or where they will strike. But to get back to Akers — after he had investigated the activities of confidence men in Hot Springs for some time, he secured an appointment with the Police Department. There he was well known by Special Agents of the FBI for many years. In 1933 we were especially interested in his activities.

ANNOUNCER: And why was that?

ANSWER: On June 17, 1933, three murdering machine-gunners stepped out of their car in front of the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri. A small group of law enforcement officers and their prisoner were greeted with blazing guns. Four of them fell — mortally wounded. One was a Special Agent of the FBI; another the Chief of Police of