

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-19-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-7-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. A. MUZZEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>Thomas Merink, supervisor of construction of Cassius McDonald's hunting lodge at Watersmeet, Michigan, and caretaker until fall of 1933 failed to identify photographs of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang as having ever been visitors at the hunting lodge. Mr. Merink supplied the names of the most frequent visitors to the lodge and provided very little information of value concerning McDonald's personal history.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent W. H. Hoffman, Detroit, Michigan, 6-7-35.</p>			
REFERENCE <p>Report of Special Agent W. H. Hoffman, Detroit, Michigan, 6-7-35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Mr. Thomas Merink was contacted at his home, 10155 Orange-lawn Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, relative to the information he might have concerning Cassius M. McDonald. Mr. Merink advised that in 1926 he was employed by the Murphy-Lent Company, contractors who are now out of business and who constructed the Detroit residence of Cassius McDonald. While thus employed on the construction of McDonald's home, he became acquainted with McDonald. McDonald liked the work he performed on his home and requested him to construct a hunting lodge for him at Watersmeet, Michigan. Mr. Merink stated that in 1930 he supervised the construction of McDonald's hunting lodge at Watersmeet and that in 1932 McDonald requested him to con-</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>D. L. Nicholson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-6451 JUN 21 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO ONE STAT. SEC. 21	
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construct a caretaker's lodge adjacent to the hunting lodge; that he resided at the hunting lodge with his wife during the course of construction of the caretaker's lodge, acting in the capacity of caretakers. He further stated that he completed the work in the summer of 1935 and that he and his wife then returned to Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Merink stated that both lodges cost approximately \$60,000. Upon leaving Watermeet, Mr. Merink advised that McDonald was indebted to him to the extent of \$1,000 for labor and that to date he has not received payment of same; that he placed the collection of same in the hands of Alvin Rummel, attorney-at-law and at the present time mayor of Ironwood, Michigan. Mr. Merink further stated that there are various other claims against McDonald in connection with the construction of the lodges and it is his understanding that these claims likewise are being handled by Mr. Rummel.

Mr. Merink stated that he knew very little about McDonald's personal history inasmuch as he had never concerned himself about it. However, he advised that at one time McDonald was very wealthy and that McDonald had important political connections throughout the State of Michigan.

Since the time of the construction of the hunting lodge, Mr. Merink stated that McDonald had numerous visitors, some staying only for a period of a day and others for longer periods of time and that these visitors were evidently people of wealth inasmuch as they drove up in big cars. Mr. Merink also advised that friends of McDonald visited the lodge even in McDonald's absence. Among the visitors to the lodge, Mr. Merink recalled the names of the following: Fred Vogel, whom Mr. Merink thinks was one of McDonald's best friends and who, he understands, is a broker in New York City; Superintendent of Police Carroll of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Chief of Detectives Fred Frahm, Detroit, Michigan; Joseph Bell, Narcotic Inspector, Detroit, Michigan; John Kunske, formerly a prominent theatre man at Detroit, Michigan; Murray Van Wagoner, State Highway Commissioner; Judge Bartlett of Detroit, Michigan and one Dr. Cassidy, a prominent physician of Canada. According to Mr. Merink, Senator Vandenberg was supposed to have spent some time at the lodge but he never saw him there during the time he was caretaker.

Mr. Merink further advised that Cassius McDonald's brother, Guy McDonald, who formerly operated a road house at Evanston, Illinois, spent a great deal of time at the lodge and that Guy McDonald seemed to be a little queer and had often expressed a dislike for the "law." It is Mr. Merink's opinion that Guy McDonald was at one time hunted by the law, however, he could not specifically say that that was so.

Photographs of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Mr. Merink but he failed to identify any as having been visitors to the hunting lodge while he was acting in the capacity of caretaker.

Mr. Merink further stated that McDonald was a very temperamental person and expressed himself forcefully when angry; that he possessed a mean disposition and was very hard to get along with. Mr. Merink stated that he and his wife have been of the opinion that Cassius McDonald and his brother, Guy, were both a little mentally unbalanced.

Mr. Merink could supply no other information regarding Cassius McDonald's business connections, stating that he never asked any questions concerning same.

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JEH:HW

June 19, 1935

Fine-2:15 P.M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM**

RE: A man who was shot and killed by State Officers at Willow Springs, Missouri purported to be Harry Campbell.

During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates, I was advised that the International News has a report that a man has been shot and killed by State Officers in Willow Springs, Missouri, whose description fits that of Harry Campbell. I stated that we knew nothing about it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

JUN 24 1935

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O.#1230;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.#1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases I.O.#1236;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases I.O.#1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases I.O.#1239;  
MYRTLE KATON I.O.#1241, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OB-  
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated May 17, 1935 wherein you advise that John Russell Moran alias Babs Moran left Louisville, Kentucky in a gray Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1935 Florida license #D-9-380.

Please be advised that Special Agents C. M. Tyner and D. S. Hostetter of this office observed the above mentioned automobile parked at 4 South 8th St., St. Louis, Missouri at 1:30 A.M. on June 17, 1935 and thereafter maintained a surveillance at this address. It was determined during this surveillance that automobiles bearing the following licenses were parked at this address:

Missouri license	326-788
Missouri license	461-797
New York license	7B-30-24
Louisiana license	401-038

The above agents observed Moran as he left the Theatrical Brotherhood located at this address at approximately 4:00 A.M. and they thereafter followed him as he drove the above mentioned automobile to the Fairgrounds Hotel located at 3644 Natural Bridge Ave., St. Louis, Missouri. Moran parked his automobile on the street directly behind a 1934 ten Dodge Sedan bearing 1935 Florida license #45251 and thereafter entered the Fairgrounds Hotel.

On the morning of June 17, 1935 agents Tyner and Hostetter were present in the Court Room Division #1 St. Louis County, Clayton, Missouri and ascertained that the case as to Babs Moran had been continued by consent until the next term of court which convenes during September of 1935. In this connection it should be noted that apparently arrangements had previously been made for this continuance inasmuch as neither Defendant Babs Moran nor his attorney Thomas J. Rowe, Jr. were present at that time.

The above mentioned agents then proceeded to the Fairgrounds Hotel at approximately 1:00 P.M. on June 17, 1935 and there ascertained that the gray Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1935 Florida license D-9-350 had apparently not been moved.

The Cincinnati and Chicago Bureau Offices were advised by teletype on the afternoon of June 17, 1935 that John Russell Moran had been located and that a limited surveillance was being maintained.

For the information of those offices receiving copies of my letter dated June 10, 1935 in connection with an investigation conducted concerning the arrival and departure of George E. Brown from St. Louis, Missouri, it should be noted on page 2 of this letter that agent Hostetter determined as set out in that letter, that during the evening of June 8, 1935 an automobile bearing 1935 Alabama license #D-9-350 was parked at 43 South 8th St. in St. Louis, Missouri. It would therefore appear that agent Hostetter was mistaken in reporting the last mentioned license as an Alabama license and that undoubtedly the car which he observed on the evening of June 8 bore a Florida license. Agent Hostetter is now certain that the automobile which he saw on the night of June 8, 1935 is similar in every respect to the automobile which Babs Moran was driving on June 17, 1935.

For the further information of offices receiving copies of this letter, it is mentioned that a limited surveillance is being maintained as to John Russell Moran and that within due course his contacts will be reported.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VITELLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DEH:7

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CC Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

DJP: SJ

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

June 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Browning automatic rifles  
recovered from Russell Gibson.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Boardman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Schuler	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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On Saturday June 15, 1935, the three Browning automatic rifles that were recovered at the time of the apprehension of Russell Gibson in Chicago were sent by railway express to New Haven, Connecticut, consigned to Mr. Parsons of the Laboratory who will call for them there and take them to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company for any assistance they may be in an effort to gain an explanation for the apparent duplication of numbers which has caused difficulty in tracing one of these guns on which the number was restored. These guns will be returned to the Laboratory after they have served their purpose.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
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- Mr. Edwards .....
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- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 20, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218 -  
FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping - Harboring and Obstruction  
of Justice - National Firearms Act

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 13, 1935,  
regarding the identification of the body now being held at the Wayne  
County Morgue, which body was recovered from the Detroit River.

In accordance with request contained in Bureau letter  
of reference, there are being forwarded under separate cover the remain-  
ing fingers consisting of eight, three of which are the middle, ring  
and little finger of the right hand, and the five fingers of the left  
hand. For your information the jar containing three fingers holds  
those of the right hand, the remaining two jars containing four fingers  
in one and one in the other, which are the fingers of the left hand.  
These are being forwarded to the laboratory for the purpose of exam-  
ination.

When examination has been completed in this matter, it  
will not be necessary to return the specimens forwarded.

You are further advised that the autopsy requested to de-  
termine whether or not there is located in the left lung of the body  
recovered a piece of foreign matter approximately the size of a pea  
will be made within the next few days, and a complete report will be  
furnished this office by Dr. Paul Klebba, coroner's physician.

Dr. Klebba requested that he be advised whether or not  
a successful examination is possible in connection with the specimens  
forwarded to the Bureau. It is therefore requested that the Detroit  
office be advised so that Dr. Klebba may in turn be advised. Dr.  
Klebba's reason for requesting this information is that he has at the  
present time additional cases of unidentified men.

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Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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June 20, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218 -  
FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 19, 1934 in the above entitled case.

Beginning on page 3 of the report above mentioned, appears a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. H. Rice concerning one of the BREMER ransom notes in the amount of \$5.00, which was turned over to him by Postmaster C. A. Hedquist, Argyle, Minnesota, on June 18, 1934. This note for \$5.00, Federal Reserve No. 105966583A, as Agent Rice' memorandum indicates, has been retained in the St. Paul Office. It is requested that the Bureau advise what disposition it desires be made of same.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

Det. Cincinnati  
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H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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June 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

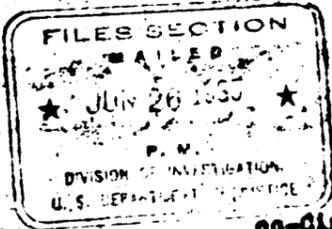
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated  
June 20, 1935, in the above entitled case, requesting  
the Bureau's advice relative to the disposition to  
be made of the five dollar Federal Reserve note,  
No. 10596683A, which was identified as one of the  
notes paid as ransom in connection with this case.

Unless this note is to be used as evi-  
dence, it is suggested that it be turned over to  
the Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
to be forwarded to the Redemption Division of the  
Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., for  
destruction.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



cc-Cincinnati



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P. O. BOX 1156,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
June 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:-

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218,  
FUGITIVE; et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

In pursuance with your letter dated April 16, 1935, Special Agent J. N. Franz made an investigation in the vicinity of Lime Springs, Iowa.

Inquiries at Lime Springs, Iowa and the various towns to the south, Cresco, Bonair and Saratoga, Iowa, did not reveal anyone named "Pop" Howard, nor an old time harness maker, who could be of assistance; however, it was learned that the old McKelroy-McKeever Gang formerly used the Sanford Medhaug farm as a hideout. This farm is located two miles west of Bonair, which would make the direction approximately six miles due south of Lime Springs, Iowa. Last winter, Sanford Medhaug moved from the farm to the town of Bonair, Iowa. Mrs. Sanford Medhaug is a sister of Lee Bostetter, a member of the McKeever Gang, now serving a life sentence at Stillwater, Minnesota.

Mr. A. G. Hegland, who owns the only store in Bonair, Iowa, informed Special Agent Franz that he can see the Medhaug home from his store and can observe everyone that visits there. He said that on an average of two nights a week, strange cars drive up to that house and either stay all night or remain through the day and leave early the next night. Occasionally, one of the strangers will come to his store. They are usually nervous and suspicious acting and will sit behind the counter cases whenever a car goes by or someone else enters the store. When they leave the store, they usually look up and down the road to make certain no one or no cars are approaching.

Special Agent Franz gave Mr. Hegland, copies of the Identification Orders issued on the various members of the Karpis Gang still at large, and asked him to notify this Bureau, if anyone answering the description of any of these parties was observed at the Medhaug home. Mr. Hegland stated he will cooperate with the Bureau in this respect.

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Mr. E. J. Murray, who operates the only garage in Bonair, Iowa, informed Agent Franz in practically the same detail as related by Mr. England. Identification Orders were also left with him and he said he would notify the Omaha Bureau Office, should he see anyone answering the descriptions set out on the identification orders.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Bureau,  
Chicago,  
Kansas City,  
St. Paul,  
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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 21, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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

Dear Sir:

It is kindly requested that the Philadelphia  
office be furnished with Twenty Five additional copies of  
Identification Order #1218 on Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
subject in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

*R.G. Harvey*  
R.G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. DRAWER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

June 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG.,  
I. O. 1218, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 18,  
1935 directing that appropriate disposition of the arrests  
of John R. Moran be submitted, in compliance with Bureau  
letter of April 18, 1935 addressed to Mr. Connelley at  
Chicago, Illinois.

Please be advised that disposition sheet record-  
ing the above information was submitted by this office on  
May 4, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Department of Justice

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:MFS

June 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. 1218 - Fugitive; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

There is transmitted herewith one copy of the opinion of the United States District Judge Halsted L. Ritter, Miami, Florida, dated June 4, 1935, which upholds the provisions of the National Firearms Act, and overrules the demurrer filed by the defendant Joseph H. Adams.

The Jacksonville Office has been informed that copies of the opinion have been furnished the Department at the request of Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. The enclosed copy is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl. W

cc - Cincinnati,  
Chicago  
St. Paul

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

No. 1612-M-Criminal

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
VS. )  
JOSEPH H. ADAMS, et al. )  
Defendant. )

OPINION OF THE COURT

RITTER, District Judge:

The defendant is charged with violations of several of the sections of the National Firearms Act, Chapter 15A, Section 861, A to Q, U. S. C. A. Title 26.

By a demurrer the defendant challenges the constitutionality of this Act on the ground that it is not a revenue measure but an attempt to use police power, which the National Government does not possess; that its object in fact is to regulate the sale and use of firearms which is a State function and that it violates the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

This law provides -

(a) That every importer, manufacturer and dealer in firearms shall register and pay a special classified tax per year.

Firearms is defined as "a shot gun or rifle having a barrel of less than eighteen inches in length, or any other weapon, except a pistol or revolver, from which a shot is discharged by an explosive, if such weapon is capable of being concealed on the person, or a machine gun, and includes a muffler or silencer for any firearm whether or not such firearm

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is included within the foregoing definition."

Machine gun is defined as "any weapon which shoots, or is designed to shoot, automatically or semiautomatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger."

Dealer is defined as "any person, not a manufacturer or importer, engaged within the continental United States, in the business of selling firearms. The term 'dealer' shall include wholesalers, pawnbrokers and dealers in used firearms."

The Act is listed under Internal Revenue and further provides -

(b) A tax upon each transfer of a firearm, and

(c) Details are prescribed for such transfer and a complete record of each firearm is provided;

(d) Every person possessing a firearm shall register with the Collector of Internal Revenue and the firearm meticulously identified "within sixty days after the thirtieth day after June 26th, 1934," and the possession of any firearm after said date, without having registered as provided, shall create the presumption that such firearm came into the possession of the defendant subsequent" to the aforesaid date;

(e) It is made unlawful for any person to receive or possess any firearm which has at any time been transferred in violation of the law;

(f) Firearms not transferred as provided may be seized as taxable articles and dealt with accordingly and penalties are prescribed for violations.

In deciding upon the validity of a statute, its direct and necessary result must be considered and must be reasonably adopted to the collection of taxes if a revenue measure.

Collins vs. New Hampshire, 171 U. S. 30;  
Bailey vs. Drexel Furniture Co., 259 U. S. 20.

The question presented, therefore, is whether from its terms, this Act must be held to have a direct and necessary relation to the tax in its general scope or has some other purpose as its main object. The power of the United States Government to tax is full and complete and includes the power to determine what articles will be taxed.

License Tax cases, 5 Wall 462.

The Harrison Narcotic Act was held constitutional as a taxing measure in the case of United States vs. Doremus, 249 U. S. 86. This Act was attacked upon the same grounds as are now asserted against the National Firearms Act. A comparison of the two leads to the conclusion that the latter was formulated upon the former.

The National Firearms Act closely follows in form the Harrison Narcotic Act, Section 691 - 708 U. S. C. In the former, the importer, manufacturer and dealer registers (Sec. 861a). In the latter, importers, manufacturers and wholesale dealers keep such records as the Commissioner prescribes. (Sec. 694). In the former there is a tax imposed on each gun of the class described which is transferred (Sec. 861b), in the latter, upon certain salt derivatives sold or removed for consumption (Sec. 691). In the former there must be tax stamps on the transfer order (Sec. 861b). In the latter the stamps go on the package (Sec. 692). In the former it is unlawful to sell except in pursuance of a written order from the purchaser (Sec. 861c). So in the latter (Sec. 696). The form of the order in each case comes from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue (Sec. 861c, Sec. 696). In the former the Commissioner himself sees to it that

only the proper person gets the order forms (Sec. 861e). In the latter that duty is delegated to accredited dealers or physicians who work under the constant scrutiny and inspection of the Commissioner (Secs. 696, 701). Penalties are provided for sales or transfers not in accordance with the law in each case (Sec. 861m, 705). In each law there are recognized exceptions and exemptions (Sec. 861L, Sec. 696, a,b,c,d.).

In upholding the Harrison Narcotic Act in the case supra, the Court held that the Act is a constitutional exercise of the taxing power, and said -

"The only limitation upon the power of Congress to levy excise taxes of the character now under consideration is geographical uniformity throughout the United States . . .

. . . And from an early day the court has held that the fact that other motives may impel the exercise of federal taxing power does not authorize the courts to inquire into that subject. If the legislation enacted has some reasonable relation to the exercise of the taxing authority conferred by the Constitution, it cannot be invalidated because of the supposed motives which induced it.

. . . The Act may not be declared unconstitutional because its effect may be to accomplish another purpose as well as the raising of revenue. If the legislation is within the taxing authority of Congress - - that is sufficient to sustain it. In re Kollock, 165 U. S. 526, 536.

The legislation under consideration was before us in a case concerning Section 8 of this Act, and in the course of the decision we said: 'It may be assumed that the statute has a moral end as well as revenue in view, but we are of opinion that the District Court, in treating those ends as to be reached only through a revenue measure and within the limits of a revenue measure, was right. '

This act was again upheld in Alston vs. United States, 274 U. S.

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It was again under review and approved as a taxing law in Nigro vs. United States, 276 U. S. 332.

The National Firearms Act is a revenue measure. Back of it may have been a motive to prevent racketeers, bank robbers and desperadoes from obtaining sawed-off shot guns and machine guns to run wild in crime and to enable the Government to trace ownership, but where there is a power to tax, which from a reasonable construction can be construed to be the intention, the imposition of the tax is the determining feature and cannot be treated as being without the power because of the destructive effect of exercise of the authority upon the article or business connected therewith.

The power to tax carries with it, as Justice Marshal long ago said, "the power to destroy." It is not part of the functioning of the Court to inquire into the reasonableness of the exercise of the taxing power, either as represents the amount or the property upon which it is imposed. Whatever other motive there may be behind the Act, is immaterial.

In addition to the aforesaid decisions, the following support this doctrine.

Veazie Bank vs. Fenno, 8 Wall 533;  
McCray vs. United States, 195 U. S. 27;  
Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co., 220 U. S. 107;  
United States vs. Jin Fuey Moy, 241 U. S. 394;  
Hill vs. Wallace, 259 U. S. 44, in which case the  
Child Labor Tax case, 259 U. S. 20, is distinguished;  
Linder vs. United States, 268 U. S. 5.

The second amendment to the Constitution, providing, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed," has no application to this Act. The Constitution does not grant the privilege to racketeers and desperadoes to carry weapons of the character dealt with in the Act. It refers to the militia, a protective force of government; to the collective body and not individual rights. This is well presented in State vs. Workman, 35 W. Va. 372, and is sustained by the following:

Hill vs. State, 53 Ga. 472;  
Civil Rights Case, 109 U. S. 31;  
Roberts vs. Baldwin, 165 U. S. 275, 281;  
McKenna, "The right to keep and bear arms."

The other grounds of the demurrer are overruled. The indictment contains all the statutory requirements.

United States vs. Cook, 84 U. S. 168;  
Evans vs. United States, 153 U. S. 584;  
Schlemmer vs. Buffalo R & P Ry. Co. 205 U. S. 1.

DATED, at Miami, Florida, this 4th day of June, A. D. 1935.

HALSTED L. RITTER  
JUDGE.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

June 20, 1935

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

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With reference to the above entitled matter, during last month a thorough discussion and review of this matter was had in the Chicago Office for the purpose of determining the most important leads which should be covered in this case. Upon receipt of the Bureau's letter of June 17, 1935, instructing that the Special Agent who is best acquainted with its background be assigned to this case, an additional review was made in order to determine the most valuable leads existent now, and the following information is furnished the Bureau in order that the Bureau will have full information in this respect.

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JAMES J. DONOVAN

William Heeney, who resides at 16th Street and Austin Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois, is, according to Byron Bolton, who in 1935 in the past furnished valuable information to this office, a close contact of Subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Bolton has advised that should these fugitives come to Chicago that they would undoubtedly contact this individual. Surveillance of some nature should be maintained over Heeney, and this should be in the nature of a telephone tap, if possible, which would require the entire time of at least two Agents.

Bolton has also advised that Eddie Donovan and John Ball, of Chicago, Illinois, are also close contacts for the fugitives in this case. The more recent developments in connection with these two individuals were just lately obtained in the outgoing correspondence of "Doc" Barker while he was in jail in St. Paul, Minnesota, this correspondence being addressed to Mildred Kuhlman, his paramour. In these letters E was mentioned, who has now been identified as being Eddie Donovan. Barker also referred to Johnnie, who has now been identified as being John Ball, and it appears that Eddie Donovan is in possession of some property which belongs to Barker.

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Also, [redacted] has obtained information [redacted] showing a definite connection of Eddie [redacted] John [redacted] with the Karpis-Barker mob. [redacted] Decourcey, Barker's attorney, have furnished this Office with information that Louis Alterie is also an important contact of the Karpis-Barker gang, and it appears that John Ball, Eddie Donovan and Louis Alterie might at the present time be in contact with Karpis. The activities of these individuals should be followed closely, and such surveillance, as is possible, be made of them. In the event a telephone tap could be placed on the telephone of Louis Alterie, it would require the full time of two Agents. At least one Agent should spend his full time in connection with these individuals for a reasonable period of time in checking all telephone calls emanating from the residences of these three individuals, and in conducting investigations at their known hangouts after the locations of same are determined.

Ruth Heidt, 5 Waltham Street, Hammond, Indiana, the former wife of Willie Harrison, is very friendly with Harrison, although being divorced from him. According to Clara Gibson, Ruth Heidt is not in love with Willie Harrison but maintains contact with him for the purpose of securing funds. Clara Gibson has advised that Ruth Heidt will keep in touch with Willie Harrison if there is the slightest possibility of doing so. A surveillance of some nature should be made of Ruth Heidt. Ruth Heidt was last known to be employed at the Liars Club Tavern, Calumet City, Ill., and also frequents numerous night clubs in Chicago and vicinity.

Although Hammond, Indiana, is now in the territory of the Indianapolis Office, it is suggested that the contacts made by Agents of this Office in Hammond, Indiana and vicinity, be maintained by these Agents because should Willie Harrison appear in Hammond, Indiana or vicinity, it is believed that the matter could be handled more expeditiously from Chicago.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan has been maintaining contact with his various informants at Hammond, Indiana and vicinity, and it is believed that this Agent should continue to do so.

The above named individuals appear to be the most important contacts of the Karpis-Barker gang in Chicago at the present time, but it is believed that the proper surveillance of these individuals will disclose the identity of other persons who might be in contact with the fugitives.

In addition to the above, leads from other offices should be covered expeditiously, and such Agents as are needed should be assigned to these leads from time to time, and those requiring a complete knowledge of this case should be assigned to Special Agents Suran, Madala or Sullivan.

Also, in addition to the above, [redacted] <sup>con-</sup> confidential informant [redacted] advised recently that Fred Mangun, who owns and operates a tavern in Cicero, is a member of the Chicago Syndicate and provides places of refuge for gangsters. [redacted] recently endeavored to secure the whereabouts of Willie Harris [redacted] and was unsuccessful inasmuch as Mangun believed that the Government had [redacted] under constant surveillance. In view of this, it appears that this angle of the case deserves prompt and vigorous attention.

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✓ Special Agent Sullivan is thoroughly familiar with this case and was assigned to same permanently during the time which elapsed since Mr. Connelley's departure from Chicago and up to Agent Sullivan's departure for the training school at Washington. Since his return, however, to the Chicago Office from the training school, he has been working on general assignment and attending the trial of Louis Piquett. He has, however, covered several leads on the Brekid case.

In view of the above, it will be noted that all of these are important leads and do not include the minor leads or other leads coming from other offices. These are not merely leads which might possibly lead to some results but they are active probabilities. Therefore, it is the opinion of this Office that at least six Agents should be assigned to this case to work on it exclusively. However, if the Bureau approves this suggestion, it is also suggested that additional Special Agents be transferred to the Chicago Office because it would not be possible to cover the other important cases now existing here and the regular general work of this Office in the event six of the present personnel were so assigned.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 17, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated  
June 20, 1935, briefly reviewing the situation in  
the district covered by your office as pertains to  
contemplated investigation in connection with the  
above entitled case.

The Bureau desires that you furnish  
specific information relative to the telephone  
taps to be placed on the telephones of William  
Hooney and Louis Alteris as to addresses and tele-  
phone numbers on which to predicate an authoriza-  
tion.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

June 19, 1935

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs:

Under date of June 13, 1935, the Chicago office advised the Bureau, in a teletype message, that information had been obtained from a confidential informant to the effect that Mildred Kuhlman, paramour of Arthur R. Barker, is presently residing at the Harper Crest Apartments, Chicago, Illinois, with one Jerry Cass. The informant further advised that John DeCourcy and another attorney named Kenny, (possibly Claude B. Kenny, Miner Bank Building, Neosho, Missouri), would arrive in Chicago on June 14th or 15th, 1935, to deliver money, obtained from Arthur "Doc" Barker, to Mildred Kuhlman.

According to the informant, Mildred Kuhlman has received a letter from Arthur R. Barker which has been turned over to Patricia Lonquest to be delivered to Louis Alterie, with instructions that the letter be given to "The Boys". The informant does not know the identity of "The Boys" but presumes that they are the remaining fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis gang. The informant is under the impression that Mildred Kuhlman received a letter from Barker, within the last few days, through the assistance rendered by a guard at the Penitentiary.

In connection with the information set forth in the foregoing paragraphs, I desire that you immediately initiate an investigation with a view to ascertaining the manner in which Barker is forwarding mail to Mildred Kuhlman. You should not, however, undertake an investigation at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas until you receive further

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instructions from the Bureau. You should conduct an investigation at Neosho, Missouri into the activities of George E. Barker, father of the Barker brothers, and Claude B. Kenny who is thought to be identical with the attorney accompanying John DeCourcy. The informant further advised that the letter received by Mildred Kuhlman was forwarded to her by her parents who reside at Ottawa, Ohio, who, in turn, received the letter from George E. Barker. The letter is reported to contain a statement by Barker to the effect that he will make a break soon.

Corroborative of the foregoing information furnished by the confidential informant of the Chicago office, John DeCourcy called at the Chicago office on June 14, 1935 and confidentially advised Louie Alterie is obtaining money belonging to Arthur R. Barker from Eddie Donovan.

The Bureau desires that an exhaustive and searching inquiry be conducted into the activities of Louie Alterie and Eddie Donovan, who are understood to have extensive underworld connections in Chicago and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

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BREKID ██████████ CONTACTED SPECIAL AGENT DICKSTEIN AT CHICAGO TODAY AND ADVISED MILDRED KUHLMAN PRESENTLY RESIDING HARPER CREST APARTMENTS CHICAGO WITH ONE JERRY CASS ADVISES ATTORNEY JOHN DECOURSEY AND ANOTHER ATTORNEY BY THE NAME OF KENNY WILL ARRIVE CHICAGO JUNE 14 OR 15 TO CONTACT MILDRED TO GIVE HER MONEY, PRESUMABLY OBTAINED THROUGH DOC BARKER, WHICH MILDRED IS TO KEEP FOR HERSELF. ALSO ADVISES MILDRED HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM DOC BARKER WHICH HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO PAT LONQUEST TO GIVE TO ONE LOUIE TO GET TO THE BOYS. INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF THE BOYS BUT PRESUMES THAT THE BOYS REFER TO FUGITIVE MEMBERS KARPIS GANG. INFORMANT UNDER IMPRESSION MILDRED RECEIVED LETTER WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS THROUGH ASSISTANCE OF A GUARD AT THE PENITENTIARY. INFORMANT WILL REMAIN IN CHICAGO THREE DAYS IN AN EFFORT TO LEARN IDENTITY OF LOUIE. STATES MILDRED WANTED TO JOIN LOUIE TO DELIVER LETTER TO BOYS BUT WAS INFORMED BY LOUIE THAT THE BOYS ARE TOO HOT AT THE PRESENT TIME AND HE WOULD CONTACT THEM ALONE. REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTER TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY 29, 1935 BY ST PAUL OFFICE TRANSMITTING COPY OF LETTER SMUGGLED FROM JAIL AT ST PAUL BY DOC BARKER TO MILDRED, IN WHICH LOUIE IS MENTIONED.

Informant was Prof. Brennan

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P. O. DRAWER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

June 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau wire of June 15, 1935 please be advised that [redacted]

[redacted] She will telephone the Chicago office at 10:00 A. M., Sunday morning, June 23, 1935. She does not desire to go to the Chicago Bureau office, but requests that she be contacted [redacted] after she communicates telephonically with the Chicago Office.

She requests, if possible, that she be able to transact what business she has in Chicago, in connection with this case, with one Special Agent who is familiar with this case, however, after her telephone call it is, of course, suggested that two special agents get in touch with her and that these two special agents maintain their contacts with [redacted] during the week or ten days she remains in Chicago. It will be necessary for her to report back to St. Louis, in order to hold her position, by July 1, 1935.

For your information, there was purchased for [redacted] and her Pullman reservation has also been purchased for her and she has been furnished, in addition to the round trip ticket and the Pullman to Chicago, the sum of \$15.00. The Chicago office should furnish her any additional funds which she needs, together with money for her return home. The Chicago office should bear in mind that in order to make this trip to Chicago it was necessary for [redacted] to miss one week's work at [redacted] for which she should be reimbursed.

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██████████ states she is willing to proceed to Chicago and frequent all the places where she knows Willie Harrison frequented in the past, but she deems it inadvisable to make direct inquiries personally regarding Willie Harrison, stating this would create suspicion, but by frequenting the places formerly patronized by Willie Harrison those people who know her will let Willie know at once that she is in town and she believes that by this method of procedure she can secure better information than by direct inquiries which she is confident will only arouse suspicion.

Unless I telephone you to the contrary on Saturday the above program will be followed through.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Ala.  
June 21, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218-  
FUGITIVE; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING

In connection with the above entitled case, the supply of lists showing the ransom money paid has been exhausted and it is requested that the Bureau forward twenty-five copies of this list.

Yours very truly,

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

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Birmingham, Alabama.

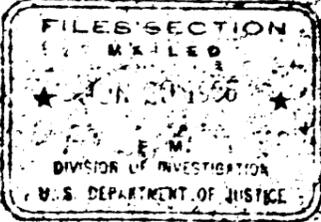
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated June 21, 1935, in the above entitled case, there have been forwarded to you under separate cover twenty-five copies of the ransom list in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM - KIDNAPPING

With reference to your communication dated June 17,  
1935, bearing the above caption, instructing that the instant case  
be assigned to the Agent who is best acquainted with its background,  
please be advised that the instant case has been assigned to Special  
Agent F. W. Allen since April 9th last, and that he will continue to  
handle all leads arising in this case in this district.

Very truly yours,



C. D. McKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		Cincinnati, Ohio.		FILE NO. 7-22 No/6
REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/21/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/6, 10, 12/35	REPORT MADE BY J. S. Kavanaugh	
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218-FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mail cover at 55 North Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala., shows mail from Spartanburg, S. C., Greensboro, N. C., Birmingham, Ala., and St. Louis, Mo.				
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Birmingham, Ala., dated 6/4/35.				
DETAILS: Mail cover received from the post office at Mobile, Ala., shows mail being received at that office on June 5, 1935. (1) Air mail letter without return address, addressed to Miss Sue Gregory, 55 North Lawrence Street, Mobile, Ala., postmarked Spartanburg, S. C., June 5, 1935, at 5:50 P.M. (2) Letter with return address S. B. Gilreath, 2305 10th Court South, Birmingham, Ala., and dated June 5, 1935, Birmingham, Ala., addressed to Mr. Guy L. Alcott, 2305 10th Court South, Mobile, Ala. (3) A letter postmarked Greensboro, N. C., June 8, 1935, 8 A.M., without return address, addressed to Miss Sue Gregory, 55 North Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala. (4) Letter with return address W. Kobusch & Co., 10th Blvd. and Florissant Ave., St. Louis, Mo., with the postmark of St. Louis, Mo., June 7, 1935, and addressed to Mrs. Mary Ford, 55 N. Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala. No lead is being set out covering this letter from St. Louis inasmuch as it has been formerly ascertained that they have no connection with this case. (5) Air Mail letter with return address of E. Alkins, General				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 St. Paul 2 Charlotte 2 Birmingham		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-1576-6468 JUN 24 1935 JUN 25 1935 JUN 24 A.M. <i>[Signature]</i>		

Delivery, Greensboro, N. C., and addressed to Miss Sue Gregory, 55  
North Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHARLOTTE OFFICE at Spartanburg, S. C., Greensboro,  
N. C., will make a discreet investigation as to the sender of the letters  
mentioned in the details of this report.

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Birmingham, Ala., will make  
discreet inquiry as to the identity and reputation of S. B. Gilreath,  
2305 10th Court, South.

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ral Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

June 21, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., NW,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE - I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Adverting to Bureau communication dated June 17,  
1935, relative to the assignment of all leads in this case  
to the Agent who is best acquainted with its background,  
please be advised that the investigation of this matter in  
this territory is being handled exclusively by Special Agent  
R. D. Brown, who is thoroughly familiar with all the facts  
and circumstances in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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

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1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
June 20, 1935.

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

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218 et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau circular letter of March 26, 1935,  
you are advised that the temporary Wanted Notices on Fred Barker,  
Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William  
Weaver, Harry Sawyer, and Myrtle Eaton have been personally with-  
drawn from the following Police Departments by an Agent from the  
San Antonio office:

San Antonio  
Waco

Austin  
Galveston

The temporary Wanted Notices furnished the Houston Police  
Department were not obtainable as they had been destroyed by that  
Department upon receipt of regular Apprehension Orders.

This operation completes the withdrawal of all temporary  
Wanted Notices that have been placed by the San Antonio office.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 20, 1935.

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Director,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 U. S. Department of Justice,  
 Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FIG. ET AL.  
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
 KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATL FIREARMS ACT.  
 St. Paul File # 7-30.

There is transmitted herewith copy of letter addressed to this Office under date of June 18, 1935, relative to the evidence against HARRY SAWYER. It will be noted that the U. S. Attorney has requested that at least one agent and preferably two, who are familiar with this case in its entirety, be assigned to work solely and continuously on it in an effort to secure more evidence against Defendant SAWYER.

I am writing the U. S. Attorney to the effect that this Office will continue to make every effort possible in order that additional evidence may be forthcoming prior to the trial of SAWYER, which I understand will be next fall.

For your information, it is my intention to assign Special Agent Brennan exclusively to this case upon his return to St. Paul, as I feel that the Bureau should vigorously seek additional evidence in this case against Defendant SAWYER. Any suggestions the Bureau may have with reference to this case will be greatly appreciated.

A copy of the letter from the U. S. Attorney is being furnished the Cincinnati Office with copy of this communication.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Attorney  
St. Paul, Minn.  
June 18, 1935.

H. E. Andersen, Esq.,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
St. Paul, Minn.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEAR SIR:

In Re. Harry Sawyer.

The trial of above named subject, who is a defendant in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, will occur in the general Fall term of the United States District Court in St. Paul, providing arrangements are not made to try him at an earlier date. Of all the defendants apprehended to date in this case, subject alone remains for trial, and the fact that he will be tried alone undoubtedly will inure to his considerable advantage, which should be borne in mind in connection with the following comments.

Aside from evidence showing casual associations between subject and several members of the Karpis-Barker mob, so called, in St. Paul a month or so prior to Bremer's seizure, and testimony furnished by Byron Bolton regarding statements made to him by Ziegler alias Goetz (a deceased co-defendant in the case) concerning Sawyer's participation, there is really no substantial evidence on which the government can rely for conviction. Subject is represented by able local counsel who will do their utmost to impeach Bolton (a co-defendant who has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence) and who will endeavor to prevail upon the jury that Goetz' statements to Bolton are hearsay, despite the rules of evidence relating to conspiracy permitting the introduction of such testimony.

As the case against subject now stands, Bolton is the only witness now available or known whose testimony actually will incriminate Sawyer, and in view of the fact that Bolton is an accomplice, with a previous personal history that cannot be defended, testifying mainly to matters not within his own personal knowledge but which were related to him by Goetz, the jury may deem his testimony to be entitled to little or no weight or credit.

The present status of subject's case from the standpoint of the government imperatively demands that between now and the trial thereof strenuous and continuous efforts be made by the Department to obtain sufficient competent evidence upon the basis of which the government confidently can prosecute. Those who are familiar with all the circumstances and facts in the Bremer kidnaping case are reasonably certain that subject is guilty; but the task confronts us of proving his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury. It is not felt that the evidence now available in the case against subject affords sufficient assurance that the government

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will be able to sustain the burden of proof imposed upon it by law. If Sawyer should be acquitted, it doubtless would be regarded in this community generally as a public calamity, inasmuch as he has been an underworld character and leader here for many years and always seems to have successfully avoided punishment for his unlawful activities.

Because of the situation described, it is urged that at least one Special Agent and preferably two, familiar with this case in its entirety be assigned to work solely and continuously on it with a view to establishing subject's criminal connection with the kidnaping as thoroughly as it is possible to do so. This request should have immediate attention and I shall rely upon you to get this investigation under way without substantial delay.

Yours very truly,

GEO. F. SULLIVAN.  
United States Attorney.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

June 21, 1935

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I O #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

During the recent investigation in Havana, Cuba, relative to Cassius M. McDonald, it was learned that he secured a package of fifty \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, in exchange for ransom money. It is noted that among the \$1,000.00 bills found in possession of Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, were three bearing serial numbers F-00022457A, F-00022463A and F-00022464A which were shipped to the Havana branch of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank under date of May 26, 1934. Records of the Havana branch show a sale of \$100,000.00 in thousands was made on June 6, 1934 to the Chase National Bank and another sale in the amount of \$75,000.00 in thousands under date of June 8, 1934. The last sale of such bills prior to the above sales was in January, 1934, while the next sale was on December 28, 1934.

Mr. H. G. Frazier of the Federal Reserve Bank in Havana has informed that it would be reasonable to presume that the unbroken package of bills which was secured from the Chase National Bank by McDonald was made up of bills numbered from F-00022451A to F-00022500A, but that such a presumption would of necessity come under the head of a guess, as no record of the sale of these particular bills exists.

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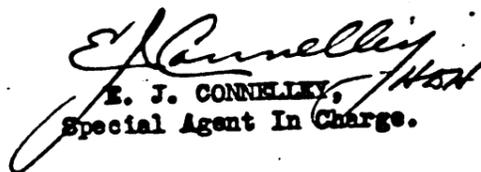
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Copies of this letter are being directed to all field offices with the request that they circularize all banks in their districts with serial numbers of \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, beginning with F-00022451A and ending with F-00022500A, requesting that the field office in question be notified if any of these bills are in possession of the banks and if so, to furnish information as to the identity of the person from whom the bill was received. In the event none of the bills are located the field offices are being requested to ask the banks to place stop orders against these bills in an effort to secure information as soon as they are passed.

It is thought that subjects Karpis and Campbell, at the time of their escape in Atlantic City, New Jersey on January 20, 1935, might have had in their possession \$1,000.00 bills bearing serial numbers included among this list.

If information can be secured as to the locality in which these bills are being passed, appropriate investigation in that locality may result in effecting the apprehension of these subjects.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge.

CC - All field offices



it is believed that the testimony available to the government against the defendant McDonald is sufficient to include him in the "conspiracy to kidnap" indictment in St. Paul.

It therefore seems wise that the testimony obtained in this investigation be presented at the earliest opportunity to a grand jury in St. Paul, with the thought in mind of indicting McDonald there for conspiracy to kidnap and, perhaps, on an additional count of accessory after the fact to such kidnapping. It is requested, therefore, that an investigation of McDonald and his connections in Detroit and Chicago be made at once, which, together with material already collected in the Florida investigation, may constitute a summary report which may be placed in the hands of the United States Attorney at St. Paul.

Inasmuch as William J. Harrison, a defendant in the St. Paul case, accompanied McDonald to Cuba on September 9, it would seem wise to indict him, together with McDonald, at St. Paul on charges of conspiracy to kidnap and accessory after the fact to the kidnapping. It is requested that this investigation with reference to McDonald and Harrison be undertaken at the earliest opportunity so that indictment may be secured while the spring term is in session in the District Court at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

*Joseph B. Keenan*

JOSEPH B. KEENAN,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated June 5, 1935, prepared by the Honorable Joseph D. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General, containing a discussion of the evidence available for the prosecution of Cassius McDonald on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis.

The Bureau has already instructed your office, and the other offices indicated below, to give immediate and preferred attention to all leads bearing on the association of McDonald with other defendants named in the indictment now pending at St. Paul, Minnesota. This matter should be pursued vigorously.

In line with the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of the enclosed memorandum, you are instructed to consult the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota with a view to obtaining a new indictment which will include McDonald as one of the conspirators in this case.

Very truly yours,

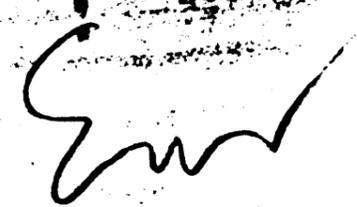
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Director

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(Copies of memorandum dated 6-5-35 enclosed)

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

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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503- U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
June 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
San Francisco, California

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 19, 1935, addressed to the San Francisco Bureau office, copy of which communication was received at the Salt Lake City Bureau office. It is noted that the Bureau desires that the Salt Lake City office conduct an investigation at Virginia City, Nevada, with a view of obtaining all available information concerning John Ferrick, alias John Klein, reported to be wanted by the St. Paul Police Department on a charge of kidnaping and torturing a resident of St. Paul, Minn., several years ago.

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The Salt Lake City office does not appear to possess any photograph or descriptive data as to John Ferrick, alias John Klein and any information to the effect that he is at the present time wanted by the St. Paul Police Department.

The interested offices are therefore requested to furnish description of John Ferrick, alias John Klein and the St. Paul office is requested to advise whether John Ferrick is wanted by the St. Paul Police Department. Investigation at Virginia City will be held in abeyance until this information is received, since Klein is reported to be a foreman at a mine located near Virginia City, Nevada and the Salt Lake City office therefore requests this information in order that it may determine what steps may be taken in the event Klein is located.

Very truly yours,

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LOUIS D. WINKAL, Special Agent in Charge  
JUN 29 1935

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JOHN HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith twelve copies of photograph and seven copies of abstract of criminal record, as appearing in the files of the Identification Division, of John Patrick Ferriok, our file #FBI-535809.

The fingerprint classification of the above individual is as follows:

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Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*  
L. C. Schilder.

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John Patrick Ferrick

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOHN PATRICK  
FERRICK

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1718, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 23, 1935, addressed to the San Francisco office in the above entitled case, wherein you furnish information concerning John Ferrick with aliases reported to be wanted by the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department on a charge of kidnaping and torturing a resident several years ago.

Copies of the photograph and criminal record of this individual are forwarded herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, as of possible assistance in the investigation to be conducted at Virginia City, Nevada. The Bureau also suggests that, in the event Ferrick is located, he be questioned relative to the activities of Lester M. Gillis and John Paul Chase, it being noted that the body of Ray Frisch is reported to have been abandoned by Gillis and Chase in a mine near Virginia City. Fatsa Nagri in a statement furnished by him also made reference to a miner, identity unknown, who was a friend of Gillis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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August 14, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 12, 1935 in the above entitled case with which there were transmitted copies of the photograph and criminal record of John Ferrick, with aliases, reported to be located in the vicinity of Virginia City, Nevada. The St. Paul Office in a letter addressed to your office under date of July 10, 1935, furnished additional information concerning this individual, and reported the fact that he is wanted by the local authorities at St. Paul, Minnesota, on a kidnaping charge.

The report of Special Agent V. E. Cries, dated at San Francisco, California, July 5, 1935, in the above entitled case, also furnishes additional information concerning this individual, which was obtained from Mr. James Britt, Special Agent, National Auto Theft Bureau, San Francisco, California. It is noted that this report sets out an undeveloped lead for your office at Virginia City, Nevada, which has not yet been covered.

The Bureau desires that you give immediate attention to the investigation looking to the identification and location of John Ferrick so that he may be questioned concerning his possible knowledge of the disappearance of Roy J. Frisch.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - St. Paul Cincinnati  
Chicago San Francisco

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/27/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/17, 18, 20, 21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. L. FORTENBERRY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM CRAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>Arthur Burdette, brother of Wynona Burdette, proceeded Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, Michigan, Bureau expense, to interview his sister at Federal Detention Farm, Milan. Interview conducted and information obtained set forth in body of report. Above interview was listened into by Bureau agents by means of Dictaphone. Fingers of unidentified body taken from Detroit River forwarded to Bureau for possible identification as Dr. Moran.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Wire from Pittsburgh Office to Detroit, Michigan, dated June 20, 1935; letter from Detroit Office to Pittsburgh Office dated June 12, 1935; letter from Detroit Office to Bureau dated June 20, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: On June 20, 1935, Special Agent in Charge C. E. Fierstone, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge D. E. Nicholson of the Detroit Office that Arthur Burdette was proceeding from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, Michigan, leaving Erie at 3:20 P.M. Eastern Standard Time and arriving in Detroit</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. E. Nicholson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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at 9:35 P.M., for the purpose of interviewing his sister, Wynona Burdette, at the Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan. On instructions of Special Agent in Charge Nicholson, Agent Fortenberry boarded the train at Wyandotte, Michigan, and there met Arthur Burdette, accompanied him to Detroit, Michigan, and the following day drove Arthur Burdette to Milan, Michigan, where he interviewed his sister, Wynona Burdette, relative to the location of Harry Campbell. A Dictaphone was placed in the visitors' room where Wynona and Arthur Burdette were to hold their visit, and Special Agents J. D. Cunningham and J. Waldman listened in on the conversation, for the purpose of checking the report which Arthur Burdette was to submit to Special Agent in Charge Nicholson, showing the result of this conversation. The above interview was conducted and Arthur Burdette reported the following to Special Agent in Charge Nicholson, which information was verified by the Agents listening in on the Dictaphone.

Arthur Burdette was informed by his sister Wynona that two characters, known to her only as Dutch and Shorty, had at various times hid out Campbell and Karpis at a little farm 7 or 8 miles south of Joplin, Missouri. Wynona Burdette advised her brother Arthur that she had only been at this place on one occasion and that was for approximately one hour; that while she was there they only had a few drinks and she knew nothing about the place or the hideouts used by these two men to conceal people whom they were paid to hide out. However, she did know that Campbell and Karpis had been hidden out there frequently. The only description that Wynona Burdette was able to give of this place was that it was a small farm located approximately 7 or 8 miles south of Joplin, Missouri.

She further advised that a working man by the name of J. Reynolds, at Casper, Wyoming, had in the past concealed Campbell and Karpis on their visits to Casper, Wyoming. Wynona Burdette further advised her brother Arthur that Harry Campbell had at one time stopped at Electra, Texas. However, she was not with him when he made this visit; that he had referred to Electra, Texas in a conversation with her when he told her that the Arkansas Travelers were playing at Electra, Texas, and that he went to the show thinking that her brother Arthur might be playing in the show. However, he informed her that Arthur Burdette was not playing in the show at the time he attended the show at Electra, Texas.

She further advised her brother Arthur that Harry Campbell had referred to being in Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas. However, she was unable to give any information as to whom he might have contacted at this place. Wynona Burdette told her brother that while she was being held at St. Paul, just prior to the time she was transferred to Milan, Michigan, to serve her term in the Federal Detention Farm, Mrs. Harry Sawyer had told her that Harry Campbell had spent the

night with his mother at Tulsa, Oklahoma, after his escape at Atlantic City. However, she stated that she had not had any direct information from Harry Campbell since the time she was picked up in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Arthur Burdette advised that in South Coffeerville, Oklahoma, there was a man known to him only as Les, who operated a filling station on the Nowata Road leading out of Coffeerville, Kansas, through South Coffeerville, Oklahoma, to Nowata, and that this filling station was the last one on this road, on the left hand side; that this man Les had been a very close friend of Campbell during the summer of 1933, and that Campbell frequently visited this place at that time.

Arthur Burdette further advised that there was a man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known to him only as Mel, who was a close friend to Bob Mayfield, director of the Arkansas Travelers who broadcast over KGGF at Coffeerville, Kansas; that he had known this Mel to drive Harry Campbell from Coffeerville, Kansas, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, two times during the summer of 1933 for a price of \$20 for each trip. He stated if Bob Mayfield were contacted and asked as to the identity of Mel, who in the summer of 1933 drove a Ford coupe with red wheels, he, Mayfield, may be able to identify this man Mel so that Mel may be questioned as to his connection with Harry Campbell.

Arthur Burdette further advised that it was his information that Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell were married at Denver, Colorado. However, he was unable to give any information regarding this. He further stated that Wynona had not told him anything about connections in Denver, Colorado, other than the fact she advised that if she were looking for Harry Campbell and unable to locate him in Oklahoma, she would go to Denver. It was also stated by Arthur Burdette and verified by agents listening in on the conversation that Wynona Burdette stated it was her opinion Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were not traveling together any more inasmuch as Government officials were looking for them together; that she deemed it silly on their part to travel together. She stated, in her conversation with her brother Arthur in response to his questioning if they would be taken alive, that Alvin would, and she also advised that she would not mind Harry Campbell being apprehended if he would be taken alive, but that she would prefer not to see him shot before being apprehended.

Wynona Burdette in conversation with her brother Arthur talked generally about her trip to Florida; that they were away from Lake Weir at the time Freddie Barker and Ma Barker were killed, and in that way she escaped being shot by Federal Agents. She also spoke in general terms about living in Cleveland and Toledo, which information is already in possession of this Bureau. Conversation was had relative to her life at the Federal Detention Farm, and other conversation of a general nature which is not being recorded here.

It should be noted here that Arthur Burdette informed his sister Wynona that Rubenstein (Special Agent Rubenstein of the Pittsburgh Office) had contacted him in Erie, Pennsylvania, and had furnished him with transportation to Detroit, Michigan; that en route from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, a man, whom he referred to only as from Jackson, Mississippi, had boarded the train at Wyandotte, had accompanied him to Detroit, paid his hotel bill at the Fort Shelby Hotel and had also accompanied him to Milan, Michigan. In response to the question of Wynona if he were working with the Government, Arthur Burdette advised that the agent, referred to only as being from Jackson, Mississippi, was not a Government man. However, he did state that Rubenstein was a Government man. He advised that Rubenstein had paid his train fare from Erie, Pennsylvania, and that the man who boarded the train at Wyandotte, Michigan, had paid his hotel bill at the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit and furnished him transportation to Milan, Michigan. He also advised that he had hoped to get away from Erie, Pennsylvania, with all his possessions; however, that the woman with whom he was living at the time he left there had retained his possession and he was unable to bring them from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, at Government expense. Wynona Burdette asked him if it were possible for him to remain in Detroit where he could come out to see her occasionally, and he advised her that his fare was paid back to Erie, Pennsylvania, in case he wanted to go; that inasmuch as he had a position there and all of his possessions were there, it was his idea to return to Erie, Pennsylvania, for the time being.

It will be noted herein that Wynona Burdette requested her brother Arthur to communicate with her; also to attempt to get her brother-in-law Richard Wilson at Arondale, Oklahoma, to send her some money which he owed her, inasmuch as she was allowed to spend \$10 per month while in Milan, Michigan, and that so far she had not received any money and was therefore unable to purchase any cigarettes or other things while in Milan. Upon departure from the Detention Farm at Milan, Arthur Burdette left deposited with the guard at the gate \$1.00 for the use of Wynona Burdette. Arthur Burdette was brought back to Detroit, Michigan, and furnished a ticket from Detroit to Erie, Pennsylvania.

In view of the fact that during a conversation had between Special Agents R. C. Suran, W. C. Ryan and J. L. Madala, and John Decourcy, attorney for Doc Barker, at the trial of Doc Barker at St. Paul, Minnesota, it was indicated that Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases had been put on the spot by Barker, and that the body of Moran was at the bottom of the Detroit River, as indicated in letter from the Chicago Office to the Cincinnati Office dated May 24, 1935, inquiry was made at the Wayne County Coroner's Office by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey of this office. It was found that on or about May 24, 1935, a body had been recovered from the Detroit River by the Detroit Police. The

Detroit Police Department first presumed that the body might be that of Merton Ward Goodrich; however, this was not found to be true in that the physical description of the body found was not identical with that of Goodrich. The description of the body however corresponded in general details with the description of Dr. Moran, but because of the decomposed condition of the body it was impossible to definitely identify or determine that it was the body of Dr. Moran by observation. The body found is described as being 5 feet 8½ inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds, gray eyes, teeth bad, however not false.

On June 20, 1935, arrangements having been made by Dr. Paul A. Klebba, Coroner's Physician, Wayne County, fingers of the body recovered were obtained and forwarded to the Bureau for the purpose of examination with a view of bringing out impressions from which could be determined the identity of the body found. Further, in connection with the establishing of the identity of the body found, it is noted in correspondence between the Chicago office and the Detroit office, that Dr. Moran while at the Joliet Penitentiary, was subjected to an X-ray examination, and that the X-ray revealed that there was a piece of foreign matter approximately the size of a pea in his lung. An autopsy of the body will be made by Dr. Klebba with a view of determining whether or not such an object is located in the lung of the body recovered from the Detroit River.

No leads are being set out in this case inasmuch as the Detroit Office is not furnished with all the files in the case and is not aware of the fact as to whether the hideouts of Campbell are located; this information is furnished to the interested offices for their information and if the possible hideouts have not already been covered, they may be covered at future dates.

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REN:MAN  
7-576-6542

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July 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of a report submitted by Special Agent S. L. Fertenberry in the above entitled matter, dated at Detroit, Michigan, June 27, 1935, which sets forth information obtained by Arthur Burdette during an interview with his sister, Wynona Burdette, who is incarcerated at the Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

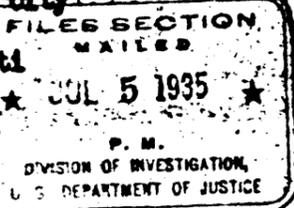
A perusal of this report suggests certain leads for attention at Casper, Wyoming, and Denver, Colorado. This investigation should be given immediate and thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #307668

cc - Detroit  
Chicago  
Oklahoma City  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati



Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 27, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 26,  
1935, in the above entitled case.

In accordance with the request contained therein,  
there is transmitted herewith copy of a letter received at  
this office from Franier Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at  
Toledo, Ohio, dated March 30, 1935, with reference to one  
Ernie Lasalle. Copies of this letter are also being furnished  
to the Cincinnati and St. Louis offices.

It is to be noted however that the letter received  
from Mr. Reams contains no information with reference to the  
murder in which Lasalle is alleged to be involved.

This office is not in possession of any further  
details with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
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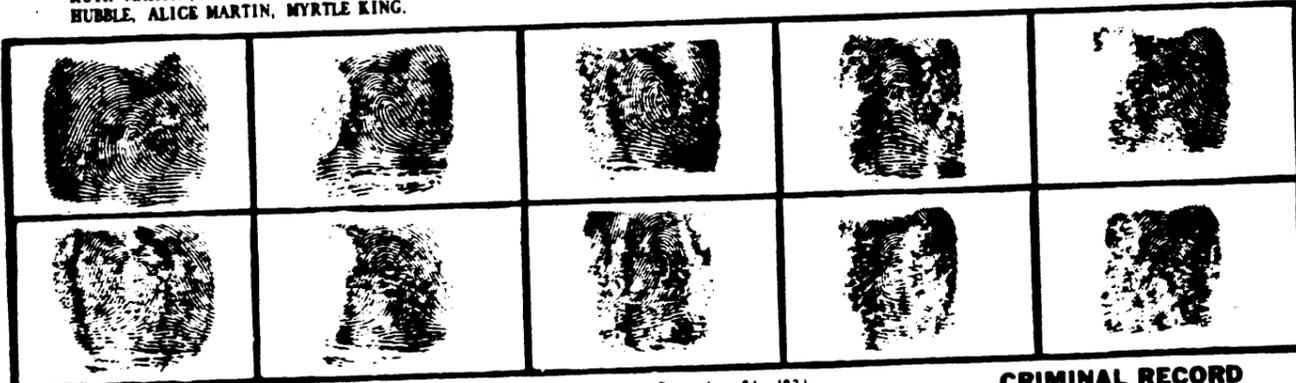
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WANTED

MYRTLE EATON with aliases: RUTH MARTIN, M.  
RUTH MARTIN, RUTH HUBBARD, SUE BOND, SUE  
HUBBLE, ALICE MARTIN, MYRTLE KING.

KIDNAPING



Photograph taken December 21, 1931.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years (born Des Moines,  
Iowa, March 14, 1902)  
Height, 5 feet, 4 7/8 inches  
Weight, 126 pounds  
Build, medium  
Hair, black  
Eyes, gray  
Complexion, medium  
Scars and marks: vaccination scar  
upper left arm; brows distant;  
small cut scar left side of  
lower lip; furrowed upper lip.



*Alice Martin*

RELATIVES

Mrs. Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones,  
sister,  
1113 S. E. Kirkwood Avenue,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Ruth Martin, #23113, ar-  
rested Police Department,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, Feb-  
ruary 27, 1930; charge grand  
larceny - shoplifting; charge  
changed to petty larceny and  
fined \$100.00.  
As Sue Bond, alias Sue Hubble  
#22402, arrested Police De-  
partment, St. Paul, Minneso-  
ta, December 9, 1930; charge  
shoplifting; dismissed by  
County Attorney.  
As Mrs. Alice Martin alias  
Myrtle King, #5805, arres-  
ted Police Department, Des  
Moines, Iowa, December 29,  
1931; charge investigation;  
released.

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7-576-6545

Myrtle Eaton is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indict-  
ment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging Myrtle Eaton and others with conspiracy to kidnap  
Edward G. Bremer.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the  
Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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March 22, 1934.

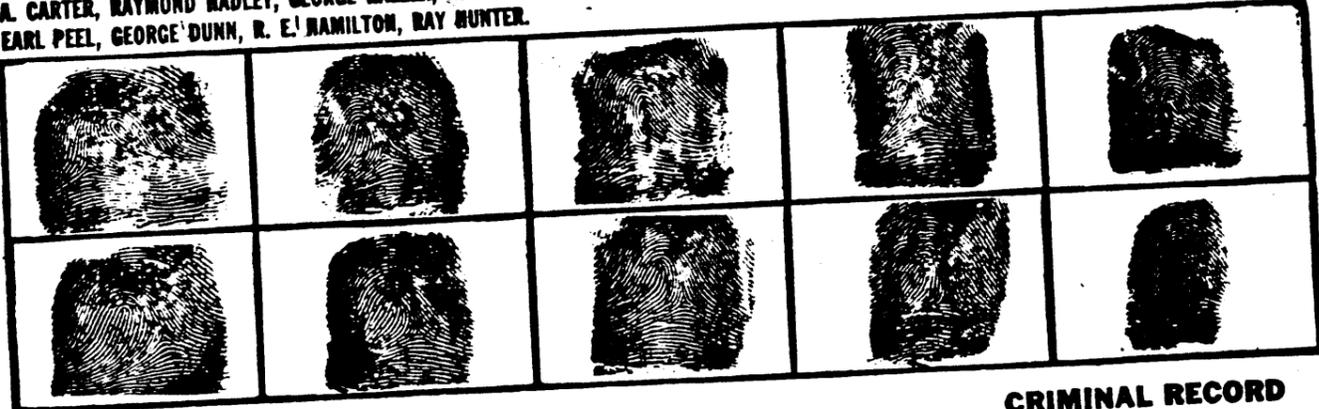
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**WANTED**

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
A. CARTER, RAYMOND RADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS,  
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.

**KIDNAPING**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet,  
9-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds;  
Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes,  
blue; Complexion, fair;  
Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle  
left index finger.

Photograph taken May 19, 1930.



*Alvin Karpis*

**RELATIVES:**

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Robert (Clara) Venute, sister,  
1829 West Erie Street, Chicago,  
Illinois.  
Mrs. Albert (Amelia) Grooms, sister,  
1234 North Monroe Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State  
Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas,  
February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd  
degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March  
9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Radley, #17902, arrested  
Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and  
safe blower; released to State Industrial  
Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an  
escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State  
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 -  
transferred from State Industrial Reformatory;  
crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10  
years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police  
Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931;  
charge, investigation-burglary; delivered  
Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary;  
sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

7-576-6546

Alvin Karpis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on  
January 17, 1934.  
Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or  
the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.  
(over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

CHICAGO FILE NO. **7-68**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/28/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/17, 20/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. M. HEADLEY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. #1236; WILLIAM LEAVER with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. #1239; MYRLE KATON with aliases, I. O. #1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="float: right; width: 60%;"> <p>Mr. R. V. Jackson, Investigator, Alcohol Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury, Chicago, Ill., advises that on the morning of June 16, 1935, while eating his breakfast at the Marquis Restaurant, 3127 Logan Square Blvd., Chicago, Ill., that he observed a party in the restaurant very much resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis; that this party observed Mr. Jackson closely while he was in the restaurant and followed him out of the restaurant when he left. Jackson advised 1934 Gray Plymouth Sedan bearing Ohio license No. YP328 or YP329, parked at curb close to entrance to restaurant. Jackson unsuccessful in trailing this suspect. Mr. John E. Burke, a Policeman in the vicinity of the Marquis Restaurant observed a party on the morning of June 7, 1935, in the restaurant very much resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis. Several employees in Marquis Restaurant advise that a party very closely resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis has been seen in the Restaurant on several occasions.</p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>M. A. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6547	
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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

On the evening of June 15, 1935, Mr. R. V. Jackson, Investigator for the Alcohol Tax Unit of the United States Treasury, with headquarters at Room 834, New Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois, called at the Chicago Bureau Office and reported that on the morning of June 10, 1935, at about 4 a.m. that he observed a party in the Marquis Restaurant, 5127 Logan Square Boulevard, which party very much resembled Alvin Karpis.

Mr. R. V. Jackson was interviewed and he informs Agent that on the morning of June 10, 1935, at about 4 a.m., he happened into the Marquis Restaurant and while there eating his breakfast he observed a party resembling the description of Alvin Karpis enter the restaurant and order some food; that this party's description is as follows:

Age:	30 to 35
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	160
Hair:	Black, combed pompadour, with part on right side.
Face:	Smooth shaven.
Scars or marks:	None observed.
Dress:	Small green hat with stitching around the brim; brown suit and white shirt.
Speech:	Distinct and clear articulation.
Disposition:	Cool and collected.

Mr. Jackson further states that this party watched him very closely and when he left the restaurant the suspect also left directly behind him. Jackson advises that before getting into his car that he watched the suspect walk down the street and after he had walked about 100 feet he was observed wringing his hands, which, according to Mr. Jackson, indicated one of two things to him, either that the suspect had enjoyed his food or that his action of wringing his hands was an outward expression of inner thoughts to the effect that he had escaped from a tight situation.

According to Mr. Jackson there was parked at the curb in close proximity to the Marquis Restaurant a 1934 gray Plymouth Sedan, bearing Ohio license plates, YP328 or YP329.

Mr. Jackson advises that after observing this man walk down the street that he drove his car around the block and when he returned to his original starting point that he lost track of the suspect. He advises, however, that the Plymouth Sedan, bearing Ohio license plates was still parked in the same location. Mr. Jackson states that when he returned to his Office on the morning of June 10, 1935, that he looked at a picture of Alvin Karpis and mentally remarked to himself that if the individual which he saw earlier in the morning at the Marquis Restaurant was not the same individual as Alvin Karpis that he so closely resembled him to be his double. He advises that the more he turns the thoughts over in his mind and the more that he looks at the picture of Alvin Karpis, that he is unquestionably positive in his identification.

Mr. Jackson advises that he will occasionally drop into the Marquis Restaurant from time to time when he happens to be in the vicinity and will be on the lookout for this party and will furnish any information which might come to his attention to the Chicago Bureau Office.

On June 11, 1935, a Mr. John K. Burke called at the Chicago Bureau Office and advised Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, that he had received information from a party by the name of Pat Roche, who is connected with a private detective agency in Chicago, to the effect that a Policeman had observed a party resembling the description of Alvin Karpis at the Marquis Restaurant at about 4 a.m. on the morning of June 7, 1935. Mr. John K. Burke furnished Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, with a diagram of the location of the Marquis Restaurant which corresponds with the address and location of the Marquis Restaurant as furnished by Mr. R. V. Jackson.

Mr. Donald Marquis, 3127 Logan Square Boulevard, Chicago, advises that he is Manager of the Marquis Restaurant and that he has been in charge of said restaurant for the past two years. Mr. Marquis, after having observed a photograph of Alvin Karpis, which this Agent displayed to him, advised that on several occasions he has seen a party in the restaurant resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Marquis states that he is not positive in his identification, but is quite sure regarding his assertion.

Mr. Charles Smalley, Assistant Manager, of the Marquis Restaurant was interviewed by Agent and after a picture of Alvin Karpis was displayed to him he advised that the features of Alvin Karpis appear partially familiar to him, but that he is not in a position to state definitely that he has ever observed said party ever being in the restaurant.

Mr. Mike Waddell, waiter, at the Marquis Restaurant, was interviewed by Agent and a picture of Alvin Karpis was displayed to him. He advises that on several occasions he has observed a party in the restaurant who very much resembles the features and description of Alvin Karpis. He states that as his memory serves him that the last time that he saw this individual in the restaurant was several weeks ago at which time he was in company with three other fellows. He advises that he recalls this incident rather vividly for the reason that after this group left the restaurant that there was a sugar bowl missing from the table. He states that as he recalls whenever he has seen this party that he is usually in company with three other fellows and that they usually take a table close to the door. He advises that they are usually quiet in their conversation and that they are usually observant of people in the restaurant and those who enter and leave the restaurant.

Agent questioned Mr. Waddell as to a description of the suspect whom he identifies as Alvin Karpis and was advised that to him he appears to be a man of about 25 years of age, weighing about 150 pounds, about 5' 8" or 5' 9" in height, and of medium build. He was unable to advise whether or not the party to whom he refers had any scars or marks on his face.

Agent interviewed Richard Pandel and Leonard Werlein, also waiters at the Marquis Restaurant, but neither of these individuals were in a position to advise that they had ever seen a party in the restaurant who resembled the features and description of Alvin Karpis.

Agent was advised by Mr. Donald Marquis that he would offer his very close cooperation in this matter and that if we would supply him with a picture of Alvin Karpis, he would assure us that every employee in his service would become familiar with the features and description of said individual and that should they observe a party in the restaurant answering the description of Alvin Karpis that the Chicago Bureau Office would be advised immediately. Agent informed Mr. Marquis that in the event he or any of his employees were in a position to furnish the Chicago Bureau Office with direct information leading to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis that a suitable reward would be forthcoming. This statement had a very favorable reaction with Mr. Marquis and he advised that the utmost cooperation would be afforded the Chicago Bureau Office by his organization.

Agent left with Mr. Marquis a picture of Alvin Karpis as well as the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The CINCINNATI OFFICE at Columbus, Ohio, will make appropriate inquiry at the State Automobile Department for information as to the identity of the owner of a 1934 gray Plymouth Sedan bearing either Ohio license plates No. YF328 or YF329.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/28/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/21-22/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. T. Fitzgerald</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information available to indicate that Karpis or other members of the mob who frequented Miami had safety deposit boxes. Karpis unknown in vicinity Southwest Sixth Street, Miami, and at Homestead, Florida.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter, dated June 18, 1935.			
DETAILS: At Miami, Florida: Upon receipt of Bureau letter of reference with which was enclosed a photostatic copy of an anonymous communication, dated at New York, June 10, 1935, indicating the presence of Karpis in Miami during the past winter and suggesting that he possibly possessed a safety deposit box, appropriate inquiries were made, with negative results, at the First National Bank, the Florida National Bank and the Morris Plan Bank, the only institutions in Miami which rent safety deposit boxes. No safety boxes were rented by Karpis or other members of the mob, either under their true names or known aliases. Photographs likewise were exhibited, but none was identified as the likeness of anyone known to have frequented the banks in question. Mrs. C. J. Thorpe, operator of a low-class rooming house located at 602 Southwest Sixth Street, which is on the corner of Southwest Sixth Street and South Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, stated that no one answering the descriptions of Karpis and other members of the mob has resided at her place at any time nor has anyone bearing a resemblance to the photographs exhibited to her inquired of her concerning the rental of a room.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-6548</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUL 1 1935</b>
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At Homestead, Florida:

Similar inquiries to those made at Miami were made at the First National Bank of Homestead, the Redland and Seminole Hotels, Homestead, Florida, likewise without result.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 4773

Laboratory Report

June 27, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-6241

Specimens: Photostatic copy of a hotel registration card, number 7667,  
signed "W. R. Kerin".

Examination requested by: (Mr. Newby) Chicago Bureau Office.

Date received: 6/21/35.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel

The shapes of the letters in the writing on the registration card #7667 when compared with the signature "W. J. Harrison" on the fingerprint card, master #727007, indicates that these two persons were taught different systems of handwriting style. In addition to this, there are writing habits which appear to be dissimilar in the direction of the writing motion.

For the above reason, the examiner would not conclude that the registration was written by Harrison.

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June 28, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

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 Division June 21, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #334677.  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Cincinnati

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

June 28, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer-Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter directed to you under date of June 21, 1935 from the Cincinnati Bureau Office, wherein it is requested that all field offices circularize all banks in their respective districts with regard to \$1,000 bills described therein.

I am attaching herewith two copies of a letter dated June 28, 1935 which was forwarded to all banks located in the State of Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

*V. W. Peterson*

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

June 28, 1935

TO ALL BANKS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

Gentlemen:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, I am desirous of securing information relative to the following \$1,000 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia:

Serial numbers, F-00022451A to F-00022456A, both inclusive,  
" " , F-00022458A to F-00022462A, " " ;  
" " , F-00022465A to F-00022500A, " " .

It is requested that you advise me whether or not any of the above serial numbered \$1,000 bills are in the possession of your bank. In the event none are in the possession of your bank at the present time, it will be appreciated if you will place a stop order against these bills, and notify this office if and when any of them are presented.

I assure you that your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

For convenience in making your reply, I am enclosing a self-addressed franked envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

*V. W. Peterson*

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
June 28, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

It is the intention of this office to circularize the Postmasters in the northern section of the state of Arkansas for the purpose of definitely determining whether William Weaver is residing in that vicinity. It is also intended that an appropriate number of Identification Orders be furnished the Postmasters for distribution to the rural mail carriers, and in that connection, it is desired that the Bureau forward to the Little Rock office four hundred copies each of the Identification Order on Alvin Karpis, with aliases, #1218, and on William Weaver, with aliases, #1238.

Very truly yours,

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

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July 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

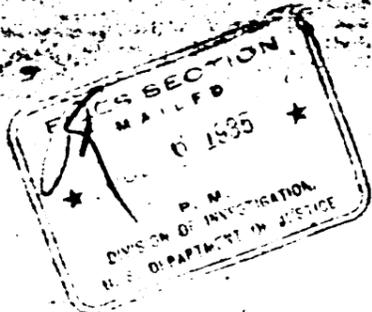
Dear Sirs:

In response to your request contained in your letter of June 22, 1935, there are being forwarded under separate cover to your office 400 copies each of Identification Order #1218, issued on Alvin Karpis, and Identification Order #1236, issued on William Weaver.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago



Division of Investigation.

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

June 28, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 22, 1935, in the above entitled case, in which it is requested that the Bureau be informed of the reason for the delay in interviewing Mrs. Essie Chipman, 309½ East 14th Street, Flint, Michigan.

By reference to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, April 20, 1935, it will be observed that Mrs. Chipman is presently residing at Clio, Michigan. Shortly after the receipt of Bureau letter requesting that Mrs. Chipman be interviewed, an agent called at 309½ East 14th Street, Flint, Michigan, and found that Mrs. Chipman had moved, and considerable difficulty was experienced in ascertaining her location, which caused the delay in conducting this interview.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/27/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/20-21/35	REPORT MADE BY: R. P. Shanahan
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1237; MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases;			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information concerning possible presence of Phoenix Donald in vicinity of Mountain View, Arkansas, in company of one Jack Williams, apparently erroneous. Latter now residing at 410 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. Further investigation at Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, presently unproductive.			
REFERENCE: Letter from the Little Rock office to the St. Louis office dated June 20, 1935. Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Little Rock, Arkansas, June 15, 1935.			
DETAILS: As has already been set forth in the letter from the Little Rock office to the St. Louis office under date of June 20, 1935, information was received on June 19, 1935, from Deputy U. S. Marshal Carl Thomason, Batesville, Arkansas, that a person by the name of Jack Williams had been seen in Batesville on June 15 or 14, 1935, and had been accompanied by a person who was identified by Mr. J. A. Grooms of that city as Phoenix Donald, alias Bill Weaver. On June 20, 1935, at Batesville, Arkansas, Mr. Grooms was contacted			
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by the writer, he advising that the person known as Jack Williams was located exactly seven miles west of Mountain View, Arkansas, on Arkansas Highway #66. There he was reported to own approximately ten acres of land and live in a discolored white cottage just off Highway #66. When seen in Mountain View by Mr. Grooms, he was driving a Ford V-8 Coupe or Coach, bearing Georgia 1935 license #20-966G. Furthermore Grooms stated he resided there only at intervals, making periodic visits at this farm, at which times he was reported to be accompanied by women and other visitors who appeared to be of the gangster type.

When this information was first transmitted to the Little Rock Bureau office, teletypewriter communications with the Atlanta Bureau office disclosed that the above Georgia license plates had been issued to Jack Williams, 31 Houston Street, Atlanta, Georgia, for a 1934 Ford V-8 Coach, motor #653445. The Atlanta office was requested to ascertain all available information concerning Jack Williams that would enable that office to establish his identity.

It was further learned from Mr. Grooms, who is employed as an assistant supervisor of the State Highway Department of the State of Arkansas, having his headquarters at Batesville, Arkansas, that he had seen the above described Ford car in front of the City Cafe in Mountain View, Arkansas, on June 19, 1935, at which time Williams was accompanied by a person who Grooms thought might be identical with Donald. He described him as follows: 37 to 40 years old; 5 feet, 10 inches, to 6 feet tall; 175 pounds; well built; possibly blue eyes; brown hair. Grooms described Williams as follows: 5 feet, 8 or 9 inches; dark complexion; dark hair; wore sideburns; approximately 175 pounds; about 35 years of age; husky built; ordinarily dressed. Information that had come into the possession of Grooms was also to the effect that Williams was supposed to have in the past carried a machine gun. He was also known to be an expert pistol shot, indulging in many hours of practice at his place west of Mountain View, Arkansas.

In response to this information, the writer appeared at Mountain View, Arkansas, on June 20, 1935, and there interviewed Postmaster Bryan Lancaster, the Post Office being situated two doors away from the City Cafe, at which place Williams and the man accompanying him had been seen by Mr. Grooms, as stated above. Lancaster advised he had known Williams for approximately four or five years, and that he was known to engage in no occupation other than gambling. From all reports, Williams had always stated he came from East St. Louis, Illinois, and only made periodic visits to his place seven miles west of Mountain View, Arkansas, where he owned ten acres of land upon which was situated the white cottage in which he lived. The same is recorded in Mountain View, Arkansas, under the name of John H. Williams, as follows: Part SW of SW of Sec. 36, Twp 15 N., R. 12 W, containing ten acres. According to Lancaster, Williams was well known in Mountain View and had spent considerable time there fishing. He made frequent visits to Memphis, Tennessee, St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois, and oftentimes upon his return to Mountain View, would be seen with large rolls of money, while at other times he would be practically broke. Mr. Lancaster also recalled the person seen in the company of Williams when he had last been in Mountain View, but when shown a picture of Phoenix Donald, emphatically stated he was not the man. He also was certain in his statement that Jack Williams was not identical with Donald.

In this connection, Mr. R. W. Brewer of Mountain View, Arkansas, and Sam Bryant, barber, Mountain View, Arkansas, were interviewed, and they gave in effect the same information concerning their knowledge of Williams' activities as had already been furnished by Lancaster. They both stated that Williams was known to be a gambler and had approximately a year ago displayed a gun which they thought to be a machine gun and attempted to sell it in Mountain View. However, in describing this weapon, both failed to give certain definite physical characteristics of the Thompson sub-machine gun. From their description of the weapon, it is apparent that the gun was in all probability a Mauser. Mr. Brewer and Mr. Bryant were also shown photographs of Donald and other subjects in this case, and they stated positively that neither the man known to them as Jack Williams nor his associate who had accompanied him on his last visit to Mountain View, was identical with any of the pictures displayed. Their attention was then called to the photograph of Phoenix Donald, but they stated without hesitation that it was not a likeness of any person they had seen in the vicinity of Mountain View.

It was further learned from the Postmaster, Mr. Lancaster, that on the evening prior to the Agent's visit, Jack Williams had left Mountain View in his Ford automobile, described above, for East St. Louis, Illinois, and had left a forwarding address of 410 Missouri Avenue, the latter being an apartment above the Mecca Cigar Store in East St. Louis, Illinois.

From the three above individuals in Mountain View, Arkansas, the following description was obtained of the person accompanying Jack Williams, and who Williams had introduced as his brother: 190 pounds; light brown hair; 40 to 45 years old; about 6 feet tall; light complexion.

It was also learned that on the last visit to Mountain View by Williams and this other man, on or about June 13 or 14, 1935, they were thought to be accompanied by two women, who had later visited at Williams' farm. However, no further information concerning this report could be furnished the writer.

Though the investigation conducted at Mountain View, Arkansas, indicates that neither Williams nor his companion is identical with Phoenix Donald, it is being requested that the St. Louis and Atlanta offices conduct appropriate inquiries relative to this individual.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 13, 1935, relative to past inquiries made in the vicinity of Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, in the hope of obtaining further information concerning the present location of Phoenix Donald. On June 20 and 21, 1935, contact was had with Sheriff L. G. Langston, Salem, Arkansas, who advised that since the last visit of an Agent from the Little Rock Bureau office, no further information had come into his hands. Sheriff Langston advised he has been in a position to keep in close contact with all the persons in Salem related to Donald, the names of whom are set out in the reference report, and has been keeping a close watch on their various activities. However, no visitors have been seen in Salem, Arkansas, since the date of the last investigation conducted there. Inquiries were again made of the Sheriff concerning the home of W. T. Bowling, whose wife, Susie Bowling, is a sister

of Donald. As has been set forth in the reference report, a periodic surveillance of Bowling's home has been kept by Sheriff Langston and Mr. Woods, who lives close by, so that any attempted visit to this place by Donald or his associates could be quickly transmitted to this office. However, according to the Sheriff and one Ray King, a neighbor living directly across the street from Bowling, no unusual activity has been noted.

Further inquiries in this connection were made on June 21, 1935, at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, where Mr. D. B. Heiliger, assistant in charge, U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, was interviewed. It will be recalled from the reference report that Mr. Heiliger had promised his cooperation in attempting to secure information from one Claude MacLamore, a prior associate of Eugene Bowling, a son of W. T. Bowling. On the above date, however, Heiliger advised that MacLamore was no longer associated with Bowling, and the possibility of securing any valuable information from MacLamore had practically disappeared, inasmuch as he was no longer in a position to receive the same.

Mr. Earl E. Sterling, Postmaster, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, upon interview, stated that although a close watch had been kept for any mail addressed to Mrs. Nellie Frazier, sister of Phoenix Donald who resides near Mammoth Spring, nothing had appeared to indicate the possible presence in that vicinity of Donald or his associates. It is suggested that when an Agent of the Little Rock Bureau office is next in this vicinity, contact be had with Mr. Sterling, as well as Sheriff Langston of Salem, Arkansas.

On June 21, 1935, Sheriff Langston was again interviewed relative to possible information that might be obtained through a surveillance of farms situated along the northern extremity of Fulton County, Arkansas, which extends to the Arkansas-Missouri state line, and the southern extremity of Howell and Oregon Counties, Missouri. It will be noted from prior reports, and in particular from letter from the St. Paul office to the Bureau dated April 13, 1935, that Donald has been reported by several informants as owning a farm somewhere in that vicinity. In this connection, Sheriff Langston advised he would immediately obtain from the Clerk's Office in Fulton County a record of all purchases of land in Fulton County during the last year, and immediately transmit any information obtained to the Little Rock Bureau office. From the sources of information available in Mammoth Spring and Salem, Arkansas, no recent purchase of land for any purpose has been noted. However, it is thought that a survey as mentioned above might be productive of some further information along these lines.

A tissue paper tracing of the signature of Jack Williams was obtained by the writer at the Post Office, Mountain View, Arkansas, on June 20, 1935, and is being held in the Little Rock Bureau office. Also at the Post Office at Mountain View, the writer observed a card addressed to Mrs. George Gipson, Mountain View, Arkansas, c/o Happy Jack Williams, the same being signed by one Georgia, and the message containing in effect the request that the person addressed communicate with the writer and advise of any good times that the former might be having while on her visit to Mountain View. In this connection, it is observed that in all probability the woman referred to above as Mrs. George Gipson is identical with one of the girls reported to have accompanied Williams and his male companion on their previous visit to Mountain View.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ATLANTA office at Atlanta, Georgia, will continue efforts to obtain further information at 31 Houston Street, Atlanta, Georgia, which is the address given by Jack Williams at the time of his application for Georgia license plates on his 1934 Ford V-8 Coach.

The ST. LOUIS office at East St. Louis, Illinois, will conduct appropriate inquiries at 410 Missouri Avenue in the hope of ascertaining the identity and all other pertinent information concerning Jack Williams, inasmuch as he is reported residing at that address at the present time.

The LITTLE ROCK office at Salem, Arkansas, will periodically contact Sheriff L. G. Langston in the hope of obtaining further information in this matter.

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COPY of TELETYPE MESSAGE

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DO YOU WANT CGO 451 YES

OK TO CGO 451 PLS ANNOUNCE EVERY TIME I TRY TO WRITE THIS  
THING KEEPS JUMPING

OPERATOR SHALL I GO AHEAD WITH MY MESSAGE NOW

YES

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BREKID RE TELETYPE TWENTY SEVENTH INSTANT ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE TIME  
OF JOHN KARPOVICZS DEPARTURE FOR TOPEKA AND OBTAIN COMPLETE DESCRIPTION  
AND IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING AUTOMOBILE HE IS DRIVING OBTAIN  
COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING JOHN  
KARPOVICZ AND OF ANYONE ACCOMPANYING HIM ON TRIP

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*Edward L. Bremer*

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Peabody, Div. of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS COMPANY

New Haven, Conn.

June 25, 1935.

*Written under*

Mr. George J. Starr,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

*Re: Source of  
Machine Guns  
in Criminal Hands*

*Edmond G. Brennan*

Dear Mr. Starr:

I have just had Mr. Hertel check up on the numbers and then I rechecked it with him because the first dates given were wrong and I think that the old man probably got the gun numbers mixed up. His machine gun book shows that gun #211342 was numbered on January 10, 1919 and gun #211774 was numbered on January 13, 1919.

The factory informs me that it is impossible to tell the date of shipment of these two guns as we have no record to show the exact date on which shipment was made of any particular number.

I have referred your question regarding the shipment of twenty-six guns to the Sedgley Company to our Mr. Pugsley who I am sure will give you all the information he can on the subject.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Mgr. Shooting Promotion Div.

Major J.W. Hession/m

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June 29, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: WILLIAM WEAVER, with  
aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1238, KIDNAPING.

Transmitted herewith is Identification  
Order 1238 on William Weaver, wanted by the  
Bureau for Kidnaping. It is requested that the  
necessary information for the preparation of the  
pocket identification order be secured therefrom.

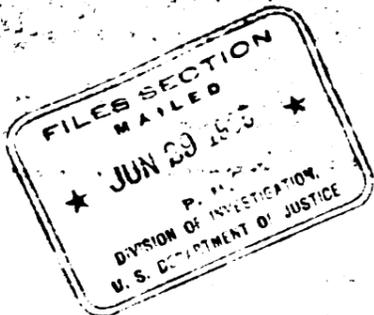
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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6 BREKID REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE THIS DATE. JOHN KARPOVICZ LEFT CHICAGO YESTERDAY EXPECTING TO ARRIVE KANSAS CITY TODAY. HE IS DRIVING ALONG IN 1927 BUICK SEDAN LICENSE NUMBER UNKNON. KARPOVICZ DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWA - AGE 60, HEIGHT 5 FEET 5, FACIAL APPEARANCE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF SON ALVIN. KARPOVICZ PROCEEDING TO TOPEKA TO SUPERVISE REPAIR WORK ON HOME OWNED BY HIM THAT CITY.

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ALFRED SMART, OWNER OF FORD SEDAN, MOTORNO. E143315,  
1935 ILLINOIS LICENSE NO. 347096, CONNECTED WITH ESQUIRE MAGAZINE,  
DRIVEN TO NEW YORK CITY ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO BY RAY BOARTS, SALESMAN  
FOR ESQUIRE MAGAZINE. DESCRIBED AS 25 YEARS OF AGE HEIGHT 5-9 WEIGHT  
140 LBS HAIR BLACK CHUBBY FACE. CAR MAY BE DRIVEN BY MANNAMED  
NICHOLS, DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN. BOARTS AND NICHOLS MAY BE LOCATED AT  
THE OFFICE OF THE ESQUIRE MAGAZINE, ESQUIRE BUILDING, 366 MADISON  
STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

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June 28, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1232, KIDNAPING.

Transmitted herewith is Identification  
Order 1232 on Dr. Joseph P. Moran, wanted by  
the Bureau for Kidnaping. It is requested that  
the necessary information for the preparation  
of the pocket identification order be secured  
therefrom.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218,  
KIDNAPING.

Transmitted herewith is Identification Order #1218 on Alvin Karpis, wanted by the Bureau for kidnaping. It is requested that the necessary information for the preparation of the pocket identification order be secured therefrom.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. E. E. Purvis,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 512,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has noted reports and communications from your office reflecting contacts with confidential informant [redacted] by Special Agent J. L. Madala.

I desire that the contacts between Agent Madala and [redacted] be closely watched by you, in order to prevent the development of a situation which will result in embarrassment to Agent Madala or to the Bureau. The Bureau is aware that the apparent motive of informant [redacted] is to furnish information which in turn will assist in obtaining the release of [redacted] on parole but at the same time the associates of [redacted] suggest the possibility of an attempt at double-crossing a representative of the Bureau, which, of course, is to be guarded against.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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June 29, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 14, 1935 transmitting an anonymous telegram for collect transmittal to "Alvin Karpis", care of Western Union, Sacramento, California together with four sets of fingerprints for elimination purposes in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Please be advised that the material submitted with your letter has been examined but no latent fingerprints could be developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION  
Director.

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Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

June 29, 1935.

Dear Sir:

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 29, 1935.

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Mr. Walter F. Carroll,  
Investigator in Charge,  
Internal Revenue Service,  
Treasury Department,  
Custom House,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATL.  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

I desire to thank you for your letter of June 27, 1935,  
with which you enclosed a letter, dated 6/25/35 from Mrs. E. B. Baker,  
1508 Poplar Street, Cairo, Illinois. This matter will be given prompt  
attention.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 27, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1818, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City  
office dated June 18, 1935, relative to the above entitled  
matter.

Please be advised that the Postal Guide does not re-  
flect a town named Walker in the state of Wisconsin, and there  
is no Leech Lake located in Wisconsin according to the Milwaukee  
Journal, the resort department of which maintains a list of the  
various lakes in the state of Wisconsin.

I note, however, that there is a Leech Lake in Minn-  
nesota, which is located near Walker, Cass County, Minnesota.

It is requested, therefore, that appropriate attention  
be given the lead set out in the letter of reference at Leech  
Lake, Walker, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
JUNE 25, 1935

TO ALL BANKS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

In connection with an important kidnaping case presently under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, it is desirable to receive information concerning the location of one thousand dollar bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, bearing serial numbers F-00022451A through F-00022500A.

In the event any of these bills pass through your bank, it is requested that you retain them in your custody and immediately communicate with this office by telephone, collect, or telegram, Government Rate, collect. Wires should be addressed to "Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma"; the telephone number is 2-8186.

Your close cooperation and assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
June 25, 1935.

TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS:

Please cancel my confidential bulletin dated June  
16, 1935 relative to:

Buick 1927 Model Brougham, color, green  
License, Washington (1935) A 67-740  
Motor 1,897,606.

The above described car is no longer wanted.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

E.P. No. 7-31.

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.  
June 28, 1935.

Postmaster,  
Paragould, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Please forward all mail addressed  
to R. P. Shanahan, c/o General Delivery,  
Paragould, Arkansas, to Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RLS:am

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 29, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
U. S. Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

There is returned herewith a letter addressed to Miss Dolores DeLaney, who is presently confined in your institution, the letter being postmarked Chicago, Illinois, June 26, 1935.

The contents of this letter has been scrutinized by this office and does not appear to contain any information of value.

Your interest and cooperation in connection with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1331 First National Bank Building,  
El Paso, Texas.

TELEPHONE MAIN 501

June 26, 1935.

TO ALL BANKS:

Dear Sirs:

In connection with a major kidnaping case, this Bureau is endeavoring to locate certain \$1,000 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ga., the serial numbers of which run from F-00022451 A to F-00022500 A, inclusive.

It is requested that you immediately check all \$1000 bills now in your possession and if any of the above numbers are found, to kindly hold same and advise this office immediately by telephone collect.

It will be desired, of course, to ascertain as quickly as possible the source from which any such bills have been received. It is also requested that you place a flag with each of your receiving tellers against the above described bills, so that if any of them later appear at your bank their source may be traced as quickly as possible.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*R.H. Colvin*

R.H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul.  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 27, 1935

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John J. Ryan, Superintendent  
Federal Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith a letter addressed to Miss Wynona Bardette who is presently confined in your institution, the letter having been postmarked Erie, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1935.

The contents of this letter have been scrutinized by this office and appear to contain no information of value.

Your interest and cooperation in connection with this matter are greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Charge Bremer*

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808 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

June 27, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JO-  
SEPH MORAN, with aliases, I. O.  
#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with al-  
liases, I. O. #1236; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
K i d n a p i n g ;  
Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the suggestion contained on the  
second page of your letter of the 21st instant addressed  
to the Bureau, the Indianapolis Office has made a mimeo-  
graphed form and submitted it to all banks in Indiana cov-  
ering the bills mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

W. H. KIMMICK  
Special Agent in Charge

-cc: Bureau  
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*Edward H. Bremer*

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

June 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE - I. P. FLEIS; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREYER - Victim  
Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruc-  
tion of Justice; National Firearms  
Act.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 24, 1935  
concerning one Ernie LaSalle, it would be appreciated if  
you would furnish this office with a copy of the letter  
received from Mr. Frazier Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at  
Toledo, Ohio, said letter being dated March 30, 1935,  
and setting forth the facts of a murder for which LaSalle  
is wanted.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

June 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE -  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated June 21, 1935,  
requesting that this office circularize all banks in  
this district with serial numbers of \$1000.00 bills is-  
sued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, beginning with  
numbers F-00022451A and ending with F-00022600A; you are  
advised that this action has been taken.

Very truly yours,

W.J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas

June 24, 1935.

To All Banks:

In connection with certain investigations being made by this Bureau, we desire to locate \$1,000.00 bills bearing serial numbers F-00022451A to F-00022500A, inclusive. If you have any such bills in your possession, I shall appreciate your immediate advice with respect thereto, as well as any information you may have regarding the identity of the person presenting such bill or bills.

In the event you have not received bills as above indicated, will you please place stop orders against such \$1,000.00 bills (serials numbered F-00022451A to F-00022500A, inclusive), and immediately advise this office if they are presented at your bank.

The telephone number of the Bureau Office in Dallas is 2-3556, and the mailing address is 420 Post Office Building.

Your cooperation in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
June 24, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
L. O. #1218; FUGITIVE; ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Mr. Bryan Lancaster,  
Postmaster,  
Mountain View, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
June 21, 1935, directed to Special Agent R. F. Shanahan  
of this office, relative to a telephone conversation  
with him concerning the property in your county re-  
corded in the name of John H. Williams.

This information is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RIS:am  
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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

June 25, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O.# 1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

This will acknowledge receipt of  
written statement of Jess Doyle, dated February 15, 1935,  
taken in the presence of Special Agents John L. Madala and  
R. P. Shanahan, which statement you advise relates to matters  
not being considered by your office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
Kidnaping; Harboring and  
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 21,  
1935, addressed to the Chicago Bureau Office with refer-  
ence to a recent communication received from Mr. Frazier  
Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at Toledo, Ohio.

For your information this is to inform that  
under date of April 8, 1935, this office received a letter  
from Mr. Reams, in which he advised that a gangster by  
the name of Ernie LaSalle, who was wanted at Toledo, Ohio  
for murder was thought to be driving a 1935 Ford V-8  
Coupe, bearing Illinois license #407-618.

Under date of April 8, 1935, this information  
was furnished to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois by  
letter. A copy of this letter is being furnished to  
your office as well as the Cincinnati and St. Louis Of-  
fices.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau ✓  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 25, 1935

Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE  
Detroit File #7-55

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters addressed to Miss Wynona Burdette, one mailed at Arondale, Oklahoma, June 20, 1935, the other post-marked at Ponca City, Oklahoma, June 19, 1935.

The contents of both of these letters have been scrutinized by this office and appear to contain no information of value.

Your cooperation in connection with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #1184,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;  
L. O. #1218; Fugitive;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice; National  
Firearms Act.

Under date of March 6th, 1935, Agent W. P. Ellwood,  
of this office, submitted a report in which he showed that he inter-  
viewed Mrs. Bernice Croft, Route #3, Alden, Iowa, thought to be a cor-  
respondent of Subject Volney Davis. In this report, Agent Ellwood  
set forth a lead for this office at West Bend, Iowa, for the purpose  
of interviewing other ladies thought to have been correspondents of  
Davis.

Since Davis has been apprehended and sentenced, the above  
lead will not be given attention.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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ST. LOUIS BUREAU OFFICE  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date May 4, 1935

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the National Division of  
Identification and Information:

BUREAU FILE NUMBER	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
319190	P.D. E. St. Louis, Ill. #1427	JOHN MORAN, with aliases:- John R. Moran, John Russell Moran, Bab Moran, John H. Moran	Released.
	P.D. Peoria, Ill. #6743	"	Released, insufficient evidence.
	P.D. E. St. Louis, Ill. 3-26-31	" As John Russell Moran	Released on bond.
	carrying concealed weapon		
	P.D. E. St. Louis, Ill. 3-16-32	" As John Russell Moran	Sentenced six months St. Clair County Jail \$300.00 fine
	P. D. St. Louis Mo. 7-5-33 #21181	" As John Russell Moran, alias Bab Moran, alias John Moran	Released, insufficient evidence
	S. Clayton, Mo. #952-M	" As John H. Moran	Released \$20,000 bond.

This form to be submitted to the National Division of  
Identification and Information to report dispositions of cases  
in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include  
such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines,  
discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on  
each sheet.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI, Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

June 29, 1935.

Time - 1:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

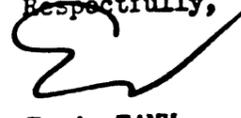
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Laughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Keith .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Scheidt .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Smith .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office concerning his telephonic conversation with me yesterday relative to the lead on Karpis which was developed by the police at Chicago and upon which the police requested the assistance of the Bureau Agents at Chicago.

Mr. Purvis said that he personally made a survey of the place where the men are supposed to be or come to. He said that the police have two men out there watching the place, and the setup is as follows: The informant of the police is going to notify the police at least 45 minutes before Karpis is supposed to get there; that the police will then proceed to the place and lie in wait, 45 minutes being plenty of time to get there. However, Mr. Purvis said that he was of the opinion this would not be enough time for the Agents to get out there, and further, he was of the opinion that the men should not be left at a place nearer. For this reason, the Agents are being kept at a minute's call, and the Chicago Office is ready for the call if and when it comes in.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:TD - 2:00 P.M.

June 26, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Seymour Fox, of the Cavalier Hotel, again called on me, requesting information as to whether it would be possible to employ him as an Agent of the Bureau for the purpose of locating the remaining fugitives in the above entitled case.

I explained to Mr. Fox that it would not be possible to give him employment, but that in the event he located any of the fugitives now being sought by this Bureau, he should communicate with the nearest office of the Bureau, advising the Agent in Charge of the identity of the fugitive and request what consideration would be given to him in the event his identity was found to be accurate. I indicated to Mr. Fox that the Bureau would possibly pay him the sum of \$1,000.00 on each of the remaining fugitives, in the event they were taken into custody on information furnished by him. He stated that he did not care to act on this proposition, inasmuch as it would place him in the position of being a stool-pigeon.

He advised that he was the principal Government witness in the recently completed trial of Joseph Berl and others in the District of Columbia Supreme Court at Washington, D. C. Berl and others were charged with conspiracy to violate the Internal Revenue laws, in that they had sold counterfeit tax stamps. Mr. Fox stated that he and Judge DeVries had operated a liquor store in Miami, Florida, where a number of stamps in question were located and he furnished information which resulted in the conviction of Berl. He also advised that Assistant United States Attorney John W. Fihelly prosecuted the case for the Government.

Mr. Fox insists that the fugitives in the above entitled case can be located through investigation of the various dog tracks operated by Pat O'Hara and his associates. He stated that possibly the tracks in Dayton, Ohio would be the most likely track to find the fugitives frequenting. In this connection, it is to be noted that an attorney named Egan, recently directed a communication to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, requesting information concerning the sentence imposed on Dolores

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Delaney.

By way of coincidence, while discussing the Dayton tracks with Mr. Fox, Special Agent S. W. McKee entered my office and was introduced to Mr. Fox, it being noted that Agent McKee at the present time is endeavoring to locate Attorney Egan for interview, in connection with this case. Agent McKee learned recently that Attorney Egan has an interest in the dog tracks at Dayton, Ohio and in questioning Mr. Fox, ascertained that he is personally acquainted with a number of the contacts of the gang mentioned throughout the file. Mr. Fox advised that Danny MacFarland, who is now residing in Chicago, Illinois, and Pat Hogan, of St. Louis, Missouri, were formerly associated in the brewery business in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that these individuals are also presently interested in the dog tracks at Miami, Florida.

The Chicago Office has been requested to interview MacFarland, who is a friend of Joe Adams, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning Willie Harrison, who is blamed for the predicament in which Adams now finds himself. Mr. Fox also mentioned the name of Sam Gorum as one of the persons who is interested in the dog tracks.

Mr. Fox, who is a boxing commissioner of Miami, Florida and who is presently residing at the Cavalier Hotel in Washington, D. C. until he returns to Miami next fall, stated that in the event he can assist in the location of the fugitives in this case, he will communicate with the nearest Bureau Office, a list of which was furnished him.

Agent McKee stated that upon his return to the Cincinnati Office, he would immediately conduct appropriate investigation at the dog track located near Dayton, Ohio, with a view to possibly identifying the fugitives sought in connection with this case.

Respectfully,

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

July 1, 1935.

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Boardman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
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- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

There have been no developments in connection with the  
above entitled case during the week ending June 29, 1935.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 11, 1935 the Bureau addressed a communication to Mr. Adam H. Unsworth, 81 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, furnishing a copy of the letter to your office, in which it was indicated that an Agent would be assigned to interview him concerning information which he had previously furnished to the Bureau relative to an individual who closely resembled subject Harry Campbell.

The Bureau desires that this interview be conducted immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

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Detroit - Michigan  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.  
Kidnaping, etc.

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith letter which you forwarded to this office written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate at your institution, to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Box 41, Arondale, Oklahoma. This letter contains no information of value.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation,  
I am,

Very truly yours

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 6907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
July 1, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Bureau letter of June 21, 1935, regarding the securing of clothing belonging to Wynona Burdette which was left by her at Oklawaha, Florida, you are advised that Special Agent E. B. Donaldson conferred with Judge L. E. Futch at Ocala, Florida, on June 27, 1935, at which time he stated that it would be entirely agreeable with him to segregate such clothing as belonged to Wynona Burdette and that he would release same.

Therefore, assisted by Judge Futch and his secretary, both of whom had seen Kate Barker and were able to judge the size of clothing she would wear, the clothing believed to belong to Wynona Burdette was segregated, has been packed, and is being shipped to you this date on Government bill of lading J-69688, the original of which bill of lading is enclosed herewith and a memorandum copy of same is attached to copy of this letter going to the Bureau.

You will please make disposition of this clothing in accordance with the aforementioned Bureau letter.

I am attaching hereto copy of a receipt given to Judge L. E. Futch, which lists in detail the articles of clothing surrendered by him.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Ait  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RECEIVED of L. E. FUTCH, County Judge of Marion County, Florida,  
the following described articles of ladies' wearing apparel, released in  
the matter of the Estate of Kate Barker and Fred L. Barker, deceased:

4 Slips, white, pink & peach.	3 Brassieres
5 Pr. Step-ins	3 Pr. Pants
1 Karakul cape (Grey)	1 Lace collar
1 Blue night gown	1 Black dressing gown
1 Brown wool jacket	1 Pr. blue pajamas
1 Gray crepe jacket	1 Flowered jacket
1 lace blouse	1 black woolen coat
1 Karakul coat, black, with white collar	1 Black 2-piece light weight wool suit
1 Peach colored night gown	1 Peach colored shirt waist
2 White rayon collars	1 White pique collar
1 Red flannel coat	1 White satin blouse, with scarf
1 White flannel shirt	1 White knit beret
1 Red Hat	1 Red straw hat
1 Gray hat	1 Black silk beret
1 Brown Hat	1 Brown hat with veil
1 Black & 1 Brown turban	1 White hat & 1 white flannel hat
1 Pr. brown leather gloves	1 Pr. buck leather gloves
2 Pr. Black leather Gloves	1 Pr. White & 1 Pr. Tan Gloves.
1 Flowered house dress, size 14	1 Plaid housedress, size 14
1 Black dress	1 White silk dress
1 Taffeta colored shirt waist	1 Black dress
1 Plaid house dress (2 Piece)	1 Brown dress
1 Blue & White dress	1 Flowered silk dress
1 White knit blouse	1 Pr. red & white sandals (High Heels, #6.
1 Pr. White buckskin shoes, #6.	1 Blue & black corduroy bedroom slippers, size 6.
25 Ladies Handkerchiefs	
18 Pr. silk hose	
2 Pr. rayon-cotton hose.	

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 27th day of June, 1935.

Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 4907, Jacksonville, Fla.

BILL to U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
(Department or Establishment and Bureau or Service)

(Appropriation chargeable)

FED. BU. INVESTIGATION, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

GOVERNMENT BILL  
OF LADING  
MEMORANDUM COPY

R. A. ALT, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

JUL 1 1928

Received from U.S. DEPT. JUS., FED. BU. INVS., JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

the public property hereinafter described  
by the RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY (of transportation company)  
in apparent good order and condition (contents and value unknown), to be forwarded subject to conditions stated on the reverse hereof

from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA (starting point) to FED. BU. INVS., U.S. DEPT. JUS., 224 FEDERAL BLDG., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

by the said company and connecting lines, there to be delivered in like good order and condition to SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, FED. BU. INVS., U. S. DEPT. JUS., 224 FEDERAL BLDG., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

via (Route journey only when some substantial interest of the Government is subserved thereby)

MARKS	NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	NUMBER AND KIND OF PACKAGES	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (Observe strictly carrier's freight classification. Avoid trade or technical names)	WEIGHTS
Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Bldg., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		1 wooden box	Clothing	80 lbs.

Size car ordered \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Size car furnished \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Date furnished \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Car No. \_\_\_\_\_

TARIFF AUTHORITY  
(To be filled in by general office rendering account)

AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT

*Ry Ex Agency*  
(Name of transportation company)  
7-14, 1928 Per *Alt*  
(Date) (Agent)

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER  
(To be filled out when this bill of lading is issued for use by contractor in making shipment)

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_, or Purchase Order No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 1928

(F. O. B. point named in contract)  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 29, 1935

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Mr. Thomas S. Condie,  
Postmaster,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: Alvin Karpis, wa, Fugitive,  
I.O. #1218, et al. Edward  
George Bremer-Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation of the  
Walter of this office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
with official business, a check was cashed at the  
of all first class mail at 154 Glenhurst Street,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, regarding tracings of all such  
checks.

Thanking you for this and past favors, I am

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Post Office Box 612,  
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July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir,

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter of June 21, 1935, requesting certain information concerning A. E. Fleming, 1943 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois, in connection with one Ernie LaSalle, such information being for Mr. Frazier Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at Toledo, Ohio.

It was ascertained that Mr. A. E. Fleming resides at 1817 Lincoln Street, Evanston, Illinois, and has his place of business at 1943 Central Street.

Agent H. W. Stewart interviewed mail carrier A. Richardson who has the route covering 1817 Lincoln Street, and also interviewed W. A. Vogel, Foreman of the United States Post Office at Evanston. Both of these individuals advised that A. E. Fleming has been residing in Evanston for some twenty years or more; that he is a reputable citizen, and has been a merchant there for a considerable number of years, operating a hardware store located at 1943 Central Street. Also, that Mr. Fleming is a person of about 45 or 46 years of age; married, has two children, one boy about 15 years of age and a girl about 17 years of age, and as far as they have known him, he bears a good reputation in the community. Neither of these individuals had any knowledge concerning a person by the name of Ernie LaSalle.

Agent Stewart also interviewed John E. Sundblom, mail carrier No. 17, who has the route covering 1943 Central Street, which address is the hardware store operated by A. E. Fleming. Mr. Sundblom advised that he has had this route for the past four years; that he knows A. E. Fleming and has always known

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him to bear a very good reputation in the community, and has never at any time learned or heard anything derogatory to him in any way.

Mr. Sundblom further stated that A. E. Fleming has owned several automobiles, same being a 1929 model "A" Tudor Ford sedan, a 1926 model "T" Ford coupe, and a 1935 four-door Dodge sedan. Mr. Fleming has disposed of the 1926 model "T" Ford coupe and acquired a 1927 Chevrolet two-door sedan. According to Mr. Sundblom, the 1929 model "A" Ford Tudor sedan is used by Mr. Fleming's son. The 1927 Chevrolet two-door sedan is used in Mr. Fleming's business by an employee of his known to Mr. Sundblom as "Ernie", last name unknown, and the 1935 four-door Dodge sedan is used personally by Mr. Fleming. Mr. Sundblom further stated that he has never known Mr. Fleming to possess a 1935 Ford V-8 sedan nor has he ever seen one in the neighborhood of Mr. Fleming's store that would indicate it had any connection with the hardware store.

Agent Stewart obtained from Mr. Sundblom a description of the individual employed by A. E. Fleming and known as "Ernie", which description, as complete as could be obtained, is set forth below:

Name:	"Ernie"
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	40 years
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	150 pounds
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Thought to be light in color, not certain.
Face:	Thin, clean shaven
Chin:	Receding
Remarks:	Usually wears cap. Appears to be very mild and inof- fensive. Well liked in the community.
Employment:	Acts as handy-man for Fleming Hardware store, 1917 Central Street, Evanston, Ill. Has been employed there for a number of years.

This Office had neither photograph nor description of Ernie LaSalle, and therefore the description of the individual known to Mr. Sundblom as "Ernie" was obtained for the use of Mr. Frasier Beams.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 28, 1935.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scheidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 3:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office and stated that a few minutes ago, Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan, and Chief of the Uniformed Force Dan Gilbert, called at the Chicago Office and informed Mr. Purvis that they have a place on the north side of Chicago under surveillance in which place are supposed to be Alvin Karpis, Tom Loughy and other Chicago hoodlums. The police have a man watching the place now, and as soon as they receive a report, they plan to raid the place. The purpose of the visit of these men to the Chicago Office was to request the assistance of the Agents of the Chicago Office.

By way of background to this request, Mr. Purvis said that the other day he had a long talk with Sullivan. At this time, Mr. Sullivan was most cordial, and stated that he had an apology to make to the Chicago Office, for the reason that at one time, he thought because the files of the Chicago Office were not made available to a couple of his officers, he was not being treated right; that he now realizes that it would indeed be a poor policy to make such files available, in view of their confidential nature, and can understand and appreciate the position of the Bureau in this regard.

Mr. Purvis stated that this afternoon, he talked to the two above named Chiefs for quite a while, and he believes their attitude toward the Bureau is good.

I pointed out to Mr. Purvis that if the police have this place spotted, they are going to raid it whether or not we participate, and that consequently we will lose nothing by being in the raid; that I was, however, extremely skeptical of the good will displayed towards the Bureau by the Chicago Police Department, explaining my fear of the Greeks when they come bearing gifts; that, however, Mr. Purvis should exercise his own judgment in the matter, and that if he felt the Bureau should participate in the raid, all things considered, he should, of course, do so. Mr. Purvis said that he would, then, cooperate with the police in this matter, and will keep the Bureau advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

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*It looks as if Purvis is being taken for a ride. The Greek analogy is certainly pertinent. J. E. H.*

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/1/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/27-28/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN A. SMITH, JR.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  
Person bearing some resemblance to Alvin Karpis seen in New York City 6/27/35 driving Ford sedan bearing Illinois 1935 license #347096. Investigation developed car was in possession of lawful agent of owner, and was probably being driven on 6/27/35 by Ray Boarts of the Circulation Department of Esquire, Inc., New York City.

DETAILS:  
At about 5:00 P.M. June 27, 1935, agent was proceeding north along Third Avenue near 32nd Street, in New York City, and noted an automobile which stopped momentarily at Third Avenue proceeding east along 32nd Street. The automobile appeared to be a 1935 model Ford Tudor sedan which was painted olive green and which bore 1935 Illinois license plates #347096. The driver of the automobile appeared to agent to bear a noticeable resemblance to photographs of subject Alvin Karpis. The driver of the automobile was alone and was dressed in a light gray suit and sailor straw hat with a dark band.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	7-576-6574	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUL 8 1935
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Agent proceeded to the New York Bureau office, where a teletype was dispatched to the St. Louis Bureau office requesting name and address of the person to whom Illinois 1935 license #347096 was issued and requesting detailed description of the automobile for which the license plates were issued.

During the early evening of June 27, 1935, a teletype was received from the St. Louis office in which information was contained that Illinois 1935 license #347096 was issued to John W. Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, for a Ford automobile, Engine #143315.

Teletype was immediately dispatched to the Chicago Bureau office requesting that office to ascertain the reputation of John W. Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, and also to ascertain whether the automobile for which license #347096 was issued was in New York City. The Chicago Bureau office was informed in the teletype forwarded it that the driver of a Ford automobile bearing license plates as set out above appeared to bear some resemblance to photograph of subject Alvin Karpis.

During the evening of June 27, 1935, a teletype was received from the Chicago Bureau office in which information was contained to the effect that John W. Smart, address as noted, is the owner of Ford sedan, Motor #143315, Illinois license #347096, and that Mr. Smart is connected with the magazine "Esquire", of which his brother, Alfred Smart, is managing editor. Further information was contained in the teletype to the effect that the automobile had been driven to New York City about April 27, 1935 by Ray Boarts, who is a salesman for Esquire magazine. Boarts was described as 25 years of age, height 5'9", weight 140 lbs., hair black, face shabby. Further information was contained to the effect that the automobile might have been driven by a man named Nichols whose description was unknown. It was further stated that both Boarts and Nichols might be located at the office of the Esquire magazine, Esquire Building, 366 Madison Street (should be Avenue), New York City.

During the early morning of June 28, 1935, Agent interviewed Mr. S. Nichols at the offices of Esquire, Inc., 366 Madison Avenue, who stated that a 1935 model Tudor Ford sedan was owned by the Chicago office of Esquire, Inc. and is presently being used largely

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by Mr. R. Boarts of the Circulation Department of Esquire, Inc. He stated that during the evening of June 27, 1935 the car might have been used by Mr. Boarts inasmuch as the car had been, for a time, on June 27, 1935, at a service station, and inasmuch as Mr. Boarts arrived at the office of Esquire, Inc. at about 5:00 P.M. it was thought probable that Mr. Boarts picked up the automobile and drove it to his office. Mr. Nichols advised that the automobile had never been stolen and was, on June 28, 1935, in the possession of Mr. Boarts, who was not at the offices of Esquire, Inc. and was not interviewed.

Mr. Nichols described Mr. Boarts as follows:

Age	25 years
Height	5'9"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Medium

Mr. Nichols was not interviewed at length inasmuch as an extended interview appeared to be unnecessary. He was not informed of the exact reason for his being interrogated but was told only that the New York Bureau office was interested in automobiles bearing Chicago licenses and presently in New York City.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
July 1, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases.  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING, OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype messages received from the Chicago office dated June 27th and 28, 1935, and Bureau teletype message of June 27, 1935, wherein it was requested that appropriate surveillance be conducted relative to the activities of John Karpovicz at Topeka, Kansas.

This is to advise that on June 28, 1935, Special Agents Franklin Welch and A. J. Norstrom of the Kansas City office were instructed to conduct appropriate investigation in this matter. They endeavored to contact Albert Grooms, 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, son-in-law of John Karpovicz, who at one time had expressed the desire to cooperate with the Bureau in effecting the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Inquiry was made at the Capital Iron Works, Topeka, Kansas, where Grooms was formerly employed, where it was discovered that Grooms is presently unemployed. Agents Norstrom and Welch then proceeded to 1100 East 2nd Street, Topeka, Kansas, the building on which property it is assumed that Karpovicz is contemplating repairing. Neither Karpovicz nor Grooms were observed in the vicinity of this dwelling and Agent Norstrom then conducted a discreet investigation in the vicinity of 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, for the purpose of locating Grooms that his cooperation might be enlisted, without results. It should be noted that Grooms' residence does not contain a telephone and it was imperative to contact Grooms in such a manner that his wife, a sister to Alvin Karpis, would not be aware of this.

In that Grooms was not available, Agents then made a discreet surveillance of Grooms' home until such time that he could be located for an interview. At approximately 6:00 P.M. that evening a 1927 Buick Coach, green in color, with an attached truck, Illinois 1935 license

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#719755, was observed parked in front of the Grooms' home. Agents then retired to a suitable vantage point about a block from the house and continued the surveillance.

At approximately 6:30 P.M. that evening several cars were noticed driving in the vicinity of the Grooms' residence, and occupants of these cars were recognized as Topeka Police Department Detectives, Shawnee County Deputy Sheriffs, and Kansas State Highway Patrolmen. The Agents then proceeded to the police department, in view of the above developments where Sheriff Dean Rogers, Shawnee County, Topeka, Kansas, Frank Stone, Assistant Director of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, Topeka, Kansas, and Chief of Police Stone of the Topeka Police Department were found in conference.

They advised that a confidential informant, a woman, whose name they did not ascertain, had called each of them by telephone at approximately 6:15 P.M. that evening and advised that she had seen John Karpovicz, a former neighbor of hers, riding around Ripley Park in an automobile that afternoon, and having not seen Karpovicz in the city for the past two years, she observed his movements closely for about two hours, during which time he remained in the park, in his automobile. He left the park about 5:30 P.M. that evening and proceeded to the business district of Topeka, she following in her automobile at a suitable distance. It is to be noted that Ripley Park is a city park in the poorer section of Topeka, of about 40 acres, and is about one block from the 1100 2nd Street address. This informant immediately telephoned Sheriff Rogers, Frank Stone and Chief Stone, and they were in the process of notifying the Kansas City Bureau office of this fact when the Agents appeared.

Sheriff Rogers had made arrangements with a confidential informant, a close friend of the Grooms family and Karpovicz, to observe the movements of Karpovicz closely and report them to the Sheriff. Frank Stone had already placed men in tourists camps in the vicinity of Topeka as well as all possible points of contact for Alvin Karpis in that city. These arrangements had been previously perfected prior to the time of the Agents' arrival at the conference.

However, arrangements will be made to contact Grooms in the most expedient manner possible and enlist his cooperation by Bureau Agents and the surveillance of the Grooms' home and the activities of Karpovicz, will be continued with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Federal Bureau of Investigation

~~Division of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

EW:ML  
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July 2, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, ET AL.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

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There are transmitted herewith copies of my memorandum dated July 1, 1935, setting forth information furnished by Mr. McAnally, reporter for the New York "Post", relative to individuals who, he believes, might possibly furnish advice concerning the whereabouts of Subject Karpis.

Mr. McAnally again called at the New York Office on July 2, 1935, and stated that on the night of July 1st, following his conversation with me, he went to the bar in the Ritz Hotel, New York City; that he went there for the purpose of being seen by Luciano who frequently visits the bar; that during the evening Luciano came in and seeing McAnally came to him; that Luciano inquired whether he (McAnally) would meet him at the Aqueduct Race Track, July 4th; that Luciano stated he wanted to give McAnally a "good horse," that during the brief conversation, Luciano inquired of McAnally what he thought of the vice campaign being conducted by the local officials; that Luciano stated he didn't worry about any of the organizations affiliated with politics but that those which were free from such influences were the ones that he worried about; that Luciano then inquired of McAnally whether the State of New Jersey was handled by the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. McAnally stated that he merely played dumb during the above described conversation; that he asked no leading questions, and that as Luciano left he told McAnally that he would see him at the track, July 4th. McAnally states that he will keep this appointment and keep this office fully advised of any developments. He is still definitely of the opinion that Luciano is working up to something and that the matter

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possibly concerns this Bureau in some way.

I, of course, have not committed myself or expressed any opinions concerning this matter to McAnally.

Very truly yours,



R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Chicago

cc - St. Paul

cc - Cincinnati

New York, N. Y.  
July 1, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

On July 1, 1935, Ike Mainally, reporter for the New York "Post", advised that he had received certain information which might be significant. Mr. Mainally stated that about two weeks ago the chauffeur for Ciro Terranova, a well known Bronx racketeer, informed him during a casual conversation that "somebody mighty hot was in town." About a week ago, Bill Brown, also a well known racketeer, and one of Jake Foster's associates, inquired concerning Mainally's home address, and how he could be reached. Last Thursday, June 27, 1935, Mike Capela, another well known New York racketeer, informed Mainally that "some of the boys might know where Karpis is." During the same conversation, Capela referred to Karpis as a mad dog, and inquired as to whether it was his (Mainally's) understanding that Karpis would be killed when found by federal agents. Capela also made some comment concerning Karpis' associate, Campbell, and stated that the Department of Justice had been making it mighty hard on persons who were found to have harbored criminals of this type.

On the following day, Friday, June 28th, an Italian whom Mainally knows, but whose name he cannot recall at this time, came to him. Mainally states that this Italian works for a boot-maker and is supposed to be well connected with local racketeers. This Italian informed Mainally that Charles Luciano who is also known as Charles Luckie or Lucky Luciano wanted to see him (Mainally) at the club house at the Aqueduct Race Track, July 1st.

Mainally stated that the above series of events appear significant to him, and he believes that it is more than a coincidence. He is of the opinion that it is possible that Karpis might have "moved in" on some of the local racketeers, whom he knew, or who were known to him through mutual friends, or by reason of their past activities. Mainally also believes it possible that the local racketeers might be afraid to refuse to take care of Karpis, and at the same time are fearful of prosecution for harboring him. Mainally states that it occurs to him as entirely

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probable that Luciano wants to give him certain information which might be with reference to Karpis. He stated that this is entirely speculation on his part, based on the above described series of incidents which to him appear to be rather unusual. He stated that he will see Luciano on July 14th as requested and find out what he has in mind, and that in the event Luciano desires to make a deal with reference to Karpis or any other known criminals of that type, he (McNally) will endeavor to persuade Luciano to get in touch with me personally.

In any event McNally will keep me fully informed. He states that he does not want to appear in the picture at all, and that if his conclusions relative to the above are correct, and he can arrange for Luciano to deal directly with me, he (McNally) wants to step out of the picture entirely.

As a matter of information, it might be stated that McNally has a rather wide acquaintance with underworld characters and is the type that they would probably have a certain degree of confidence in, and they may be trying to use him to get certain information to the proper sources.

This matter will receive appropriate attention.

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
June 29, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 6, 1935, addressed to Mr. W. G. Simpson, Deputy Sheriff, Harrison County, Gulfport, Mississippi, copy of which was furnished the New Orleans Bureau Office, and transmitting copy of letter of Mr. W. G. Simpson addressed to the Bureau under date of May 11, 1935, all in relation to inquiry of Mr. Simpson relative to reward for the capture of Subject Harry Sawyer in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Please be informed that I have personally conferred with Special Agent C. H. Olson, of this office, who first contacted Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson and State Highway Officer Adolph De Metz, and have also telephonically communicated with Special Agent M. W. Meekins, with relation to any reward or compensation they might have promised either Mr. Simpson or Mr. De Metz, and have been advised by both of these agents that no promises were made by them and that the matter was never suggested or discussed by or with either Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson or State Patrolman Adolph De Metz.

On the occasion when Subject Harry Sawyer was taken into federal custody by the writer and Agent Meekins, at Pass Christian, Mississippi, and when his identity became definitely known by admission on the part of Subject Harry Sawyer, Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson asked the writer if there was any reward offered by the Department for information relative his location. He was personally advised by the writer, in the presence of Special Agent Meekins, that the only occasions when a reward had been offered by the Department or the Bureau occurred in the Dillinger case for the arrest, capture or information concerning Subjects Gillis and Dillinger, and on these occasions a circular was publicly distributed by the Bureau indicating authorization of the reward by the Attorney General of the United States. He was advised that no reward had been offered for the arrest of Subject Sawyer.

Inasmuch as the Bureau had not circularized a reward for information leading to the apprehension or for the arrest of Subject Harry Sawyer, and further, as no promise or indication of reward was ever made to either Officers W. G. Simpson or Adolph De Metz by the writer or agents of the New Orleans Office, no recommendation is made for a reward to be paid these officers. The writer is personally opposed to the payment of any reward to law enforcement officers.

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*Letter  
W.G. Simpson  
7/17/35  
M.W. Meekins  
C. H. Olson*

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definitely certain of the identity of Subject Harry Sawyer until the final apprehension, otherwise, they would have apprehended this Subject themselves.

In the first instance, it was apparent to the writer that Officer Adolph De Metz could not be handled and he was not present when Sawyer was apprehended, the writer preferring to handle the investigation in a manner satisfactory to the Bureau, inasmuch as it was entirely a Bureau function.

For the information of the Bureau, Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson was formerly a liquor smuggler and was involved in an investigation on a National Prohibition Act conspiracy with others, several years ago. Deputy Sheriff Simpson has openly made statements to the writer and to Agents Meekins and Olson that he was personally acquainted with "Machine Gun" Kelly and, years ago, had sold him liquor. Both Officers Simpson and De Metz are garrulous conversationalists and although given sufficient recognition in both the newspaper accounts emanating from Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, Louisiana, undoubtedly feel that because of the prominence given the apprehension of Subject Sawyer in the newspaper accounts, they lost a golden opportunity to further their own interests. Officer Simpson particularly desired publicity for election purposes.

Relatives of Officer Adolph De Metz leased their property to Subject Sawyer, where he built a negro liquor and gambling joint and operated same in violation of Mississippi State Laws, and both Officers W. G. Simpson and De Metz were aware of this fact.

It is my opinion that because of the character of these two officers, the best interests of the Bureau would be served by no offer of reward or remuneration to them.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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July 17, 1935.

Mr. W. G. Simpson,  
a/o Sheriff's Office,  
Gulfport, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter dated May 11, 1935 relative to the payment of any reward for the capture of Harry Sawyer.

The Bureau has been furnished with information which indicates that the assistance rendered by you in this matter was not in contemplation of any remuneration. Therefore, this Bureau regrets that it can not furnish you with any remuneration under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1935.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Keith .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn ✓
- Mr. Scheidt .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Smith .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

Time - 10:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office with reference to recent Bureau letter to the Chicago Office concerning Agent Madala's contacts with Informant [redacted] in this matter. He said that last night, Madala met [redacted] at her request, at which time [redacted] advised that she was going to today meet Harry Campbell in Berwyn, Illinois. It appears that the postmaster there, one Bartholomew, is going to take her to Campbell. Mr. Purvis said that at this time, they do not know very much about it, other than the fact that the place is supposed to be on the street on which Fred Goetz formerly lived, and that he might possibly be with Karpis.

Mr. Purvis said that the contact is going to be had this morning, and after the contact, [redacted] is going to call Agent Madala and advise him in the premises. Mr. Purvis said that it would be entirely impractical to try to keep her under surveillance during her call, and that they are going to have to wait until she calls Agent Madala. He said that he believed it best to conduct a little preliminary investigation before taking the place, if and when the call from [redacted] is received. I told Mr. Purvis to do whatever he thought best under the circumstances, but by all means to keep the Bureau advised at all times.

Mr. Purvis further advised that last Sunday, [redacted] advises a man came to her back door asking for Jim Farmer, this man also asking to use the telephone. She said that as she did not know the man, she did not let him in, but it is recalled that it was under circumstances exactly like these that Alvin Karpis called at [redacted] home some time ago, after which Karpis left and later returned with Bartholomew, mentioned above.

Respectfully,

JUL 9 1935

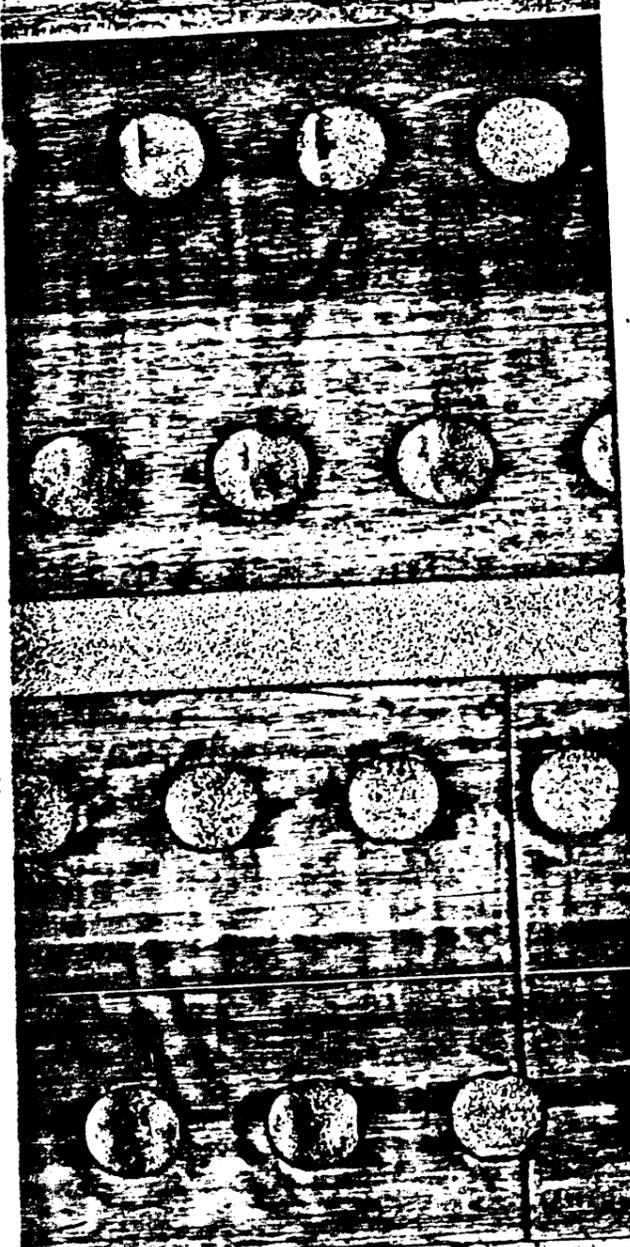
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Re: Informant [redacted]

I am afraid of this woman. She doesn't want money and the Chicago Office has been instructed to be wary in dealing with her.

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629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
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July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping - etc.

Dear Sir:-

As the result of a cover maintained on the mail of  
C. Wellinsky, 306 1/2 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa,  
a broker believed to be a possible contact of WILLY  
and WALTER BROWN, a tracing has been furnished by this office from  
a letter address as follows:

"C. Wellinsky, 306 1/2 Walnut Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa" - postmarked  
"Lorton, Virginia, June 24, 1935"  
bearing a return address, "Box 25,  
Lorton, Virginia"

The handwriting of the above address  
to the signature of WILLY BROWN, I. O. #1218, I. O. #1218  
No. 1258.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted at  
Lorton, Virginia to determine the identity of the person or persons  
renting Box #25.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. BOND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1278  
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping

Mr. George Hill,  
Post Office Inspector,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

You may discontinue the cover which has  
been maintained on the mail of the  
Hoffman, 412 East Oklahoma Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I desire to express to you my thanks and  
appreciation for the cooperation extended by you in this  
matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

July 5, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry dated June 27, 1935 at Detroit, Michigan, which contains the results of a conversation had between Wynona Burdette and her brother, Arthur Burdette, at the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, same having been secured by Agents listening in on a dictaphone and by later corroboration by Arthur Burdette.

On page two of this report it is noted that Wynona informed her brother that two men, known to her only as Dutch and Shorty, had hidden Karpis and Campbell at various times on a little farm located some seven or eight miles south of Joplin, Missouri. Wynona stated that she had only been at this place on one occasion for about an hour, and that while there she and her companion, who is presumed to be Campbell, had a few drinks and for that reason she knew nothing more about the place or the exact location of the hide-out used by these two men to conceal fugitives.

It is desired that your office conduct discreet investigation in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri, in an effort to learn if Wynona Burdette is telling the truth, and if so, appropriate investigation with respect to the persons she referred to might result in the effecting of the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Drawer 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
July 2, 1935.

To all Banks,  
St. Louis District.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer--Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Gentlemen:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, efforts are being made to locate bills of \$1,000.00 denomination, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, commencing with serial number F00022451A, and ending with serial number F00022500A.

Kindly notify me immediately in the event a bill from this series is now in the possession of your bank, furnishing all information available with reference to the identity of the person from whom such bill was received.

It is further requested that your bank place a stop-order against any of the aforementioned bills which may be received in the future and advise this office immediately in the event one of these bills is received.

It is essential that you consider this information strictly confidential.

Your cooperation in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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620 FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
BUILDING,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping; etc.

Dear Sir:

A mail cover is being maintained by this office on  
the mail of Wellinsky, 306 1/2 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa, pawn  
broker, believed to be a contact for WILLIAM WEAVER, MYRTLE  
KATON and possibly other members of the above gang.

This office does not have handwriting specimens  
of William Weaver and Myrtle Katon, to be used in comparing the  
tracings received from above cover, and it is, therefore, requested  
that your office furnish the Omaha Office with handwriting speci-  
mens of the above named two Subjects.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

July 2, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN  
with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. #1236; WILLIAM WEAVER  
with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I. O. #1239;  
MYRTLE WATON with aliases, I. O. #1241, et al.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letters under  
dates of May 4, 1935 and June 22, 1935, which instructed that an Agent  
be assigned to interview Mr. Joseph R. McHoff, 902 N. Jameson Ave.,  
Lima, Ohio, regarding information he furnished the Bureau concerning  
an individual who resembled Alvin Karpis.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 31, 1935  
which instructed conduction of an investigation in the vicinity of  
Marmora, Ontario, Canada relative to subject William Weaver.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. D.  
Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, June 1, 1935, which contains undeveloped leads  
requiring the attention of your office at Cleveland, Ohio, and Toledo,  
Ohio. In this connection it should be stated that contact with the  
informants at Toledo and the investigation regarding the Harvard Club  
in Cleveland are of the utmost importance.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. J. Cassidy,  
Chicago, Ill., 6-15-35, which requests investigation concerning  
Edith Barry, 524 Southard, Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of securing  
any information available with regard to subject Alvin Karpis.

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Your attention is also invited to letter to the Director from the Cincinnati Office dated June 21, 1935, a copy of which was sent to the Cleveland Office and which contained a request that all banks in your district be circularized with the serial numbers of certain \$1,000.00 bills in an effort to locate these bills or secure information as to their being passed.

No advice has been received by this office indicating that this action has been taken.

Your attention is invited to the fact that no report has been submitted by the Cleveland Office since the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown dated June 1, 1935.

In view of the importance of this case, particularly in the territory covered by your office, it is requested that all investigative leads be given preferred attention, and that a report be submitted at least every fifteen days.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau.

Post Office Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 1, 1935

DB:VC

Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to your telephonic request  
of July 1, 1935, I am transmitting herewith state-  
ments of Special Agents J. V. Murphy and J. E. Niles  
of this office relative to allegations made by Paula  
Harmon, Gladys Sawyer, and Wynona Burdette.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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- TO:  Director  
 Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Clegg

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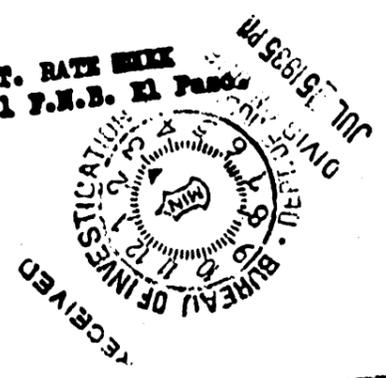
**J. C. Newman, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
405 P. O. Building,  
San Francisco, Calif.**

**BREKID** airmail letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. O'Donnell forwarded from here by airmail today to apartment three naught one at nine five six Post Street San Francisco Stop May be for Subject Identification Order Twelve three eight suggest discreet investigation letter will arrive there seven fifteen tomorrow morning.

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*Greenidge*

OFF. BUS. GOVT. RATE MARK  
CHG: FBI, 1551 P.M.B. El Paso  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JUNE 29, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUG.  
I.O. #1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

In keeping with instructions contained in Bureau letter of June 17, 1935, I have assigned Special Agent A. J. Norstrom to personally conduct the investigation of all leads wherever possible in connection with this case.

As all Agents who had been familiar with this case had been transferred, it was necessary to assign some other Agent to the case with instructions to the effect that he should familiarize himself thoroughly with the entire contents of the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
July 3, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE -  
I. O. #1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to letter from the Chicago office dated June 15, 1935, and to Bureau teletype message dated June 24, 1935, wherein a request is made that copies of all communications of Arthur and Lloyd Barker received and sent at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, be secured.

This is to advise that on June 27, 1935, Special Agent A. E. Fapland of this office arranged with E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, to secure the original copies of all communications received and sent by the above mentioned parties. This was done as a precautionary measure by the penitentiary officials to guard against any possibilities of secret messages being received or communicated by these parties. Typewritten copies of all communications will be given to the addressee and the original of each communication will be sent to the Kansas City Bureau office, which in turn will transmit them to the Bureau for appropriate attention.

Transmitted herewith are the following letters: A letter addressed to A. R. Barker from J. B. Dial, Overton, Texas, dated 6-24-35; a letter to Lloyd Barker from George E. Barker, Neosho, Mo., dated June 28, 1935, which letters were received from Mr. Eckholdt on June 29, 1935. A letter written by Arthur Barker to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P. O. Box 724, dated June 29, 1935, and received at the Kansas City office from Mr. Eckholdt on July 2, 1935. Copies of these letters are attached to the carbon copies forwarded the Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul, as well as the Kansas City, offices.

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In that it appears possible that these letters may contain secret writing, it is respectfully suggested that they be sent to the Technical Laboratory for processing.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*

E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**ENVELOPE:**

If not delivered in ten days return to  
POST OFFICE BOX 7  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Please your register  
number here.

Mr. G. E. Barker  
Joplin, Missouri  
P. O. Box 784.

Leavenworth, Kansas, June 29, 1935.

Mr. G. E. Barker  
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Dad I just received your most welcome letter. This leave me feeling just as good as can be expected in here. I was glad to hear you were in better health hope you keep on improving. I have not seen Bud since being here. I dont know how much longer I will be here. I would like to see you before I leave. I am thirty six years of age I was born the year of 1899. on June the 6th. what are those paper that you are filling out. and you didnt say if you get that straight- en up about that money in Chicago and what about the other down south. Now that other stuff that you looted up there if I was you I would do something about it right away for there is a lot of personal things in it. If you hear from that party I want you to be sure to keep in touch with her. For it will mean a lot to me I guess the reason she didnt tal much to that attorney is she may of didnt know for sure who he was. I wish you would sneer right back and let me know you everthing came out I saw a piece in the paper where that attorney at St. Paul got Judgement again me for six thousands dollars I want you to let me know about that also. I dont know much news to write at the present time so will close hoping to hear from you real soon your son as ever  
Arthur Barker.

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Envelope:

On reverse side: "G. E. Barker,  
P. O. Box 724,  
Joplin, Webb-City, Missouri. ("Webb City, Missouri" printed)

Postmarked Neosho, Mo. Jun 28 10:30 AM 1928

Mr. Lloyd Barker  
P. O. Box 7  
Leavenworth, Kan.

Joplin, Mo.  
June 28-28

Mr. Lloyd Barker 17243

Dear Son:

Rec'd your letter a few days ago. Was more than glad to hear from you. Was also glad you were OK and feeling good.

I am improving slowly, still under the Dr's care. He advises me not to work and as long as he does I think Ill just keep him(Ha Ha). I'm not working very hard but on the job. But I'm visiting today. Will soon give me all the details of your Ball games. Hope your side wins.

I don't know for sure but I think we will come up some where between the 4th and 10th. or that is my attorney and I'll try to come with him, and

try to see Doc. too. Do you know what year Cook was Born in and when his birthday is. if you remember ans by return Well as I've got some papers to fill out and I just cant remember only I think its in Oct.

Well-Son I guess I'd better ring off until next time as I've got some running around to do, as I'm in Neosho today. I'm writing to Doc today too But I want you to give me his age if you can by return mail

Hoping to hear from you soon

As ever  
Your Loving Dad  
G E Barker  
P O Box 724 Joplin Mo.

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Envelope:

J. B. Dial  
Overton, Texas.

(Postmark) Tyler, Texas, Jun 24 7 30 P.M. 1935

Mr. A. R. Barker  
Leavenworth  
Kansas.

(typewritten)

Overton, Texas June 24, 1935

Mr. A. R. Barker  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In reference to your Oil Payment in the Gipsen lease in Rusk County, Texas, this property is rated by the Railroad Commission at about 95% salt water. This water has increased to this amount over a period of two years and the cost of handling this increasing volume of water has, of course, increased, and it is just a matter of time until the cost will exceed the profits.

Therefore, I am trying to clear this lease in order to have all the equipment thereon; and I will pay you \$75.00 for an assignment to me of your interest in and to your leasehold.

If this is satisfactory with you, please properly sign and execute an Assignment to me for your interest in this property and forward, with draft attached, through the First State Bank, Overton, Texas, and I will take care of same upon its arrival.

Very truly yours

(Signed) J. B. Dial

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-6580

Specimens: 7-576-6580A. 1 page original letter written with pencil in longhand on both sides of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear Dad I just received your most welcome letter" and signed "Arthur Barker?"  
7-576-6580B. Envelope not bearing a postmark addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker with register number 46928.  
7-576-6580C. 1 page original letter typed on one side of plain,  
Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 7-11-35

Examination requested: Handwriting - Typewriting - U1 Violet

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel

white paper beginning "In reference to your Oil Payment" and signed "J. B. Dial".  
7-576-6580D. Envelope addressed to Mr. A. R. Barker and postmarked Tyler, Texas, Jun 24, 1935, 7:30 PM.  
7-576-6580E. 3 page original letter written with ~~long~~ pencil in long-hand on one side of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear Son: Rec'd your letter a" and signed G. E. Barker.  
7-576-6580F. Envelope addressed to Mr. Lloyd Barker and postmarked Neosho, Mo., Jun 28, 1935, 10:30 AM.

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cc- Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul.

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July 20, 1935

Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #0025 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request, the following original specimens are returned herewith, photographic copies of same having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files:

7-576-6580:

- A. One original letter beginning "Dear Dad I just received your most welcome letter..."
- B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P.O. Box 724.
- C. One original letter written to Mr. A. R. Barker, Leavenworth, Kansas, beginning "In reference to your Oil Payment in the..."
- D. Envelope addressed to Mr. A. R. Barker, postmarked "Tyler, Texas, June 24, 1935, 7:30 P.M."
- E. Three page original letter beginning "Dear Son: Rec'd your letter..."
- F. Envelope addressed to Mr. Lloyd Barker, postmarked "Neosho, Missouri, June 25, 1935, 10:30 A.M."

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FILE NO. 7-15

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/26 &amp; 7/1/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. H. OLSON</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, W.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1818, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** James A. Moran, 2203 Palmer Avenue, New Orleans, La. is evidently an associate professor and student at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. A ten day mail cover was placed on first class received by James A. Moran.

**REFERENCE:** Letter to SAC, St. Louis, Mo., from SAC Birmingham, Ala., dated June 20, 1935.

**DETAILS:** Under instruction from Special Agent in Charge D. W. Magee, New Orleans, La., the following investigation was conducted by the writer.

Mr. Reagan, Assistant Manager, Western Union, Room 201, 334 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La. advised that the address given by the sender of the telegram as referred to in letter of reference was 2203 Palmer Ave., New Orleans, La.

O. S. Montagnet, Clerk, New Orleans Public Service, Inc. checked their records and advised that a Mrs. Fred L. Seaman has lived at this address for over 15 years; that it is evidently a private home, as it only contains two meters, gas and electric; that her bills have all been paid on due date, indicating that she had a good credit rating.

checked their records and advised that Mrs. Fred L. Seaman has lived at the present location for over 15 years; that she is a widow and runs a boarding house at this address; that she has two sons, Fred L. Seaman, Jr., 21 years old and employed by the Fire Company Adjustment Bureau, Inc., who have

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offices in the Maritime Building, New Orleans, La., and a younger son, Gaines Seaman, a student of the Alcee Fortier High School, New Orleans.

██████████ checked their records in regard to James A. Moran, and advised that they did not have a James A. Moran with an address given as 2203 Palmer Ave., but that they did have a James A. Moran with an address at 5912 St. Charles Avenue, and the following information was obtained in regard to this man: he came to New Orleans in September, 1934, evidently from Elizabeth, N. J.; that his mother's name is given as Mrs. Ellen E. Moran, no address; that James A. Moran is an associate professor and student at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., and his age is given as 24 years; that an inquiry had been sent to Elizabeth, N. J. for information on Moran, but because of lack of sufficient information in regard to Moran, they had been unable to gain any further information from Elizabeth, N. J.; that possibly Moran had been in Rahway, N. J. and Kansas City, Mo., as a notation appears in their files with these names, however, there is no information as to why it appears.

E. J. McShane, Supt. of Post Office Sub-station B, 4319 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La., checked their records in the post office and advised that on June 18, 1935 they had received a request from James A. Moran and Mrs. E. E. Moran to have their mail forwarded to 2203 Palmer Ave., New Orleans, from 5912 St. Charles Ave.

Arrangements were made with Mr. McShane to have a 10 day mail cover placed on all first class mail received by James A. Moran and Mrs. E. E. Moran. Mr. McShane advised that he would forward all information secured by this cover to this Bureau at the Main Post Office and from there forwarded to the New Orleans Bureau office.

2203 Palmer Ave. appears to be a private home containing 10 or 12 rooms and is situated on a corner lot. Palmer Ave. is a connecting street between St. Charles Ave. and Claiborne Ave., and this house is situated on the right side of the street going towards Claiborne. In the rear of the house is a single garage and no automobiles were observed around this place at the time writer was looking it over. It is located within walking distance of Tulane.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CINCINNATI OFFICE. The New Orleans office would like to have the benefit of all information in the Cincinnati Bureau file with respect to the family of Subject Moran so that relationship of James A. Moran to Subject Moran of the instant case may be established.

THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE will consider the above lead and also furnish the New Orleans office further information if developed of mail cover on mother of Subject Moran at Mobile, Ala.

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE will continue investigation and develop relationship to Subject Moran of James A. Moran, who forwards money to Subject Moran's mother at Mobile, Ala., and will ascertain if James A. Moran is in contact with or in correspondence with Subject Moran.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 64  
Buffalo, New York

July 3, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: Alvin Karpis, wa I.O. 1218-FUGITIVE *et al.*,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

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The Buffalo Office is in receipt of a copy of a letter from  
[redacted] to the Bureau dated June 26, 1935 request-  
ing he be advised of the disposition of the case of Volney Davis, wa.

This is to advise that the file at the Buffalo Office does  
not reflect the date and disposition of the case against Volney Davis  
and it is assumed that the Bureau will reply to the request of [redacted]

Yours very truly,  
*T. N. Stapleton*  
T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

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

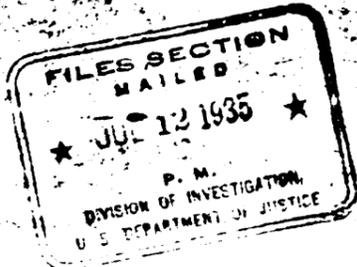
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communi-  
cation dated July 8, 1935. Please be advised that  
on July 6, 1935, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was advised that Volney  
Davis, our file #FDY-400441, as #1999, was arrested  
by the United States Marshal, Saint Paul, Minnesota,  
June 3, 1935, for conspiracy to kidnap and transport  
a kidnaped person in interstate commerce, and that  
this individual was sentenced June 7, 1935, to  
serve life imprisonment in the United States Peni-  
tentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-88**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/28/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. F. SULLIVAN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1234; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1235; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1237; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> P. J. Warchol, 5655 S. Troy St., Chicago, Ill., interviewed and advises that Elmer Farmer had an interest in a bookmaking business operated at Kahn's Tavern, Elmhurst, Ill. Warchol identifies photograph of Volney Davis as man he saw at the Foxhead Inn, operated by Edward Schweygo and Arnold Canute on Lake Street, Elmhurst, Ill.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from the Bureau dated 6/12/35.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> Agent interviewed P. J. Warchol, 5655 South Troy Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Warchol, who is presently unemployed, stated that for approximately the last three years he has been engaged as a lumber salesman covering the town of Bensenville, Illinois, and the towns in the immediate vicinity; that during this time he became acquainted with Elmer Farmer; that he frequently saw Elmer Farmer at Kahn's Tavern, Elmhurst, Illinois; that he understood that Elmer Farmer financed Kahn in this business some years ago; that Farmer had a half interest in a bookmaking business operated by Kahn at his tavern.</p> <p>Mr. Warchol stated that after the arrest of Elmer Farmer by Bureau Agents, Kahn frequently spoke to him concerning Elmer Farmer and appeared to be worried about the possibility of being</p>			
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in some way involved. However, Kahn at no time disclosed to Warchol that he had any connection with persons involved in the Bremer kidnaping other than his acquaintanceship with Farmer. Warchol advised him that if he should ever be questioned by the Bureau that he, Kahn, should disclose any information that he might have.

Warchol was questioned closely but he had no further information concerning the Bremer case.

He was shown photographs of all the known members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and he selected the photograph of Volney Davis, saying that he had seen Davis at the Foxhead Inn, commonly called Eddie and Arnold's Tavern, located one mile west of York Street on Lake Street, Kilmhurst, Illinois, immediately adjacent to the airport. He stated that this tavern was owned and operated by Edward Schweppe and Arnold Canute; that this place was frequented by persons who appeared to be hoodlums.

Agent questioned Mr. Warchol concerning persons who might have information concerning contacts and acquaintances of the Kahn family. Warchol stated that Fred Burke, a former policeman at the Kilmhurst Police Station up until the time that Kahn left for Germany, also frequented Kahn's Tavern daily, and would be in a position to furnish information concerning the people who visited this place. Warchol stated, however, that Burke was quite talkative and had been dismissed from the Kilmhurst Police Department for laxity in carrying out his duties.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/31/35 6/13 &amp; 24/35 7/ 8/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. G. COULTER.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1233; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1239; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1251; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Cooperation of all banks in Arkansas requested with view to locating \$1,000.00 bills on Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank No. F-00022451A to F-00022500A. L. E. Frazier, Jonesboro, Arkansas, had no definite information regarding fugitives in captioned case but promised cooperation. Richard Galatas reported visiting his mother in California whose address is believed to be Long Beach, California.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 11, 1935; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated June 21, 1935; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Missouri, dated May 28, 1935; and report of Special Agent A. A. Mizsey, Detroit, Michigan, dated May 15, 1935.			
DETAILS: All banks in the state of Arkansas have been requested by letter to advise this office whether they now have on hand any \$1,000.00 bills of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank which serial numbers are from F-00022451A to F-00022500A. The banks were further			
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requested to preserve their letters and notify this office by telephone in the event an effort was made either to deposit or exchange any of the above described \$1,000.00 bills at some future time.

Special Agent R. E. A. Boyle conducted the following investigation:

"Reference is made to a letter from the Bureau dated June 11, 1935, in which it was requested that Mr. L. N. Frazier, Noble Hotel, Jonesboro, Arkansas, salesman for the J. I. Case Company, manufacturers of farm machinery, who travels through northern Arkansas, be furnished photographs and descriptions of Alvin Karpis, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William J. Harrison, and Myrtle Eaton. It was believed Frazier might be of some assistance to the Bureau in locating these persons by virtue of his acquaintance with the entire northern section of Arkansas.

"The writer contacted L. N. Frazier, Noble Hotel, Jonesboro, Arkansas, June 16, 1935, and after being exhibited proper credentials of the latter, presented Frazier with descriptions, Identification Orders, and photographs according to the Bureau's request. Frazier stated it is his idea that Karpis and his gang might be hiding in the northern section of Arkansas, particularly in the mountains between Batesville and Fayetteville; says he has noticed men on different occasions who seemed to answer the descriptions of Karpis and members of his gang. Frazier stated his knowledge of the description was gathered from his reading of the True Detective and Master Detective Magazines which he purchases regularly. He stated that about two weeks ago when he was in Marshal, Arkansas, purchasing gasoline for his automobile, a new grey Ford Sedan, containing four men, drove to the station for gasoline. He noticed while passing the rear of the car, one of the men had a submachine gun under a blanket in the car and it came to his view when the blanket was turned aside by the movements of one of the men. They made rapid efforts to conceal the gun from his view and drove rapidly away. He stated he did not get a description of the men at this time because he did not want to appear too curious and so could not say whether they were members of the Karpis gang or not.

"He was asked to communicate whatever information he may secure concerning the members of this gang to the Little Rock Bureau office. He stated at this time he was not actuated by motives of pecuniary gains but rather as a duty as a loyal Arkansas Citizen and he had no thought of receiving any reward in the event he brought about the apprehension of any of these fugitives.

"He was enjoined by the writer to keep all this information strictly confidential and that he should not consider himself to be a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, or of any other Department of the United States Government."

Inquiry made at Hot Springs, Arkansas, through Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, on May 31, 1935, reflected that Richard Galatas was absent from the city but was expected to return. Further inquiry was made at the White Front Cigar Store and elsewhere at Hot Springs, but no information was received indicating Galatas was presently residing in Hot Springs. In each instance Agent was referred to Herbert Akers as the best possible source of information. Mr. Akers was contacted again on June 24, 1935, at which time he advised that Galatas recently passed through Hot Springs, Arkansas, and informed him personally that he would be in California for the next three months during which time he expected to visit his mother and after that time, he intended to engage in the manufacture of liquor in Kansas City, Missouri. Akers claimed not to know the identity of Galatas' associates in the liquor business in Kansas City but advised that it was his understanding he was associated with three men who are residents of Kansas City, Missouri. Akers further claimed that he had no idea as to the location of Galatas' mother in California. The file maintained in the Kanmo case in the Little Rock office indicates that Galatas' mother resides at Long Beach, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES BUREAU OFFICE is respectfully requested to contact Richard Galatas at the home of his mother at Long Beach, California, and interview him as requested in reference report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey which is attached hereto, for the benefit of the Los Angeles Office. It will be noted that the Little Rock Office is not in possession of the address of Galatas' mother, however, it is believed same can be obtained by reference to the Los Angeles file in connection with the Kanmo case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 22, 1935

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
- Chief Clerk.....
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- Mr. Schilder.....
- Mr. Smith.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I. O. 1218: ET AL: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim: KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is familiar with the identity of [redacted] as her name has appeared in reports in the above captioned case from time to time.

Since the inception of this case the Oklahoma City Office has maintained contact with [redacted] who has resided at [redacted] and who is presently living at [redacted]. Through this woman the Oklahoma City Office has been able to practically at all times be apprised of the whereabouts of Dorothy Karpis. It is true that no valuable information has been obtained through [redacted], but I believe that had she come into possession of anything that she would immediately have supplied this office therewith.

This woman is [redacted] of age, is shrewd, is above the average criminal in intelligence, [redacted] has served a term in the penitentiary, is familiar with the ways of the underworld and has a keen insight into their minds.

I am informed that at the present time, Dolores Delaney, paramour of Karpis and who bore him a child, is in a Federal penal institution, possibly in Milan, Michigan. It occurs to me that Karpis, through his parents or otherwise, is maintaining contact with the Delaney woman. [redacted] informed me that she is very desirous of seeing Alvin Karpis caught or killed and that she would like to have a part in it. She had mentioned to me several times the possibility of getting into the Federal institution in which the Delaney woman is confined under a commitment of some kind and in this manner she feels confident that she could obtain

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Bates would never cooperate on this without his cooperation we could not do it

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information that would result in the location of Karpis. She stated that of course she is interested in what financial remuneration that she would receive, but that she would be glad to be confined in the institution for a sum not the exceed \$75.00 or \$100.00 a month.

I feel that this woman is highly intelligent. She is not a drunkard, nor a drug addict, and she has the utmost confidence in her own ability and I would recommend that the Bureau give serious consideration to this proposal.

Please advise me in the premises at the earliest practicable time.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 29, 1935

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Handwritten initials and marks on the left margin.

Mr. Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your Personal and Confidential letter of June 22, 1935 in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. In which you suggest that [redacted] be incarcerated in a Federal penal institution in which Delores Delaney is confined, in order that [redacted] may obtain information from Delores Delaney concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis. I believe that this suggestion is meritorious, but regret that at the present time, the Bureau can take no action towards putting this suggestion into operation. The successful carrying out of the plan suggested by you would, of course, require close and dependable cooperation on the part of the Bureau of Prisons, which cooperation would not be forthcoming and consequently, it will be impossible to adopt your suggestion at the present time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Please be advised that a copy of the attached memorandum, entitled EDNA MURRAY with aliases - Edna Sullivan; Edna Stanley; Edna Price; Doris Ferrell, dated June 28, 1935, was furnished to Mr. Courtney Ryley Cooper.

Respectfully,

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Clyde Tolson.

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June 28, 1935

MEMORANDUM

Re: EDNA MURRAY, with aliases,  
Edna Sullivan; Edna Stanley;  
Edna Price; Doris Farrell.

Edna Murray, one of the defendants named in the indictment returned at St. Paul, Minnesota by the Federal Grand Jury on January 22, 1935, charging her and others with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, has been an associate of criminals nearly all her life. She was born as Edna Stanley at Marion, Kansas on May 26, 1898. At the age of twenty-three, while employed as a waitress and cashier in a cafe at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, she first met Volney Davis and associated with him until February 3, 1932, when Davis was sent to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to serve a life sentence for the crime of murder. Davis and Arthur R. Barker were both convicted for the murder of Thomas J. Sherrill, aged night watchman at the St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which occurred on August 26, 1931.

Davis escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on January 8, 1925 and was arrested as Roy Green by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on January 22, 1925, together with Edna Murray and Earl Stuchlik. Davis was returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. After the conviction of Davis on the murder charge, Edna Murray became associated with and married "Diamond Joe" Sullivan. Her sister, Doris Stanley, married Henry B. Connell, one of the famous Connell brothers. Sullivan was a member of the Connell gang, which had perpetrated a number of bank robberies and had stolen numerous automobiles throughout the southwest. Sullivan was taken into custody by the Special Service Department of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company at Eristow, Oklahoma on September 22, 1922, on charges of investigation in connection with the murder of Police Officer John Lang at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on September 15, 1922 and released. Edna Murray was also taken into custody in connection with this same offense at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on October 5, 1922 and later released.

On July 24, 1925, Detectives George W. Moore and Luther C. Ray, of the Little Rock, Arkansas Police Department, conducted a raid on a gambling joint in Little Rock, Arkansas and were killed by Sullivan and Connell, who escaped and were later located near Sheridan, Arkansas, where they were taken into custody and returned to the Arkansas State Penitentiary. On October 15, 1925, Sullivan and Connell were tried in State Court at Little Rock, Arkansas on charges of first degree murder and were convicted by the jury and death sentence imposed. The execution was set for December 21, 1925.

After the execution of Sullivan, Edna Murray returned to Kansas City, Missouri, where she met a barber named Jack Murray. They were later

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married in Los Angeles, California. In April 8, 1925, she and Murray were arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, on charges of highway robbery and on October 1, 1925, they were both sentenced to serve twenty-five years imprisonment in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, where they were received on December 5, 1925. Edna Murray escaped from the prison on May 2, 1927 and was arrested as Doris Farrell by the Chicago, Illinois Police Department during a raid on September 4, 1931. Her fingerprints were identified as those of Edna Murray, the escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary and she was, accordingly, returned to that institution. A few months after her return, she made a second attempt to escape and was apprehended about one-half mile from the prison. She effected a successful escape from the Prison Farm on December 15, 1932 and remained at large until she was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at Pittsburg, Kansas on February 7, 1934.

Volney Davis, in the meantime, had succeeded in obtaining a leave of absence from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on November 8, 1932, which leave of absence was extended on June 30, 1933 to July 1, 1934. Failing to put in an appearance on that date, Davis was declared a fugitive. After the escape of Edna Murray, she began living with Davis as his wife. They became associated with the Barker-Karpis gang and traveled throughout the middle west with this gang, which perpetrated a number of bank robberies and kidnappings. Members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including Volney Davis and Edna Murray, were named as defendants in the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging them with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. The indictment as to Edna Murray was subsequently dismissed on motion of the Government for lack of sufficient evidence. She was returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary, from which institution she had escaped, to serve the balance of her sentence and an additional sentence of two years, imposed after conviction for violation of the State Escape Laws.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

FILE NO. 7-82

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/27/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. A. WILLIAMS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM BRAUER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">1935 Ford tudor sedan, bearing 1935 Illinois License number 347096, is property of John W. Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Ill. In- vestigation reflects that this car is in the possession of Ray Boarts or one Nichols, both salesmen for the Esquire Magazine, New York City office, 366 Madison in Esquire Bldg.</p>			

**REFERENCES:**

Teletype from the New York office dated 6-27-35.

**DETAILS:**

Agent interviewed Mr. John Hughes, doorman, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, who advised that John Smart was residing at 534 Stratford Place with his father, whose name is Louis. Mr. Hughes advised that John Smart was connected with the Esquire Magazine, a Chicago publication. He advised that John's brother, David Smart, was either the owner or the managing editor of this magazine and was also assisted by another brother Alfred Smart. Mr. Hughes advised that the Smart family were very well to do and of an excellent reputation. He advised that the family had resided at their present residence for the past 3 years and that he had an opportunity to observe their associates, whom he termed to be very high class. Mr. Hughes advised that the family had about 4 or 5 cars at their disposal, among which is a Studebaker, a convertible coupe - make unknown, a Ford and another car answering the description contained in the reference teletype. Mr. Hughes advised that so far as he knew none of the family was in New York and had not heard of any automobile that belonged to them having been stolen.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*M. A. Curtis*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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It should be noted that 534 Stratford Place is within the Gold Coast area of Chicago and in a very wealthy residential district.

Agent interviewed Mr. John Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, relative to his 1935 Ford tudor sedan, bearing 1935 Illinois license number 437096, and he advised that he was connected with the Esquire Magazine, working for his brother David Smart, and that this magazine, which was published in Chicago, had purchased this automobile and it had been placed in his name. This purchase was about two or three months ago and it had been driven on the streets of Chicago for about a month. At that time one of their salesmen, Mr. Ray Boarts, drove this car to New York City where it was to be used in the business of selling the Esquire Magazine. He advised that there was another person besides Boarts who might possibly be driving the car and that was a man by the name of Nichols, whose first name he did not know. He advised that he had never seen Nichols, due to the fact that he was a salesman that was employed in the East. He advised that the company that publishes the Esquire Magazine thought very well of Mr. Boarts. Mr. Smart furnished Agent with the location of the New York office of the Esquire Magazine, which he stated was in the Esquire Building, 366 Madison Street, New York City, N.Y.

Mr. Smart furnished Agent with the following physical description of Ray Boarts:

Age: 25 years  
Height: 5 feet 9 inches  
Weight: 140 pounds  
Hair: Black  
Face: Chubby  
Occupation: Salesman for the Esquire Magazine.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry dated June 27, 1935 at Detroit, Michigan, which covers a conversation had between Wynona Burdette and Arthur Burdette, her brother, at the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, the details of same having been procured through use of a dictaphone and by later corroboration on the part of Arthur Burdette.

It is noted that Wynona told her brother that she had learned from Mrs. Harry Sawyer that Harry Campbell had spent the night with his mother in Tulsa, Oklahoma, following his escape at Atlantic City, N. J. It is also noted that Arthur Burdette advised Agents that in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, there is a man known to him only as Lee, who operates a filling station on the Nowata Road leading out of Coffeyville, Kansas through South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, to Nowata, and that this filling station is the last one on the left hand side of this road; that this man, Lee, was a very close friend of Campbell during the summer of 1933 and that Campbell frequently visited the station during that period.

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It is noted that Arthur Burdette advised further that there is a man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known to him only as Mel, a close friend of Bob Mayfield, Director of the Arkansas Travelers, who broadcast over Station KOGF at Coffeyville, Kansas; that he had known Mel to drive Harry Campbell from Coffeyville, Kansas to Tulsa, Oklahoma, on two occasions during the summer of 1938, for a price of \$20.00 for each trip. Burdette said that if Bob Mayfield were contacted and asked to identify this man, Mel, he may be able to do so, and that Mel may be in a position to furnish information as to Harry Campbell.

It is requested that the above data be made the subject of investigation for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of Harry Campbell and also in order to ascertain what degree of reliability may be placed in Wynona Burdette's statements.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edw. G. Brennan*

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BREKID. ILLINOIS LICENSE 725353 ISSUED TO HENRI MARCHAND, 6527

EVERETT AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILE.

INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED MARCHAND RESIDED AT ABOVE ADDRESS UNTIL

MARCH 1, 1935, WHEN HE LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA WITH HIS WIFE ON

ACCOUNT OF HEALTH. IS EMPLOYED WITH THE DIORAMA CORPORATION OF

AMERICA, 200 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, CHICAGO, AND IS IN CHARGE OF

THE STUDIO OF ART WORKS. TELEPHONIC INQUIRY AT ABOVE PLACE DIS-

CLOSED THAT MARCHAND WITH HIS WIFE RECENTLY TRAVELED TO CALIFORNIA

AND RENO, NEVADA IN THEIR FORD COUPE RETURNING TO CHICAGO YESTERDAY.

DESCRIPTION OF MARCHAND AS FOLLOWS - AGE 55, HEIGHT 5 FEET 11

INCHES, WEIGHT 180 POUNDS, HAIR GRAY, BUILD HEAVY

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July 3, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter to this office, dated June 24, 1935, wherein it is requested that photographs of Frank Frost be forwarded to the Bureau, and to each of the offices indicated below.

There are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau and to the offices indicated below, two copies each of three poses of Frank Frost. The woman in one of these photographs has been identified as Dorothy Frost, wife of Frank Frost.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - V.  
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RE: Letter of New York Office, dated 7/3/34

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Frank Froot

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NEW YORK OFFICE

NAME Frank Froot  
ALIASES Frank Froot - Frank Foreman  
RESIDENCE 145 W 58 St NYC

CRIMES \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE 32 (29 30) HEIGHT 5' 7 1/2"  
WEIGHT 126 BUILD Med  
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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CLEVELAND

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.C. #1212, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

It was recently learned through listening in by diste-  
phone on a conversation between Wynona Burdette and Arthur Burdette,  
her brother, at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, that a  
working man named J. Reynolds, at Casper, Wyoming, has, in the past,  
concealed Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis during visits in Casper, Wyo.

Kindly institute investigation to learn the identity  
of J. Reynolds, also to ascertain if there is a possibility of either  
of these subjects being harbored by him at the present time.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

BREKID. RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL THIS MORNING FROM JOHN HAGAN IN KANSAS CITY, WHO IS SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS IO AND ABOUT WHOM THE BUREAU HAS COMPLETE FILE. HE DESIRED TO KNOW WHAT REWARD WOULD BE PAID FOR APPREHENSION OF KARPIS AND CAMPBELL AND STATED HE HAD SOME "HOT" INFORMATION AS TO WHERE THEY COULD BE LOCATED. HE WOULD NOT TELL ME OVER THE TELEPHONE WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED AND I REQUESTED THAT HE GET IN TOUCH WITH SAC CONROY OF KANSAS CITY OFFICE. HE APPEARED TO BE HESITANT AND I URGED HIM TO DO SO TODAY. HE FINALLY AGREED TO SEE CONROY AND GIVE HIM INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION. I IMMEDIATELY INFORMED CONROY OF THESE FACTS. CONROY STATED HAGAN HAD ALREADY TALKED TO MR DAVENPORT, SECRET SERVICE AGENT IN KANSAS CITY RELATIVE THIS MATTER.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

July 4, 1935

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

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Dear Sir :-

Re Brekid O  
William Weaver, with aliases,  
I. O. 1238

Special Agent R. D. Brown is proceeding to day by Bureau automobile to Marmora, Canada to cover the lead in this case at that point.

En route he will stop at the Buffalo office. He has been instructed to contact with the nearest American Consul and to discuss the matter of the investigation to be made there with the Canadian authorities.

Special Agent Brown in accordance with instructions issued to him by Assistant Director Harold Nathan will cooperate with the Canadian authorities in effecting the apprehension of Weaver if he is located at Marmora, or any other point in Canada.

In this connection it might be noted that frequent contacts are being made with informants in this District in an effort to develop information which will lead to effecting the apprehension of the subjects in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. Mac Farland*  
J. P. Mac Farland  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shannon dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 21, 1935 in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted on page ten that Miss Murray furnished information to the effect that her husband, "Diamond" Joe Sullivan, and the husband of her sister Doris, Emory B. Connell, were arrested at Little Rock, Arkansas, for the murder of two police officers in that city in 1924, and that Sullivan was electrocuted and Connell escaped from the Arkansas State Penitentiary, where he was awaiting the death penalty and was killed shortly thereafter by a posse.

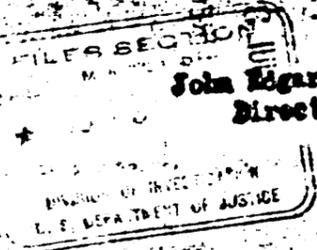
Reports emanating from the Little Rock Office in the case entitled Max J. Connell and Emory B. Connell (brothers), subjects of I. O. 215, submitted by Special Agent Fred A. Dunn under dates of August 2, 1925 and October 20, 1925, reflect that Emory B. Connell and Joseph M. Sullivan, on July 24, 1925 killed Detectives George W. Moore and Luther C. Ray in Little Rock, Arkansas, during a raid conducted on a negro gambling house located at 1008 Chacter Street, the home of A. C. (Rube) Radell. Connell and Sullivan escaped and were later located near Sheridan, Arkansas, where they were taken into custody and returned to Little Rock on the murder charges. On October 18, 1925 Connell and Sullivan were tried in State Court on charges of first degree murder, were convicted by a jury, and death sentences imposed. The date of execution was set for December 21, 1925.

In order to complete its files, the Bureau desires that the officials at the Arkansas State Penitentiary be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining whether Connell and Sullivan were electrocuted, pursuant to the death sentences imposed upon them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Laboratory Report

July 1, 1935.

Number: 7-576-6509.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Specimens: Photostatic copy of Georgia license registration card, containing  
the signature of Jack Williams, dated January 30, 1935.

Examination requested by: Atlanta Bureau Office.

Date received: June 27, 1935.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

The registration card containing the signature and writing of Jack Williams was compared with the signature of "W. A. Weaver" on the identification order. Such a comparison is of little value because there is even a scarcity of comparable letters, much less words. From the comparison, however, there is no reason to suspect that Weaver wrote the "Jack Williams" signature. The Jack Williams writing has been compared with other handwriting in this case, particularly that of known gangsters, and no identification was made, there being no writing exhibiting similar writing habits with the exception of that of Cas McDonald. The Laboratory has some pencil writing of his in which some of the same writing characteristics are shown. These are combined, however, with other writing habits which appear to be contrary to those observed in the writing of Jack Williams.

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July 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

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 Division June 27, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Kindly advise the Bureau the results  
of your investigation conducted with respect to the  
telegram quoted in Bureau letter dated May 31, 1935,  
addressed to your office. The telegram was dated  
May 29, 1935 and was signed "Twilight Lodge".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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July 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1219, ET AL.,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Kindly advise the Bureau what progress  
has been made in connection with the development of  
possible harboring charges against individuals who  
assisted Volney Davis subsequent to his escape at  
Yorkville, Illinois, on February 6, 1935.

The Bureau's desires in this matter were  
expressed in a teletype message to your office dated  
June 8, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIRECTOR

BREKID GEORGE SKULTETY COUNTY ATTORNEY FAIRBURY NEBRASKA CHARGED WITH PROSECUTING JESS DOYLE IN COUNTY COURTS FOR ROBBERY FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRBURY ABOUT APRIL 19, 1933 WISHES TO KNOW PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AGENTS JOHN L MADALA AND R P SHANNAHAN WHO SECURED STATEMENT FROM JESS DOYLE AT KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE FEBRUARY 15, 1935. IN ANTICIPATION PROSECUTION DOYLE HE WISHES CONFER THESE AGENTS. HE ALSO WISHES TO KNOW LAST ~~NAME~~ KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF EDNA MURRAY ALIAS EDNA STANLEY ADVISE.

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BREKID AGENTS JOHN L. MADALA AND R. P. SHANAHAN ARE NOT  
AVAILABLE FOR CONFERENCE WITH GEORGE SKULTETTY COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA. SERVICES OF AGENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
HOWEVER AS WITNESSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROSECUTION OF  
JESS DOYLE IN COUNTY COURT IN EVENT THEY ARE DESIRED.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CLEVELAND

JULY 5, 1935.

BREKID ADVISE THE BUREAU STATUS INVESTIGATION REQUESTED UNDEVELOPED LEAD  
SET OUT REPORT OF SA H J CASSIDY DATED CHICAGO ILLINOIS JUNE 15, 1935.  
BUREAU INSTRUCTS ALL LEADS THIS CASE YOUR DISTRICT BE GIVEN VIGOROUS  
AND THOROUGH ATTENTION.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 11, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 6, 1935, wherein it is requested that the Bureau be furnished with additional information concerning the identity of [redacted] and [redacted] associates. In this connection it was requested that the relationship of [redacted] a suspect in the Gaynor kidnaping case be determined, and additional information concerning the latter be obtained.

Please be advised that Special Agent John L. Madala consulted Sergeant Charles O'Regan of the Detective Bureau, Chicago Police Department, for information concerning the kidnaping of THOMAS A. GAYNOR, and with particular reference to [redacted] but was advised that John L. Sullivan, Chief of Detectives, was more conversant with this case than any other person connected with the Chicago Police Department, inasmuch as he personally worked on the case, and in view of this he suggested that an Agent interview Chief Sullivan upon his return from his vacation, on July 13, 1935.

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On July 8, 1935 Agent John L. Madala discreetly ascertained from [redacted] that [redacted]

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██████████ further advised that ██████████ distinctly recalled the Gaynor kidnaping case and that in ██████████ opinion the following persons were implicated in the case: Harold Conliff, Vincent Conliff, Harold Allerton and persons whom ██████████ knows only as Sheeney, Alberts, Gee, Harry and Joe; that to the best of ██████████ knowledge Thomas Gaynor was held captive in Joe's house at Cary, Illinois; that on one occasion when Gaynor became ill as a result of being held in a ice box for a long period of time, Harold Conliff's mother visited the hideout and gave Gaynor medical care. ██████████ further stated that ██████████ believes that the ransom paid in this case was fifty thousand dollars and that to ██████████ knowledge none of the above mentioned persons were ever convicted of this crime.

The informant advised that approximately a year following the Gaynor kidnaping Harold Conliff who was being sought by the Police, came ██████████ and borrowed ██████████ car which ██████████ believes was a Chevrolet; that the next day this automobile was found submerged in the drainage canal near Joliet, Illinois with Harold Conliff's tie knotted around the steering wheel. ██████████ stated that the general rumor is that Harold Conliff was put on the spot in this fashion by his enemies, although his body was never found, and ██████████ personally believes that Harold is alive and together with Gee is operating a tavern in St. Louis, Missouri. ██████████ claims to have no definite information along this line however. ██████████ also stated that ██████████ knows that Sheeney Alberts is operating a book making game in or around Chicago but does not know the exact location.

██████████ also advised Agent Madala that Harold Conliff formerly sold bootleg liquor in and around Bensenville and that he had strong connections with the Capone syndicate of Chicago; that he was very well acquainted with Fred Goetz, Byron Bolton, Harold Allerton and Elmer Farmer.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul

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REN:LL  
7-576-6667

July 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1212; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Chicago Office to the Bureau, dated July 11, 1935, in the above entitled case, copies of which were furnished to your office and the Cincinnati Office, setting forth information concerning the identity of [redacted] and [redacted] associates, pursuant to a request contained in Bureau letter dated July 6, 1935.

The Bureau desires that you immediately arrange to have Subject Myron Bolton interviewed concerning the identity of the individuals mentioned in the letters of reference.

The Bureau is particularly desirous of obtaining full and complete information concerning the identity of [redacted]. In this connection, while Special Agent J. E. Brennan was recently in Washington, D. C., he indicated he was familiar with the identity of [redacted]. Agent Brennan should be instructed to furnish the Bureau with any information which he may have concerning this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Chicago  
cc-Cincinnati

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July 8, 1935.

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

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7-576-6668
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Sir.

As I write this I have ~~starting~~  
 Detective Adventures, for May, before me,  
 on page twelve is a photo of Harry Campbell.  
 He looks very much like a man I saw in  
 Long Beach, Calif, some time in Feb, or March,  
 I went into Rhodes Store on East Broadway  
 in the twenty seven hundred block near Temple Ave  
 where I lived at the time, about three o'clock one  
 day, a well dressed man, tall and rather heavy set  
 was standing just inside the awning, in his left  
 hand he had a new, rather large brief case, he  
 looked right at me as I came in, his eyes were light  
 blue or gray, it came to my mind, he isn't a sea man  
 he looks like a business executive, but what is he  
 doing here this time of day, perhaps I did stare,  
 He said, in a gruff voice, "come on, lets go", some  
 young woman inside answered, "I want to get some orange"

and she bent over the counter. I only had a glimpse of  
her face, as she had on a large hat. She was a brunette,  
small, and slender, very well dressed, she had her arms  
full of bundles, I went about my shopping, so I  
did not see what became of them, I noticed several  
cars parked in front, there are a number of apart-  
ment houses in this neighborhood.

Sincerely yours  
(Mrs) Sarah Scott.

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625 Pleasant Ave.  
Bremerton Wash.

July 8, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D. C.

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are a number of apartment houses in this neighborhood.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) (Mrs) Sarah Scott.

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REN:LL  
7-576-6668

July 17, 1935

Mrs. Sarah Scott,  
625 Pleasant Avenue,  
Bremerton, Washington.

Dear Madam:

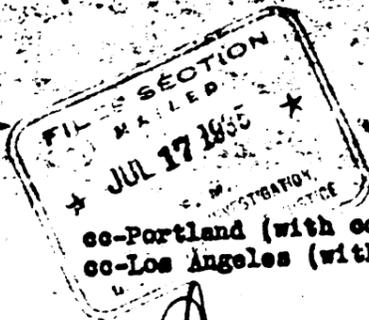
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 8, 1935, wherein you furnish information concerning an individual observed by you at Long Beach, California, during February or March of this year, who resembles the photograph of Harry Campbell which appeared in the Startling Detective Adventures magazine for May.

Please be advised that I have referred copies of your letter to Mr. C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 411 United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon, who will assign an Agent to interview you concerning this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



cc-Portland (with copies of incoming letter)  
cc-Los Angeles (with copies of incoming letter)

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July 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise that 200,000 copies of the revised ransom list were completed Monday, July 1st. I have been advised by Mr. Douglas, of the Chief Clerk's office, that approximately 140,000 of the 200,000 copies have been transmitted to field offices which had previously requested additional copies of the lists.

As of possible interest to you, you are advised that in the Urschel case 60,000 copies of ransom lists were prepared, in the Bremer case approximately 80,000 copies were prepared, and in the Stoll case 175,000 copies were prepared. The number of copies prepared in the Weyerhaeuser case is 425,000. We now have approximately 50,000 copies of the Weyerhaeuser ransom lists on hand and no further copies will be prepared unless requested by Mr. Quinn.

Respectfully, (sgd)

A.C. Renneberger.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio** FILE NO. **7-576**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/12/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/11/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. E. Yearley</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ED FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **When reading letter to Guy L. Clyatt, Mobile, Alabama, from LaCrosse, Florida, postmarked May 9, 1935, not established, but could have been any of residents of that City, as Clyatt family raised there and left many friends when they departed, F. O. Fox and J. L. Morris of LaCrosse both state have written Clyatt relative to land owned at LaCrosse.**

JUL 15 1935 AM



REFERENCE: **Birmingham Office letter May 26, 1935.**

**DETAILS:**

Mr. T. R. Parker, Postmaster, LaCrosse, Florida, continuously since 1899, and his wife, who also works in the Post Office, and who is well acquainted in the village which has a population of approximately 500 persons, advised they were well acquainted with the Clyatt family, that is they were so acquainted up until about 25 years ago, when the Clyatt family left LaCrosse and moved to Mobile, Alabama, and as far as known to them the Clyatt family bears a good reputation and character and when they left LaCrosse they had many friends, most of whom were permanent residents and still reside there. Mr. and Mrs. Parker advised Agent that they had corresponded with the Clyatt family several years ago, but not since that time and that said correspondence was very limited, there being only two or three letters exchanged. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Parker could recall having noted any outgoing mail addressed to any member of the Clyatt family at any address. However, both stated that they did not examine the outgoing mail closely, adding that most anyone in the village, except a few "new-comers" could have sent a letter to Guy L. Clyatt as they all know him. Mr. Parker advised that Henry Clyatt, the father of Guy L. Clyatt, who died some 17 years ago, was survived by Guy L. Clyatt, the eldest son, another son, Rodney Clyatt, and a daughter.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>7-576-6671</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>JUL 15 1935</b>
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Gladys Glyatt, all of whom are, as far as known still, living and located in Mobile with their mother Mrs. Henry (Birdie) Glyatt. When Henry Glyatt died he did not leave a will, in view of which all of his property was held in the estate of Henry Glyatt, which property includes 6 acres of land in LaCrosse. This land has been neglected for years and no member of the Glyatt family has taken any interest therein, the house thereon being all but fallen down, the windows have been removed, etc., and no one has occupied same for years. The property has been completely destroyed and only the land remains. Since the departure of the Glyatt family, the land has been farmed by F. O. Fox and J. L. Morris, the former owning land joining on the South and the latter owning land joining on the East. The Seaboard Airline Railway joins the Glyatt land on the West. According to Postmaster Parker, he overheard F. O. Fox and J. L. Morris talking about buying the land in question, in view of which he thinks it is probable that one of these parties wrote to Guy L. Glyatt in this connection. However, he has no grounds, other than the above, for this belief.

Under pretext of representing an individual interested in the property in question, Agent interviewed F. O. Fox, who stated that he had farmed the Glyatt land for several years and had paid the taxes thereon for the past two years and was going to pay the taxes the current and secure a tax deed to the land and frankly advised that he did not want anyone to interfere with his plans in this connection. He stated that he had written to the Glyatt family in Mobile, Alabama, during 1934 for the purpose of attempting to purchase the land, but his letters were returned to him and that he did not know whether the family could at this time be located at that point. He further stated that he had not written to any of the Glyatt family recently as he felt he had done his duty to them and intended to get a tax deed to the land.

Under the same pretext, Agent interviewed J. L. Morris and he stated that he had farmed the Glyatt land for several years and had some years ago attempted to purchase same without success, having written to the Glyatt family in Mobile and his letters were returned unopened to him, since which time he had taken no interest in the matter and had not corresponded with any member of said family.

It is entirely possible that [redacted] in LaCrosse, who [redacted] the purpose of informing him of the fact that [redacted] the taxes on the property for the last two years and [redacted] to secure a tax deed thereon during the current [redacted].

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In view of the fact that LaCrosse, Florida, is a very small village,  
Agent did not deem it wise to make further inquiry, Agent's identity  
being known only to Postmaster Parker and his wife.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
July 11, 1935.

*6-27-35*

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

JUL 15 1935 PM

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter dated July 3, 1935, inquiring whether Joseph E. Sullivan and Emory B. Connell were executed on December 21, 1923, in accordance with convictions and sentences, please be advised that the former warden of the Arkansas State Penitentiary, S. L. Todhunter, was conferred with and he advised he was not positive as to the date, but that both Sullivan and Connell escaped from the penitentiary and Connell was killed by a posse while Sullivan was apprehended by officers and returned to the State Penitentiary where he was later electrocuted.

Inasmuch as the electric chair of the State Penitentiary and all records of the penitentiary system have since been moved to Tucker, Arkansas, further inquiry was made at the Little Rock Police Headquarters where a rather complete record is maintained on Sullivan and Connell. The records of the Police Department reflect that Sullivan and Connell escaped from death cells of the penitentiary in February, 1924, and approximately forty-eight hours after their escape, Emory B. Connell was killed by Peace Officers near Sheridan, Arkansas, and Sullivan was apprehended in that vicinity. Sullivan was subsequently returned to the State Penitentiary and held there until April 18, 1924, when he was electrocuted.

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The delay in executing these individuals was occasioned by reason of the fact that they filed appeals on their convictions and the appeals automatically stayed execution.

As a matter of information to the Bureau, these individuals together with another, Euluss Sullivan, who, incidentally, was not related to Joseph H. Sullivan, made three unsuccessful efforts to escape from the death cells prior to the time all three actually escaped in February, 1924, which escape was effected with a wooden pistol made by Emory B. Connell by the use of a razor blade.

Very truly yours,

  
R. L. SIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RCC:B

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cc Cincinnati  
cc St. Paul  
cc Chicago  
cc Kansas City

**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

July 13, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.C. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter addressed to this office under date of July 6, 1935, wherein it is requested that Dr. Floyd Straith, an oral surgeon at Detroit, Michigan, be contacted for the purpose of preparing a dental chart and supervising the photographing of the teeth of the unidentified body recovered from the Detroit River and thought to be that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

On July 11, 1935, Special Agent A. A. Kuzzey contacted Dr. Floyd Straith at his office in the David Whitney Building and presented to him the information relative to the unidentified body, advising him that the Bureau was attempting to definitely ascertain whether or not this body is that of a badly wanted fugitive. Dr. Straith advised that inasmuch as no autopsy had been performed and for the further reason that X-ray photographs would reveal whether the foreign substance was present in the left lung, he deemed it impractical to prepare a dental chart and to photograph the teeth for the purpose of circularization among dentists in the Chicago area. Dr. Straith stated that it is unfortunately true that the majority of dentists do not prepare dental charts of their patients and that therefore he believed circularization would not be productive in the attempt to identify the body. He stated further that it would be more practicable and identification would be more positive if X-rays were taken of the body, particularly of the left lung, which would reveal the presence of the foreign substance and suggested that the X-ray be taken prior to the performing of an autopsy.

*Unidentified dead man*

*ack. Cincinnati  
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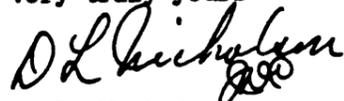
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Dr. Paul Klebba, Wayne County coroner's physician, stated that in his opinion, it would not be practical to photograph the teeth and prepare a dental chart inasmuch as he had already ascertained the number of teeth, their exact position, and that there were no cavities or fillings. He further stated that because the body was so badly decomposed, he was afraid that if he performed an autopsy, possibly the foreign substance, supposedly present in the left lung, might be missed by him. He suggested that X-ray photographs be made. He stated that Dr. L. Reynolds, with offices in the Professional Building, Detroit, Michigan, a former professor of Roentgenology at John Hopkins University regarded as one of the foremost X-ray specialists in the country, be interviewed relative to X-raying the body.

Dr. Reynolds was interviewed and advised of the facts. He stated that undoubtedly X-ray would reveal the foreign substance in the left lung if it were present and that an X-ray would also reveal any fractures sustained. He stated that he would cooperate with the Bureau in X-raying the body, stating that he could perform this with a portable X-ray machine at the Wayne County Morgue and that he would charge \$25.00 for his services.

In view of the above information, the Bureau is respectfully requested to advise the Detroit Office its wishes in the matter.

Very truly yours



D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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June 20, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated  
July 13, 1935, wherein you advise that the body  
of the unidentified person recovered from the  
Detroit River can be X-rayed by Dr. L. Reynolds  
for the sum of \$25.00.

The Bureau is of the opinion that every  
effort should be made to establish the identity  
of the body, and, therefore, authorizes the payment  
of \$25.00 for the purpose of having the body X-rayed  
in order to determine whether the left lung contains  
the foreign substance which is reported to be a  
fragment of a shell received during the World War.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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

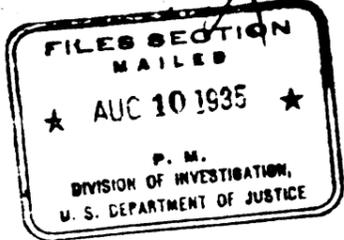
Dear Sirs

Kindly advise the Bureau as to the results of the autopsy  
performed upon the body recovered from the Detroit River for which  
the Bureau authorized the payment of \$25.00 in a letter dated June 20,  
1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati.





Laboratory Report

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUG., I.O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-6675

- Specimens:
- 7-576-6675 A. Original letter beginning, "Dear Friend Gladys:- Well I suppose\*\*\*\*", and signed "Lill".
  - " B. First page of an original letter beginning, "My Dear Darling Wife\*\*\*\*"
  - " C. Second page of above letter beginning, "it seams like five years\*\*\*\*"
  - " D. Third page of above letter beginning, "her self, But I wish you\*\*\*\*".
  - " E. Envelope in which the two above letters were mailed to Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, postmarked Chicago, Ill., Englewood Sta., Dec 15, 1934, 5 P.M.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Bureau Office.

Date received: 7-16-35

Examination requested: Handwriting and fingerprint.

Result of examination:

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Examination by: Appel  
Kohn

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St. Louis

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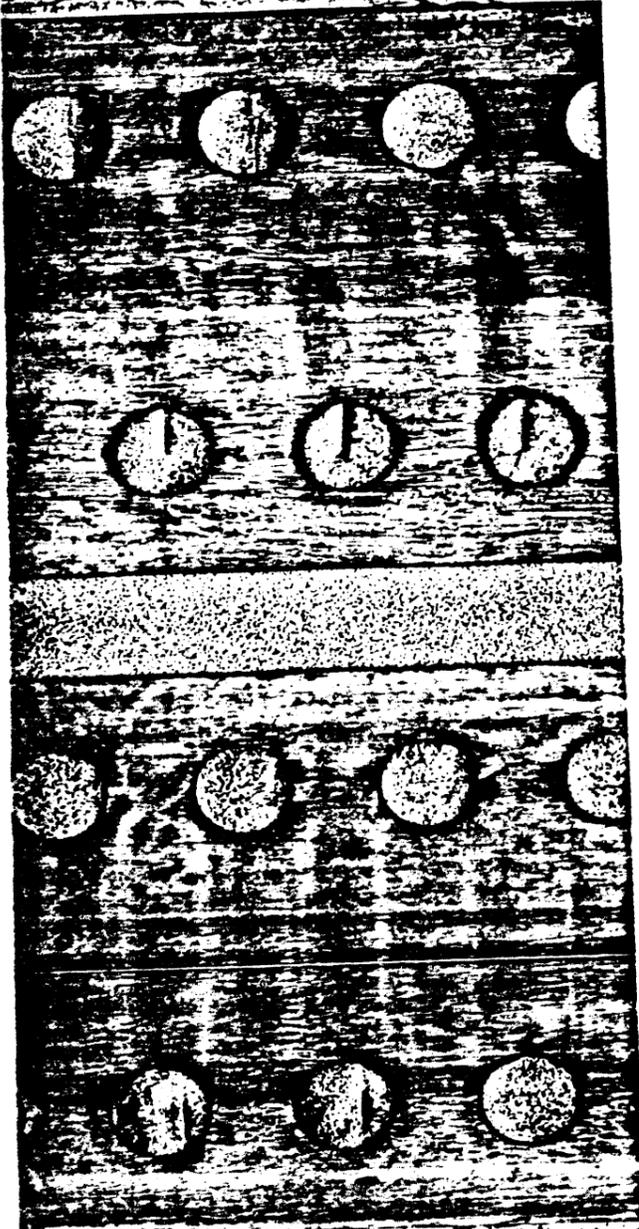
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at top - 5.97"  $\leftrightarrow$  wide;  
8.99"  $\updownarrow$  long; .0035" thick;  
smooth white finish, No W<sub>m</sub>.  
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No W<sub>m</sub> - WT. - 2.2018

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.0045" thick, white linen finish  
No W<sub>m</sub> - WT. - 3.5750

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July 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 12, 1935, transmitting an original letter beginning "Dear Friend Gladys - Well I suppose", and accompanying envelope postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, Englewood Station, December 15, 1934, 5 P. M.", together with a letter enclosed therein which begins "My Dear Darling Wife", in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Please be advised that the specimens submitted have been examined, but no latent fingerprints could be developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati  
cc - Chicago  
cc - St. Louis

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July 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 5083, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

- A. Original letter beginning "Dear Friend Gladys: Well I suppose\*\*\*\* and signed "Lill".
- B. First page of an original letter beginning, "My Dear Darling Wife\*\*\*\*".
- C. Second page of above letter beginning, "It seems like five years\*\*\*\*".
- D. Third page of above letter beginning, "her self, but I wish\*\*\*\*".
- E. Envelope in which the two above letters were mailed to Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, Englewood Station, December 15, 1934, 5 P. M.".

*E. J. Connelley*

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Very truly yours,

*W. J. Connelley*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*E. J. Connelley*

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July 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

This is with further reference to laboratory report #2063, July 18, 1935, in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1212, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Further comparison of the handwriting on the letter commencing "My Dear Darling Wife", dated November 23, 1934, with signatures of gangsters connected with this case has resulted in the development of a number of inconspicuous characteristics in the signatures of "Thomas Holden", on a fingerprint card, which agree with those in the writing. It will be recalled that the name "Thomas Holden" was traced in the letter. The examiner considers it probable that the letter was written by the person signing the name "Thomas Holden" on the fingerprint card.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Louis

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
July 12, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Returned herewith is letter written by  
Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution, to  
her sister, Mrs. C. E. Hughes, 738 North Delaware  
Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This letter has been carefully scruti-  
nized by this office and has been found to contain no  
information of value.

Thanking you for your cooperation in  
this matter, I am,

Very truly yours

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**P. O. BOX # 1525,  
PITTSBURGH, PA.**

**July 12, 1935**

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letters dated October 13, 1934, and March 26, 1935, relative to the temporary wanted notices.

Please be advised that this matter has received attention at the Pennsylvania State Police in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where all temporary wanted notices supplanted by the permanent Identification Orders were removed from their files.

Very truly yours,

*C. K. Fierstone*  
C. K. FIERSTONE *Sgt.*  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-18**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Butte, Montana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-10-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-9-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. E. Hall</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1234;                  DEL JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1235;                  HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;                  VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;                  WILLIAM LEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;                  WILLIAM HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;                  et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: All banks in the States of Montana and Idaho circularized with a view to locating any portion of fifty \$1000 bills obtained by Cassius M. McDonald in exchange for ransom money.			
REFERENCES: Letter to Bureau from Cincinnati office dated 6-21-35.			
DETAILS: At Butte, Montana: In accordance with reference letter, all banks in the States of Idaho and Montana have been circularized with a view of determining whether any of the fifty \$1000 bills of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, bearing serial numbers F-00022451A to F-00022500A are in the custody of banks in these States, and requesting that a stop notice be placed in event any should be received in the future. This circular was sent out July 6, 1935. These bills were apparently the ones obtained by Cassius M. McDonald when he exchanged ransom money in Havana, Cuba.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. E. Dickason</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6678		JUL 15 1935
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-15 GHO:SW

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-12-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/22-23-24/35; 7/3/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. H. OLSON</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. FIELDS; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Information received by New Orleans Bureau Office that man resembling Alvin Karpis, with aliases, fugitive, I. O. FIELDS, was seen in a beer safe known as the Joe Collins Times Bar, located at Camp and Gravier Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana. Appropriate investigation conducted which indicates that information is erroneous.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent C. H. Olson, New Orleans, Louisiana, 7-2-35. Bureau letter dated 7-2-35. Letter from Cincinnati Office to New Orleans Office dated 7-5-35.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.</u></p> <p>Information was received by Special Agent in Charge D. W. Magee, of the New Orleans Bureau Office, from Harold J. Moore, Attorney, Room 201 Louisiana Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, that a man identified by him and others as Alvin Karpis, with aliases, fugitive, I. O. FIELDS, had been seen in Joe Collins Times Bar, located at Camp and Gravier Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana.</p> <p>Special Agent L. I. Bowman, of the New Orleans Office, conducted the following investigation:</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>D. W. Magee</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7576-6679	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUL 16 1935</b>
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In accordance with instructions of Special Agent in Charge R. H. Hagan, this agent interviewed Mr. Harold J. Moore, Attorney, Room 201 Louisiana Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 22, 1935, relative to the above entitled matter.

Mr. Moore advised that about 12:30 P. M., June 22, 1935, he was in the Collins' Times Bar at the corner of Camp and Gravier Streets, New Orleans, when his attention was called to an individual who bore the resemblance of Alvin Karpis by a police officer named 'Felix.' He stated that Felix told him that a party by the name of E. Saunders had directed his attention to this individual and had stated that he was wanted by the Federal authorities for kidnaping or murder. Officer Felix and Moore went out of the bar and attempted to locate a Detective Magazine bearing a photograph of subject Karpis without success.

Agent exhibited photograph of subject Harry Campbell, which Mr. Moore failed to identify. He stated, however, that the photograph of subject Karpis resembled the individual whom he had seen at the Times Bar.

Mr. Moore appeared to be a talkative individual and it is doubted that any credence can be placed in his identification.

Mr. Moore located the officer known to him as 'Felix' and his correct name is F. A. Foret, No. 221. Foret corroborated Mr. Moore's story but failed to identify Karpis's photograph until he was encouraged to do so by Mr. Moore. Both Officer Foret and Mr. Moore stated that they had never seen this individual before; that he was dressed in a dark suit, was bare-headed, seemed very nervous, and left the bar after drinking two beers. They claimed that their identification is based on the similarity of the hair of subject Karpis, as well as the expression of his eyes. They did not notice any scars or marks, however. They described the individual thought to be Karpis as follows:

Age:	About 25
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	140 pounds
Complexion:	Sallow

Mr. E. O. Saunders, Engineer in the Louisiana Building, also stated that he had seen the individual as he was in the bar drinking at the same time. The odor of liquor was strong on Saunders' breath when he was interviewed by this agent and he hesitated at the identification of subject Karpis's photograph, but stated, after being encouraged by Mr. Moore, that if this individual was not Karpis he was his brother.

E. Saunders, brother of O. E. Saunders, seems to have been the person who caused all the excitement by his identification. Considerable effort was experienced in locating him as he was reported to be 'off on a drunk.'

However, on Sunday, June 23, 1935, agent interviewed E. Saunders at the office of Attorney Moore. He, \$00, was encouraged by Mr. Moore as to the identification and stated that he had seen this same individual about a week before in front of the Queen & Crescent Building, and that he had been pointed out to him by someone whom he did not remember, as being Alvin Karpis who is wanted by the Federal authorities for kidnaping. E. Saunders was questioned strenuously as to the identity of the party furnishing him with this information, but stated that he could not remember as he was under the influence of liquor at the time.

E. Saunders has all of the appearances of being a 'cut' and a 'founder' and in this agent's opinion is entirely unreliable.

Mr. Moore and all of the parties interviewed promised cooperation, and stated they would report the matter immediately to the New Orleans Bureau Office if the individual above described is seen at any future date.

Reporting agent contacted Sidney St. Pierre, Manager, Joe Collins Times Bar and exhibited Identification Order 1218 and other photographs of Alvin Karpis, and was advised by St. Pierre that he had not seen anyone answering the description of Alvin Karpis around his place of business. Mr. St. Pierre further stated that Police Officer Felix was visiting his place of business once every thirty minutes looking for the man resembling Alvin Karpis; also that two City Detectives would come in occasionally for the same purpose. It was ascertained that St. Pierre was desirous of cooperating with the Bureau rather than with the New Orleans Police Department in the instant matter, and Identification Order #1218 of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, and Identification Order #1236 of Harry Campbell, with aliases, and also the telephone number and address of the New Orleans Bureau Office, were furnished St. Pierre, and he advised that in the event anyone came into his establishment answering the description of either subject he will immediately notify the New Orleans Bureau Office.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 2, 1935, in which two photographs of Harry Campbell were forwarded to the New Orleans Office. Additional photographs have been made and each Special Agent of the New Orleans Bureau Office will be furnished with a photograph of Harry Campbell.

As result of a ten day mail cover slipped on first-class mail received by James A. Moran, 2203 Palmer Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Charles Duvernay, Superintendent of Mails, U. S. Post Office, has furnished the New Orleans Bureau Office with a list of four letters received by Mr. James A. Moran. James A. Moran, 2203 Palmer Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. As these tracings do not contain any information of value in connection with this case they are not set out in report but will be maintained in the New Orleans Bureau Office file.

No further investigation is being conducted relative James  
A. Moran in compliance with instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, as contained in letter dated July 5, 1935.

The Birmingham Bureau Office will disregard the undeveloped  
lead set out in report of Special Agent C. H. Olson, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated  
7-2-35.

In the event any information is received from Sidney St. Pierre  
relative Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell it will be given appropriate attention.

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
July 12, 1935

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
L. A. File 7-42.

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M Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your communication of May 28, 1935, the communication of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, dated May 21, 1935, and the communication of Special Agent in Charge R. Whitley, New York City, dated May 15, 1935. Please be advised that [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent C. D. White of this office [redacted] prior to the receipt of your communication dated May 28, 1935, and subsequent thereto. He has likewise been interviewed subsequent to the reference communication of May 21, 1935, and for your information is presently residing at [redacted]

With reference to the first interview of [redacted] by Agent White [redacted] furnished substantially the same information as reflected in reference communication of May 15, 1935. In addition thereto [redacted] advised Agent White that it is his information that there has been for some time, although he has never disclosed it, a hideout of the subjects of this file at some point in the state of Rhode Island, the specific location at this time being unknown to him.

With reference to your communication of May 28, 1935, and the reference communication dated May 21, 1935, please be advised that when [redacted] was interviewed by Agent White for detailed information as to what could be expected from him relative to the securing of information pertaining to the subjects of the instant matter, [redacted] advised that he has for some time been leading a normal decent life; that he has attempted to sever all connections with the criminal element. He was very frank in his statements to the effect that he could not specifically state just what could be accomplished by him with reference to the location of the subjects of interest in the matter at hand. He stated in this connection that he is absolutely certain that within a period of sixty or ninety days, or possibly a much shorter time, he could either secure definite information relative to their whereabouts or would be in a position to frankly state that he could not secure said information.

With respect to his method of securing such information, [redacted] stated that there was an inmate of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., from whom he unquestionably could secure valuable information; that failing in this he would proceed to Calumet, Michigan, at which place he has many contacts, and also to Chicago, Illinois; that from one of the two above mentioned sources he is confident that he can establish direct contact or obtain specific information as to subjects' in this matter.

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██████████ was questioned by Agent White as to whether or not the activities of WILLIAM WISEMAN, previously mentioned in the case at hand relative to the latter's activities in informing the underworld that ██████████ were effective. ██████████ in this connection, advised Agent White that Wiseman's efforts in this respect were of no avail; that he has contacted several persons of the underworld in the more or less recent past, and that they told him of Wiseman's activities and had advised him ██████████ that they paid no attention to Wiseman's remarks and did not believe him. Further in this connection, ██████████ stated that Wiseman is very unpopular with the underworld element; that he believes this is partially true because of Wiseman's alleged participation in the Kansas City massacre. ██████████ upon being questioned by Agent White with respect to Wiseman's activities in the Kansas City Massacre, stated that it is his reliable information that Wiseman was "on the ground at the Kansas City Massacre."

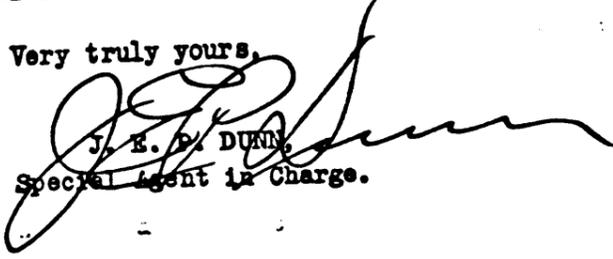
With respect to the value of this informant, it is the opinion of the writer, as well as Agent White, who has made considerable inquiry relative to ██████████ knowledge and acquaintances in the underworld, that ██████████ would be of invaluable assistance to this Bureau. In this connection, Agent White has been so advised by William Ashe, in charge of the Secret Service, Los Angeles Division; Mr. Edward Kline and Mr. C. D. Lowe, Post Office Inspectors of excellent repute, and Lieut. Detective Robinson, who returned ██████████ from the East to Los Angeles to be tried for the possession of machine guns.

With respect to the cost to the Bureau to employ ██████████ as a confidential informant, Agent White advises that ██████████ has for some time been without employment and is at the present time in financial distress, having had to depend upon local relief organizations for his family's support. No inquiry was made by Agent White as to what expenditure would be necessary to secure the services of this informant, but it is the opinion of that Agent, as gathered from various remarks made by Informant ██████████ as to his present earning capacity, that informant could be hired upon the basis of \$5.00 per day, plus his expenses.

In connection with the ability of this informant to contact the underworld at this time, informant advised Agent White that he is confident that he could make valuable contacts within one to three weeks, and could produce results of value to this Bureau without any question within a ninety-day period; that he was not desirous of receiving compensation from this Bureau unless he was confident that his activities would be productive to the satisfaction of the Bureau.

Informant ██████████ advised Agent White that he would be eager and willing to assist this Bureau at any time; that he is desirous of knowing as early as possible whether or not he is to be employed as an informant by the Bureau, in view of contemplated connections in this vicinity which, although not to his liking, are necessary to his existence. It is therefore requested that the Bureau indicate whether or not any consideration will be given with reference to the employing of this informant as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

  
J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge.

CDW:RS  
AIR MAIL  
cc Cincinnati  
New York City  
St. Paul

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July 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 18, 1934,  
reporting the results of an interview had with [redacted]

[redacted] wherein  
indicated that he would proceed to Kansas City and Chicago for the  
purpose of attempting to develop information leading to the where-  
abouts of the remaining fugitives in the above entitled case.

The Bureau authorizes you to provide [redacted] with sufficient  
funds to enable him to proceed to Kansas City and Chicago for the  
purpose indicated. You are also authorized to pay him at the rate  
of five dollars per day, not to exceed three weeks.

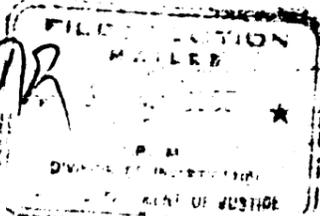
[redacted] should be specifically instructed that the informa-  
tion obtained by him must be furnished to the Bureau exclusively,  
and to that end he should contact the local field offices by tele-  
phone during the time he is located in the respective cities.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Air Mail  
Special Delivery

cc-Cincinnati  
Kansas City  
Chicago  
New York City  
St. Paul



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
July 5, 1935

(Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases  
FUGITIVE I O #1218 et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping)

Gentlemen:

During the course of an investigation in a major kidnaping case, it has been ascertained that some time ago \$50,000.00 of the ransom money paid had been exchanged for fifty \$1,000.00 bills which were issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank.

Investigation further indicates that the serial number of the above-mentioned bills run in numerical sequence from F-00022451A and ending with F-00022500A.

In connection with the above it is respectfully requested that you advise us if any of the bills are presently in your bank, and, if so, the identity of the person from whom received. If none of the bills are found, will you kindly place a stop order against them in order that we may be notified as soon as they are passed. In this connection our office is open 24 hours a day at 617 Federal Building, Telephone: MUTual 2201.

I wish to assure you that efforts on the part of yourself and your employees to locate these bills will be deeply appreciated by this organization.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. P. Dunn*  
J.E.P.

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
cc Cincinnati

Circular letter sent to all banks  
in Los Angeles Bureau Office District

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Post Office Box 615,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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July 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, fugitive - Et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File #7-30.

Upon instructions from the Bureau, a \$5.00 Federal Reserve Note which was identified as one of the notes paid as ransom in connection with this case has been delivered to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to be forwarded to the Treasury Department, Redemption Division, Washington, for antilication, and another \$5.00 note was given by the bank in exchange. The files of this office indicate that Special Agent J. H. Rice obtained the above referred to ransom note from a Postmaster in northern Minnesota who found it among postal funds, but does not indicate whether Special Agent Rice gave \$5.00 of his personal funds in exchange for this ransom note, and accordingly it is requested that information be obtained from Special Agent Rice as to the manner in which he obtained possession of this ransom note so that proper disposition may be made of the \$5.00 obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank in lieu thereof.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

July 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. #1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, victim,  
Kidnaping, Harboring and Obstruction  
of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype message of July 13th and my letters of July 9th and 11th, 1935, containing information concerning Michael Quinn, who corresponded with Clarence Hollinsky in Des Moines, Iowa.

Special Agent L. B. Nichols has advised me that at the time he interviewed Quinn, Hollinsky's name was not mentioned by him, but that Quinn voluntarily stated that he was well acquainted with Hollinsky and furnished the information contained in my letter of July 11th.

The above named Agent also advised me that nothing was said which would cause Quinn to suspect that Hollinsky's mail was under surveillance. Arrangements have been made in accordance with your teletype message with Mr. E. J. Welch of the D. C. Reformatory at Lorton, Virginia to have copies of Quinn's outgoing mail made and supplied to the Washington Field Office.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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629 First National Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

July 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al;  
Edward Geo Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping, etc.

In the letter from the Kansas City Office to  
your office, under date of July 6, 1935, reference is made to  
a letter dated May 1, 1935 from your office to the Kansas City  
Office wherein request was made that a photograph of Sam Guzik  
be obtained and furnished this office.

A careful search of the Omaha file in this case  
has failed to locate a copy of your letter of May 1, 1935  
to the Kansas City Office. Please forward to the Omaha office  
a copy of that letter.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1118  
Detroit - Michigan  
July 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 10, 1935, in which you request that this office cause a search of its files to be made for the purpose of ascertaining what investigative action was taken in regard to Mr. Joseph E. McKeff.

For your information, the results of an interview conducted by Special Agent D. E. Hall with Mr. McKeff are set out in report of that Agent, dated at Detroit, Michigan, April 9, 1935, particularly on pages 3 and 4. A copy of Agent Hall's report was transmitted to your office on April 24, 1935.

Very truly yours

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

July 12, 1935.

Mr. Ernest J. Krueger,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the request made by Special Agent M. J. Cassidy of this office to the Post Office of Mails Walter Jaskowski at the Post Office that a thirty day mail to be placed on all first class and special delivery mail addressed to Robert Venute and family, 525 North Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that tracings thereof be forwarded to this office for the attention of Chicago File No. 7-82.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MTC:MD

cc-Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO** Chicago, FILE NO. 7-576-6681

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>July 12, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/13/35 to 7/9/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN L. MADALA</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 MYRTLE PATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

*[Handwritten: S, Cp]*

*[Redacted]* furnished information to effect that Mildred Kuhlman, paramour of Doc Barker is now living in Chicago with one Jerry Cass and is in communication with Barker; that she is in contact with Louie Alterie and Eddie Donovan in an effort to obtain money Donovan owes Doc Barker. Contact with Alterie, a known Chicago racketeer made through Patricia Lonquest. Information substantiated by attorney John DeCourcy of St. Paul and letters written by Doc Barker to Mildred Kuhlman.

*[Redacted]* in Chicago from June 23 to July 2, 1935 at which time she contacted subject Harrison's friends and frequented places previously patronized by him, in effort to learn his whereabouts. She ascertained that Harrison was last seen in vicinity of Chicago in January 1935. Chicago Police Department received information Karpis now with Tommy Douhy and will visit 5717 Oakshosh Avenue, Chicago in near future. Chicago Police covering this address and will notify this office should Karpis appear there.

*[Redacted]* received information from Fred Bartholomew, newly appointed Postmaster at Bensenville, Ill. that Harry Campbell is living in Burnham, Ill. and wants *[Redacted]* will be taken to see Campbell in a few days by Bartholomew. On July 9, 1935 subject Harrison contacted *[Redacted]* and requested *[Redacted]* precept to St. Paul to deliver a message to Harry Sawyer in the county jail. *[Redacted]* gave him no definite answer and it is expected he will again contact *[Redacted]* in a few days.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature: J. Madala]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6681	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUL 16 1935</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Bureau - 3    Denver - 1 Cincinnati - 2    Chicago - 2 St. Paul - 2 St. Louis - 1 Cleveland - 1	UNITED STATES <b>JUL 15 A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	CHECKED OFF: <b>JUL 23 1935</b> JACKETED:
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*[Handwritten: Set. Chicago cc-Cincinnati 7/20/35 RGT]*

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. C. Suran, June 2, 1935, Chicago, Illinois; Bureau letter to this office June 24, 1935; letter from St. Louis office dated June 20, 1935. b7c b7d

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] who in the past has furnished the Bureau with valuable information concerning the Barker-Karpis mob, contacted Special Agent A. Dickstein by telephone on June 15, 1935, and advised that he had some important information he desired to furnish this office. He suggested that Special Agent Dickstein meet him in the lobby of the Brevoort Hotel in Chicago.

The following is a memorandum submitted by Agent Dickstein setting forth the results of his interview with this individual:

At the Brevoort Hotel in an anti-room at that place the writer was advised by this informant that Mildred Kuhlman known to be the girl friend of "Doc" Barker, is staying at the Harper Crest Apartments, 5345 Harper Avenue with a Jewish man by the name of Jerry Cass. Informant further advised that Mildred was to have an appointment with "Doc" Barker's attorneys, DeCourcy and Kenny, on June 14th or 15th, Chicago, for the purpose of obtaining from them some money which is due "Doc"; that from information received by the informant, "Doc" Barker instructed Mildred while Mildred was attending the St. Paul trial to get the money which is due him from the above named attorneys and informant stated that he overheard this amount to be \$3,800. This informant further stated that when Mildred was at the St. Paul trial "Doc" Barker had given her a letter which was to be given to "the boys who are lam"; this being the manner in which the informant expressed himself to the writer. Informant states a letter received by Mildred from "Doc" Barker, known to the informant also as "Shorty", was to be given to Pat Lonquest, and in turn Pat Lonquest was to give this letter to a fellow by the name of Louie. Informant further advised Agent that he was unable to obtain the full name of this person Louie or his identity; that he believes the letter referred to was already delivered to Louie and that at the time Louie received this letter with instructions to give it to "the boys who are on the lam", Mildred requested of Louie to be permitted to join him to see the boys, but Louie stated to Mildred that he could not take her nor anyone else, and that he would deliver this message in

person to the boys in view of the fact that they were too "hot" at the present time.

Informant stated that he will be in Chicago up until Saturday, June 15th or Sunday, June 16th, and advised the writer that he will ascertain the full name and identity of this person named Louie and will inform Agent within a day or two as to what information he has obtained. He further advised that he believes the persons referred to as being too "hot" are Alvin Karpis and others. This informant resides [redacted] and is quite familiar with the Barker-Karpis gang and all those persons connected with them. b7c

While the writer was at the Detroit Office much work was conducted at Toledo, Ohio, and informant at all times contacted Special Agent D. E. Hall of the Detroit Office, who was assigned to the Bremer case in that office. Informant advised that upon calling the Detroit Office he was told that Mr. Larson had resigned and that Special Agent D. E. Hall had been transferred to the Butte, Montana Office. In view of the fact that the writer covered the territory at Toledo, this informant was familiar to the writer, and therefore contacted the Chicago Office."

The foregoing information was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype under date of June 15, 1935.

On the morning of June 14, 1935, Mr. John DeCoursey, who represented Arthur "Doc" Barker at St. Paul, Minnesota in the trial of the instant kidnapping, called at the Chicago Bureau Office, and talked with Special Agent Suran and the writer. He explained his presence in Chicago as being here in connection with the suit instituted by the Schmidt Brewing Co. of St. Paul, Minnesota, against Arthur "Doc" Barker for the money now in the safety deposit box at the Woodlawn Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he called this office to ascertain the status of "Doc" Barker's car now in possession of the Bureau, and which he is attempting to obtain through legal proceedings as part-payment for legal services rendered by him to "Doc" Barker during his trial at

St. Paul, Minnesota.

During the course of Agent's conversation with Mr. DeCoursey, he indicated that "Doc" Barker is getting messages to an individual in Chicago, Illinois, who is supposed to owe him \$1,000; that this same individual also is holding the receipts for the furniture stored by Ma Barker in Chicago during last September. Persistent efforts were made to obtain from Mr. DeCoursey the name of this person, and he finally admitted his name to be Eddie Donovan. He then volunteered the information that Louis Alterie is one of the gang's contacts in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. DeCoursey did not mention to Agents the fact that Mildred Kuhlman is in Chicago, nor did he indicate the identity of the individual who was delivering the messages to Eddie Donovan as above mentioned. b7c b7d

[redacted] again contacted Special Agent A. Dickstein on June 14, 1935, at which time Agent Dickstein met him at the Maryland Hotel in Chicago. Informant advised that he had learned that the Louie previously referred to is Louis Alterie, and that this individual had delivered the letter previously referred to to an individual by the name of Eddie, last name not known to the informant. He further stated that Mildred had received three letters on June 14, 1935, from her parents who reside at Ottawa, Ohio; that one letter was from Attorney DeCoursey, the second letter from Attorney Kenney, and the third contained two letters enclosed therein, one of which had been written by "Doc" Barker's father addressed to Mildred with which there was enclosed a letter from "Doc" Barker himself.

The informant advised that the contents of the letter from "Doc" Barker to Mildred are unknown to him, however, [redacted] "Doc" Barker informed her not to worry as he was not going to remain in prison all his life and that a break was going to be made as soon as his brother, Bud, leaves the Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; that "Doc's" brother would make the necessary contacts upon his release and a break would soon be made. [redacted] "Doc" would get out of the Penitentiary even though it meant his life.

Informant further advised Agent Dickstein that he knows of his own knowledge that a code has been used by Rene residing at Collingwood Avenue and North Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio; that

whenever a contact was made with the boys, referring to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, et al, or whenever a letter was received by Rene from the boys which was to be delivered to Burt or Ted Angus, Rene would call up Burt or Ted Angus at the Casino Club from the drug store in the premises where she resides, and in code say: "Burt, please send me a bottle of whiskey as I have a bad cold." Informant advised that this statement would mean that Rene had received a letter from the boys for his special attention.

It is not known to this office what arrangements have been made by the Kansas City Bureau Office in securing outgoing communications written by Arthur "Doc" Barker at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but apparently communications are being forwarded to George Barker, the father of "Doc" Barker, and in turn are being relayed to Mildred Kuhlman in Chicago, Illinois.

Under date of June 15, 1935, the Kansas City Office was requested by letter that they should, if it has not already been done, make some arrangements whereby copies of all outgoing letters written by "Doc" Barker and his brother, Lloyd, be secured. From the information obtained from [redacted] it is apparent that Lloyd Barker, whom "Doc" refers to as Bud, is still an inmate at that institution. It is requested that the Kansas City Bureau Office give this their immediate and prompt attention. b7c  
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A summary of the above information was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype message on June 14, 1935, and the following day the Bureau was so advised by letter.

In order to show the strong connection of Eddie Donovan and Louie Alterie with "Doc" Barker and possibly other members of this mob, and for the purpose of generally substantiating the information hereinbefore set out, the following excerpts were taken from some of the letters written by "Doc" Barker to Mildred Kuhlman during the time Barker was incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota. Upon request, copies of these letters were furnished this office by the St. Paul Bureau Office under date of June 14, 1935.

LETTER DATED MAY 15, 1935.

"You remember the time we went to Chicago and were drunk almost a week with Eddie and Johnnie. Say, that just reminds me of something, did the G ever ask you about them. Let me know if they did."

LETTER DATED MAY 16, 1935

"Boy, I hope they don't never cause Eddie and Johnnie any trouble for they are fine fellows."

NOTE: It is believed that the individuals referred to as Eddie and Johnnie in the above letters are Eddie Donovan and Johnnie Ball.

LETTER DATED MAY 22, 1935.

"Dear I would send you the money for you to come up here but I have been seen up so bad since I have been here that I have not been able to make any contact so I guess that that what I sent him down there to get some money but he says that he didn't get it I don't know why if you see that party about those checks I was telling you to get and send to Dad. You stay sober and do like I tell you for a few days will you please you have Pat to get you in touch with Louie and have him to get hold of E. T. for you they will remember who you are and tell E. I want what was left there for I need it you can show him this letter and he will know it OK then if you do this right away you catch the next plane out as soon as you contact him for you will have some money then. Now dear do this at once for I need it well you can write me if you don't do no good. Tell Pat hello and to have one on me ha ha tell E. I need that and need it bad Louie will get you in touch with him so By By

Yours as ever"

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In the light of the information received from [redacted] and Attorney John DeCoursey set out at the beginning of this report, it is believed that the persons mentioned in the above quoted letter are as follows:

- E. - Eddie Donovan
- Louie - Louie Altaris
- Pat - Patricia Longquest
- T. - may be Tom Burke.

Patricia Longquest was previously interviewed by Agents of the Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, and St. Paul, Minnesota, the latter occasion being while she was on subpoena as a Government witness. Her present address is the Georgian Court Apartments, 1714 North LaSalle Street, 1st floor, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number Diversay 6269. She and her sister, Barbara, are operating a "call" flat at this address.

Agent called upon Miss Longquest on June 19, 1935, as she had heretofore promised to cooperate with the Bureau in looking towards the location of Subject William J. Harrison, whom she knows personally. She advised that she has not heard anything concerning Willie Harrison since Agents talked with her last at St. Paul, Minnesota; that she believes it very unlikely that Willie will contact her as she was never really intimate with him, and her only relationship with Willie was on account of "Doc" Barker. She stated, however, that should she receive any information relative to Harrison, she will not call the Chicago Bureau Office, but if an Agent called upon her she would gladly furnish him with same. It is believed that her promised cooperation in this regard is very doubtful in view of the fact that at no time during the entire interview with Miss Longquest did she mention the matter about contacting Louis Alterie for Mildred Kuhlman. Agent deemed it inadvisable to question her concerning this matter at this time. Miss Longquest did, however, volunteer the information that Mildred Kuhlman is in Chicago at the present time and that she is living with one Jerry Cass at the Harper Crest Apartments. She stated that Mildred is "flat broke" and that for this reason she is living with Mr. Cass. She further stated that Mildred came to Chicago around June 1, 1935, and stayed with her for a few days; that while at a party several days later she introduced Mildred to Jerry Cass, whom she has known for some time; that Cass immediately became infatuated with her and asked her to live with him. Patricia stated that Jerry Cass is a Jewish boy, is not in the racket, and is a furrier by occupation. She also stated that Mildred visited her approximately six times since her arrival in Chicago and that she appears very despondent over something. She stated that Mildred absolutely refused to return to Toledo, Ohio, in view of the notoriety given to her in the newspapers concerning her appearance in St. Paul, Minnesota, as a Government witness in the trial of the instant kidnapping case.

With further reference to Subject William J. Harrison, Miss Longquest stated that she went out with him on dates on only

two occasions; that in the first instance they, together with "Doc" Barker and Mildred, went to the Algiers Club, Chicago, and on the second occasion the four of them went to the Kickapoo Inn, which is located at 79th Street and South Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. With reference to the Algiers Club, Patricia advised that she first met Russell Gibson at this place, and that thereafter she accompanied him and "Doc" Barker to this club on numerous occasions. As to the Kickapoo Inn, Miss Longquest is of the opinion that Russell Gibson was friendly with the owner and that he referred "Doc" Barker and Willie Harrison to this place. She stated that at the time of her visits to this cafe, both "Doc" Barker and Willie Harrison appeared to be acquainted with the various employees working in this tavern.

Previous information developed by this office with reference to Louie Alterie disclosed that he is the present head of the Theatrical Janitors' Union located at 509 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, associated with Alterie in this Union is Thomas J. Burke, who is the business agent. It will be recalled that Burke was questioned by Bureau Agents last summer relative to his participation in the receiving and storing of Russell Gibson's Ford Coupe, which Gibson abandoned at Hannibal, Missouri, and which later was driven to Chicago, Illinois, and left on Diversey Boulevard near the intersection of Clark Street.

At 509 South Wabash Avenue, Agent interviewed Mr. Raymond A. Hoffman, who conducts a musical publishing house immediately across the hallway from the Theatrical Janitors' Union on the second floor of the premises. Mr. Hoffman appeared to be engaged in a perfectly legitimate business and it was felt that he could be trusted. He advised that he had never met Louie Alterie, but knows from his own knowledge that he occupies an inner office in the Theatrical Janitors' Union; that Thomas J. Burke is the business agent of the Union, and apparently is in charge of all the activities. Mr. Hoffman further stated that he does not know the number of persons employed in the office of the Union, nor has he ever heard their names. He stated that in view of their racketeering and criminal connections he has nothing whatsoever to do or to converse with them. The photographs of all Subjects in this case were exhibited to Mr. Hoffman, but he could make no identifications therefrom as persons he has seen entering the Union at any time. He stated, however, that prior to Thomas E. Malloy's death last February, Burke and he, Malloy, were frequently seen together. He stated that Malloy was formerly business agent for a Motion Picture

Operators' Union, which at that time was located across the street at 505 South Wabash Avenue; that they are now located at 160 North La-Salle Street on the 4th floor. Mr. Hoffman further stated that the Congress Hotel are the owners of the property at 509 South Wabash Avenue, and that Mr. G. D. Edwards, Secretary and Treasurer of the Congress Hotel, is the renting agent. He advised that the building engineer, whom he only knows by the name of John, is in his opinion reliable and trustworthy, and that he more likely is able to furnish considerably more information concerning the operations of the Theatrical Janitors' Union.

Mr. Hoffman accompanied Agent to the basement of the building and introduced him to the engineer. He advised that his name is John Faloon, and that he has been stationary engineer of the premises for the past eight years; that the building is owned by the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, and that Mr. G. D. Edwards, Secretary and Treasurer, is the renting agent. He further stated that the Theatrical Janitors' Union have occupied offices in the building for the past eight years, and that to his knowledge Thomas J. Burke is the business agent. At this point, Agent asked Mr. Faloon whether he was acquainted with Louie Alterie, and he advised that he has seen him on numerous occasions in the offices of the Theatrical Janitors' Union, and that he believes that Alterie is the President of the Union.

Mr. Faloon further stated that Louie Alterie drives two automobiles, one a Packard Sedan bearing Colorado license plates, and a Cadillac limousine containing Illinois license plates; that when in Chicago, Illinois, he is in the office of the Union for only one or two days a week, and that in these instances he does not remain for more than two hours. He advised that Louie Alterie owns a ranch in Colorado and that he makes frequent trips between this ranch and Chicago.

With reference to the outlay of the office of the Theatrical Janitors' Union and the employees working within the office, Mr. Faloon stated that they have three offices, one of which is occupied by Mr. Burke, one by Mr. Alterie, and the other is a large reception room; that there is located in this reception room a switchboard, which is maintained by a young girl named Peggy, and that this individual also acts as Secretary to Mr. Burke. Mr. Faloon stated

that besides the switchboard operator, two colored boys are employed by the Union; that one of these boys is named Murphy, who interviews janitors before sending them into Mr. Burke, or sending them out on a job; that the other boy works around the office as an errand boy, and his name is Bill; that Burke is in the office most of the day and apparently is in charge of all activities connected with the Union.

Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis mob and Subjects of other cases were exhibited to Mr. Faloon, but he could not identify any of them as persons he had seen entering the Union offices. Mr. Faloon advised that he had not seen Louie Alterie for about three weeks from the time of Agent's interview with him, and that he does not know where he is presently located other than possibly at his ranch in Colorado. At this time, Agent inquired of Mr. Faloon's trustworthiness of the elevator operator in the building as it was believed probable that he would be able to identify photographs of the Subject in this case should they be visiting the Union offices. In this connection, Mr. Faloon advised that the elevator operator is a young Swedish lad whose name is Emil Alvrian, and that in his opinion he is entirely trustworthy; that he has worked for the building for three or four years, and that he has always found him an honest and conscientious worker. In view of this recommendation by Mr. Faloon, Agent exhibited photographs of all the Subjects in this case to Emil Alvrian, the elevator operator, but he was unable to make any identifications. He stated that he had not seen Louie Alterie for almost three weeks, and that he has no idea where Alterie is presently located; that he only puts in an appearance in the Union office about one or two days a week while in Chicago, Illinois, and that in no instance does he remain in the office for more than an hour. Mr. Alvrian promised to cooperate with this office to the extent that when Louie Alterie should come to the office again, he will immediately communicate with Agent at the Chicago Bureau Office.

With further reference to LOUIS ALTERIE Agent John L. Madala recalled that during investigation of the Factor kidnaping case this individual was brought to the Chicago Bureau office at which time he was interviewed by former Special Agent A. E. Lockerman. An examination of the files in the Factor kidnaping case reflects that Louis Alterie furnished the following information at that time:

He stated that his correct name is LELAND VERRAIN and that he is president of the Theatrical Janitors Union located at 506 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent Lockerman specifically questioned Alterie concerning the description and location of his ranch in Colorado. He advised that this ranch is about 800 miles west of Denver approximately 35 miles north west of Glenwood Springs at what is known as Sweetwater Lake. Alterie further stated that he originally purchased this ranch from one Paul Cregg who lives at 1100 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado and that Cregg is an artist. Alterie advised that he originally contracted to pay \$40,000 for this ranch and at the time he purchased it he made a down payment of \$5,000.00 and gave a mortgage to Cregg on the ranch for \$35,000.00; that this mortgage was subsequently foreclosed at which time he lost it, but for a time thereafter he continued to live there and operate a dude ranch for Mr. Cregg.

During the course of the investigation into the activities of the Motion Picture Operators Union at Chicago, which was prompted through the tracing of a telephone call from room 1004 of the El Comodoro Hotel at Miami, Florida which room was occupied at that time by Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, it was ascertained that Eddie Donovan, Johnnie Ball and Jimmie Burke were closely affiliated with this union. These individuals formerly owned and operated the Green Lantern Cafe at 79th and Dobsen St. Chicago, Illinois and were very close to Thomas E. Malloy who was business agent for the motion picture operators union until his death at Chicago.

The investigation further disclosed that Edward Donovan resided at 8011 Maryland Street, Chicago; Johnnie Ball at 8132 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, and James Burke at 7127 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

On June 15, 1935 Agent Madala conducted an investigation at 8011 Maryland Avenue and learned through conversing with the Janitor in this building that Eddie Donovan and his wife moved from the premises on May 1, 1935 at which time their one year lease expired; that the Donovans sold most of their furniture and took only a few of the furnishings with them at the time they moved. The janitor could not advise Agent as to

the address to which these people moved, but stated that he is certain they left a forwarding address with the carrier. Accordingly the writer subsequently ascertained at the Grand Crossing Post Office that all mail addressed to Edward J. Donovan at 8011 Maryland Avenue is being forwarded at Donovan's request to 2010 Hopkins Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Investigation at the above address disclosed that the property at this address is owned by John J. Donovan who is the father of Edward Donovan; that he has lived at this place for approximately ten years and that the other persons residing there are his four sons and one daughter. Agent interviewed the carrier who delivers mail to 2010 Hopkins Road and he advised that he has a recollection of delivering mail to this address for Edward Donovan. A photograph of this individual was shown to the carrier but he could not identify it as being a likeness of anyone he had seen around the premises.

It was also ascertained at the Grand Crossing Post Office that John Ball and James Burke are now residing at 3126 Ellis Avenue and 3114 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois respectively; that there appear in the files of the Post Office removal orders effecting this change of address. Accordingly on June 21, 1935 a thirty day cover was placed on all first class mail addressed to John Ball, James Burke and Edward Donovan at the above mentioned addresses.

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On June 10, 1935, the Chicago office transmitted a tele-  
type message to the Bureau, requesting authorization for [redacted]  
[redacted] who in the past expressed willingness to come to Chicago  
in an effort to ascertain the location and to secure information concerning  
subject William J. Harrison, to proceed to Chicago in this regard.

The St. Louis Bureau office advised by letter under date  
of June 20, 1935, that [redacted] had agreed to come to Chicago for this  
purpose and that she would [redacted]

[redacted] arrived  
in Chicago [redacted] and immediately telephoned the  
Chicago Bureau office. Subsequently, Special Agent R. C. Suran and the writer  
met her [redacted]  
advised that she would stay in Chicago for the week, during which time she  
would frequent the places in and around this city which [redacted] Willie Harri-  
son had in the past patronized in an effort to pick up any information which  
might lead to the location of subject Harrison. In discussing the best suit-  
able arrangement for [redacted] to work while in Chicago, it was her suggestion  
that she frequent these places by herself, that is not in the company of an  
Agent, as she believed that Willie's friends would be more apt to talk to her  
in this way.

It was suggested to her that when she visited Harrison's  
friends she should not make any direct inquiry concerning him or his where-  
abouts, but that she should merely put in an appearance at these places and  
associate with these people and in some way inform them where she was stopping  
in Chicago. It was believed that in this way, if Harrison learned that she was  
in town and still desired her company, he would undoubtedly learn of her address  
through someone who had seen her.

At this time Agent closely questioned [redacted] concerning  
what places in her opinion, Willie Harrison would most likely frequent in and  
around Chicago, Illinois, and also questioned her concerning who Harrison's  
best friends are. She advised that Harrison has numerous friends in Calumet  
City, Berwyn and Cicero, Illinois, and also in Hammond, Indiana and Gary,  
Indiana, but that Eddie Donovan and Joe Bergl are, in her opinion, Willie's  
best friends, and that neither of them would hesitate in any way to assist  
Willie in his present predicament. She further stated that Joe Bergl, who  
owns and operates the Bergl Motor Sales Company in Cicero, Illinois, was a  
very good friend of Gus Winkeler, who is now deceased and who likewise was  
very intimate with Willie Harrison [redacted]

[redacted] that Gus

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Winkaler before his death had an interest in the Chez Paree night club in Chicago, Illinois, and that this place was the most popular among the many that they frequented during the period above mentioned.

[redacted] further stated that Eddie Donovan purchased considerable liquor from Willie Harrison during the time he, together with John Ball and Jimmie Burke, operated the Green Lantern Cafe located at 791 Dobson Street, Chicago, Illinois; [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Jimmie Burke, whom she knows very well, was likewise a good friend of Willie Harrison's and that she would endeavor to contact him and was positive that if he knew of Harrison's location he would surely tell her.

[redacted] further stated that when Harrison was arrested by the Hammond Police Department for carrying a concealed weapon and at the time he threatened to shoot up Johnny McGinnity's place in Hammond, Indiana, he was placed under a \$2,000 bond; [redacted]

[redacted] that Snyder and Johnny Patton, Mayor of Burnham, Illinois, posted this bond for Harrison's release. In this connection she stated that both Buddy Snyder and Johnny Patton were very good friends of Harrison, and that they might know where he is presently hiding out. She also stated with reference to Johnny Patton that he is a member of the Capone Syndicate of Chicago and has strong hoodlum connections and for this reason it would be inadvisable to interview him concerning Harrison, as he undoubtedly would furnish no information whatsoever.

It was suggested that [redacted] contact these two individuals while in Chicago, as she claimed to know them very well and it was believed that if they did have some information concerning Harrison they would inform her of same.

On June 24, 1935, [redacted] advised Agent that she had visited the Homestead Inn in Chicago, Illinois, which is located at 97th Street and Western Avenue, the night before for the purpose of seeing Joe Flannery who was also a good friend of Willie Harrison. She stated that Flannery was not in the place during the time she was there, but that she talked with Willie Hallahan, the bartender, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has not seen Harrison since January of this year, at which time Harrison came into the Homestead Inn for something to eat and drink; that he does not know the exact location

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of Harrison, but believes that he is somewhere in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, possibly in Cicero. The informant further learned from Willie Hallehan that Jimmie Burke above mentioned is now operating a roadhouse located at 115th Street and Avenue D, Hegewisch, Illinois, and that he has been operating this place for only a short time. [redacted] also inquired of Hallehan concerning the whereabouts of Eddie Donovan and was advised that Donovan is somewhere in Chicago, but that Hallehan does not know his address.

Informant also talked with Nick Kramer, who is also employed at the Homestead Inn and he likewise advised that Harrison had been there last in January of this year and that he has not seen him since that time. [redacted] returned to the Homestead Inn on June 28, 1935, in the hope of finding Joe Flannery in at this time, but without success. She, however, met Joseph Saltis, a prominent Chicago Syndicate man and in the conversation with him she learned that he likewise was acquainted with Harrison, but that he has not seen Harrison for almost a year. [redacted] was of the opinion that had either Willie Hallehan, Nick Kramer or Joe Saltis known of the whereabouts of Willie Harrison they surely would have advised her.

On June 25, 1935, [redacted] visited the roadhouse of Jimmie Burke located at Hegewisch, Illinois, and found him in. He at first did not recognize her, but after a few minutes of conversation he remembered her. He advised that he opened his present place of business about six weeks ago and that he is operating alone. Without any prompting, he began discussing Willie Harrison, at which time he stated that he wondered where Harrison is at the present time, indicating that he has not seen him since January of this year. He also stated with reference to the Green Lantern Cafe that he and Eddie Donovan and Johnnie Ball were forced to give up this place of business on account of the "heat" which they acquired through their connections with the Motion Picture Operators Union; that they subsequently attempted to open up a tap-room at 63rd Street and Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, but the place was bombed by unknown persons on the opening night; that on the same night he and Eddie Donovan were attacked in front of his home, he being wounded in the shoulder and Eddie Donovan in the leg. He further stated that Donovan and Johnnie Ball are not doing anything at the present time, but that they are contemplating opening up a place of business in Chicago within the next few months. [redacted] left her address with Jimmie Burke and advised that if he should see any of her friends he should furnish them with her telephone number and have them call her up.

[redacted] visited Hammond, Indiana, on June 24, 1935, and frequented two or three places which she and Willie Harrison formerly patronized. She stated, however, that she did not receive any information whatsoever at any of these places concerning Harrison, but that while driving

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around in Hammond she met on the street a boy she only knows as "Johnny". She stated that Johnny hung around Harrison's place in Calumet City almost every day [redacted] and that he was always a good friend of his. Johnny advised [redacted] that the last time he saw Harrison was during January of this year, at which time he remained in Hammond for only two hours. She stated that she had very little opportunity to talk to Johnny as he was in a great hurry to get someplace.

At Agent's suggestion [redacted] visited Fred Mangun's place at 4811 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois, which had previously been mentioned by [redacted] as the place which Harrison visited in April of this year, she having obtained this information from Mike Marino. It was also suggested [redacted] at this time that she likewise visit the Hy-Ho Club in Cicero, Illinois, as it was believed that this is the place at which Babs Moran met Willie Harrison last March, he having informed [redacted] in St. Louis that he had talked with Harrison at a place which she thought was the Twenty-five Cent Club and which investigation by this office later developed is in fact the Hy-Ho Club.

[redacted] advised Agent on June 26, 1935, that she went to Mangun's place at 4811 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois, the night previous and there met a man whom she only knows as "Nicky", who formerly worked for Willie Harrison as a bartender when Harrison operated a saloon at 2007 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, back in 1933; that Nicky told her that Harrison has not been around Cicero, Illinois, since January or February of this year and that he must be "laying low". He also stated that none of Harrison's old friends has been in the place within the past three or four months and he believed that something was "in the air". In this connection he stated that both "Petey" and "Jimmie the Swede", who were always very close to Harrison, are hiding out at the present time to avoid being questioned by the Government concerning Harrison. With reference to these two individuals, [redacted] stated that she previously met "Petey" and "Jimmie the Swede" [redacted] She

stated that she does not know the true names of either "Petey" or "Jimmie the Swede" and that in her conversation with Nicky concerning these persons she endeavored to obtain their names from him, but without success. She stated that she gained the impression from her talk with Nicky that "Petey" and "Jimmie the Swede" might know of the whereabouts of Harrison. She also learned from Nicky that "Jimmie the Swede" is living somewhere in Berwyn, Illinois, and that "Petey" is in Cicero, Illinois.

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In an effort to ascertain the true names and identities of "Petey" and "Jimmie the Swede", a teletype message was transmitted to the St. Paul Bureau office under date of June 29, 1935, requesting that Byron Bolton be interviewed at the County Jail concerning these persons. On the same date the St. Paul Bureau office teletyped the information that Bolton stated that "Petey" and "Jimmie the Swede" were unknown to him; that he knows of his own personal knowledge that a man whom they used to call "Swede" played golf with Willie Harrison and Willie Heeney, a known contact for the Karpis-Barker mob. The teletype message further reflected that Harrison usually played at the Harlem Golf Course located at Harlem Avenue and 12th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

██████████ again frequented Fred Mangun's place on June 28, 1935, at which time Nicky introduced her to Fred Mangun. It might be stated that Mangun was not in his place at the time of ██████████ first visit there. She advised that Mangun appeared to be acquainted with Willie Harrison, but she received no pertinent information from him. On this occasion she remained in Mangun's place for about three or four hours, but did not meet any of Harrison's former friends during this time. She again conversed with Nicky and learned that his true name is Edward Ebert and before starting work at Mangun's place he worked at the Hy-Ho Club for Pete Pizzo. He also stated that when he saw Harrison last he was in the company of one Hank Blauer, who operates a number of fruit stands on 26th Street in Cicero, Illinois. ██████████ stated with reference to this person that she had met him previously in Hammond, Indiana, but at that time he was living under the name of Hank Meyers. Nicky inquired of ██████████ at this time whether she knew where "Tiny" is now located and remarked that "Tiny" should know where Harrison is as they were always together when Harrison operated a saloon at 2007 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois. ██████████ advised that the name "Tiny" is not familiar to her, nor does she have any idea who this person may be.

Informant further advised that she visited the Hy-Ho Club Cicero, Illinois, on the night of June 26, 1935, but did not see any of Harrison's former friends there. She engaged in a conversation with one of the waiters there and learned that this club is now managed by a man named Krause; that the place was formerly owned by Pete Pizzo, who died a year ago from worry over his brother, Charlie Pizzo, who was implicated in a Government hi-jacking case; that since Pizzo's death the Hy-Ho Club changed hands many times and that Krause has been manager of it only a short time.

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[redacted] returned to the Hy-Ho Club on June 27, 1935, at which time she met Don Wiggs, a former partner of Willie Harrison when Harrison was running liquor between Toledo, Ohio and Hammond, Indiana. She stated that Don Wiggs had no information whatsoever concerning Harrison and advised that he had not seen him for over a year.

She stated that she previously inquired for Don Wiggs at Hammond, Indiana, and was informed by Willie Harrison's ex-wife, Ruth Heidt, that Don Wiggs could be located at Mangun's place, 4811 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois.

On the night of June 28, 1935, this Agent accompanied [redacted] to Hammond, Indiana, and Calumet City, Illinois, at her request. Efforts were made to locate the home of "Jimmie the Swede" in Berwyn, Illinois, as she believed she could recognize it if she saw it. In this connection, Agent drove informant along every street in Berwyn, but without success.

At Hammond, Indiana, [redacted] and Agent went into a tavern owned and operated by one Louie Goldberg, which is located at Calumet Avenue and State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. Louis Goldberg, according to [redacted] was one of Harrison's good friends in Calumet City, and she believed that he might know Harrison's whereabouts or might have some recent information concerning him. [redacted] introduced Agent as her boy friend from St. Louis, Missouri, and indicated that Agent knew Willie Harrison in St. Louis. Goldberg appeared very free in his conversation with [redacted] concerning Harrison, but the only information of value obtained from him was that he had seen Harrison in January of this year, at which time he visited his tavern. He stated that he hardly believes that Harrison will come to Calumet City or Hammond as he is too well known there and that it is his belief that Harrison is now located somewhere in Mexico.

On this same date [redacted] and Agent also contacted "Pop" Snyder, owner of the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana, and who is considered a good friend of subject Harrison. Pop Snyder appeared very glad to see [redacted]

[redacted] He began a conversation concerning Willie Harrison and advised that the last time he saw him was during the latter part of December, 1934, at which time Harrison came into the hotel at about 3:30 in the morning and wanted him to accompany him on a "spree"; that "Pop" knew that Harrison was very hot at that time and did not want to risk being arrested with him and for this reason declined his invitation.

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He stated that about a week later a mutual friend told him that he had seen Harrison at Mickey Burns' place on Stony Island Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, and that Harrison requested him to give "Pop" his best regards. It is believed that the above mentioned place is located at 6714 Stony Island Avenue, which this office knows was formerly operated by Mike Burns and Jerry Wunderlich. At the time Kate Barker moved from 7268 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, she left with the Commonwealth Edison Company the forwarding address of 6714 Stony Island Avenue, and as a result the Edison Company subsequently sent her electric bill to this address, which was accepted and never returned.

"Pop" Snyder further informed [redacted] and Agent that he believes there are over one hundred Government Agents in Calumet City and Hammond, Indiana, at the present time; that two Agents stayed at his hotel for a period of two or three weeks at one time in an effort to apprehend Willie Harrison should he come to the hotel and since that time several Agents have interviewed him for information concerning Harrison; that he agreed to cooperate with them, but in fact would not turn up Harrison for all the money in the world, as Harrison was always his best friend. He likewise believed that it was very improbable that Harrison would come to Calumet City, Illinois or to Hammond, Indiana, for the reason that he is too well known there. He expressed the opinion that Harrison is somewhere in Cuba. It is this Agent's belief that if "Pop" Snyder had knowledge of the whereabouts of Willie Harrison he would have divulged same [redacted] as he repeatedly mentioned [redacted]

With reference to Babs Moran [redacted] advised that she recalls that Babs and Gus Winkeler used to hang out at a sea food place located on Lake Street near State Street in Chicago; [redacted]

[redacted] In view of this, and in an effort to ascertain whether Babs Moran was in Chicago at that time, [redacted] visited the above mentioned sea food place. Upon inquiry concerning Moran there she was advised by one of the employees that Moran had not been around for the past two months, indicating that he still frequents this place when in town. [redacted] also advised that when Babs Moran had come to Chicago he usually stayed at the Southmoor Hotel located at 67th Street and Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] left Chicago, Illinois. [redacted]

[redacted] She was very much disappointed because she had not obtained more information concerning Harrison and is of the opinion that if she could obtain a job in

Chicago for probably three or four months and during her stay here visit Harrison's known hangouts occasionally, she would eventually hear from him. She, however, declined to remain in Chicago for this purpose, but stated that she will continue to assist the St. Louis Bureau office in any possible way in their efforts to locate Harrison, and should she receive any information concerning him she will get in touch with that office.

On June 29th, 1935, Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan and Captain Dan Gilbert of the Chicago Police Department called at the Chicago Bureau Office and advised Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis that they had received information from an informant that Alvin Karpis was with one Tommy Touhy and these individuals were expected to proceed to the address of 6717 Oshkosh Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in the near future. These officers advised that Captain Kelly of the Chicago Police Department had two men stationed near this address and that these officers would be advised by the informant upon the appearance of Karpis and Touhy at the above stated address.

Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and Special Agent R. C. Suran on the afternoon of June 29th, 1935, proceeded to the vicinity of 6717 Oshkosh Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and information is set forth herein which would be of assistance in the future in proceeding to Oshkosh Avenue and certain information is also set forth concerning the locality in which this address is located.

To proceed to Oshkosh Avenue it is desirable to drive out the outer drive to Foster Avenue, turning west on Highway #12 and proceeding on Highway #12 to Oshkosh Avenue. The 6700 block on Ashland Avenue leads off to the south from Highway #12, which is the Northwest Highway, and extends south one block where it is blocked by railroad embankments. The first floor of 6717 Oshkosh Avenue is occupied by a radio shop. The first floor of 6719 Oshkosh Avenue is occupied by a barber shop. The entrance to the upstairs is located in the middle of the front entrances to these buildings and is designated as 6717-6719. The 6700 block is comprised of two story brick structures built solidly together. There is an alley which runs through to the rear of these buildings and directly behind 6717-6719 there is a garage located on both sides of the alley.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis discussed this situation with Chief of Detectives Sullivan on two or three occasions on June 29th, 1935. Mr. Purvis informed him that Bureau Agents would be available for the purpose of conducting a raid at this address when Chief Sullivan received information that Karpis would go to that point, Chief Sullivan advising that he expected to receive information from the informant forty-five minutes or an hour before Karpis proceeded to the above address.

Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan advised that one William "Crab" Sullivan, alias William Byrnes, alias William Burns, was a possible contact for Karpis in Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan made a review of the files in the Factor and Bremer kidnaping cases and obtained therefrom information concerning this individual.

A group photograph is attached of James Donahue, William Sullivan, Frank "Porky" Dillon, Robert McLeod, Thomas Matimort and John Murphy, being Chicago Police Department group photograph #700.

The above mentioned persons were arrested merely on suspicion by the Chicago Police Department, which has no complete description of Sullivan other than he was forty-five years of age (1934) and about 180 pounds. His fingerprints were taken by the Chicago Police Department and were classified as 17 W O 2.

These fingerprints were not forwarded to the Bureau at Washington. The files reflect that it was intended to do so, but no Bureau Criminal record was found against Sullivan.

Sullivan and Dillon are reported to have been known associates of "Ice Wagon" Connors, Basil Banghart, and other so-called members of the Touhy gang.

Sullivan has the following known relatives:

Sister - Mrs. John T. Hume, Jr., 917 North Ridgeway, and her husband is a driver for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, telephone Auburn 7008.

Sister - Grace Sullivan, married, but separated from her husband who is employed at a large 5 & 10¢ store on State Street.

Brother - Arthur W. Sullivan, 5335 South Union Avenue, telephone Boulevard 2749, who operates the Central District Printing Company, 3742 South Ashland Avenue. At one time Arthur Sullivan is reported to have run for the office of Assessor for the City of Chicago.

William "Crab" Sullivan in 1932 operated a saloon at 1957 Roosevelt Road. During the year 1933 he operated a tavern at 1571-73 South Kedzie Avenue. Sullivan formerly lived with his sister, Mrs. Hume, 8543 Ridgeway Avenue, and in 1934 is reported to have lived with her at 917 North Ridgeway. In 1928 Sullivan gave the address 2823 North

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Western Avenue, in 1932 the address of 516 South Kostner Avenue. Sullivan is likewise reported to have been acquainted with Charles Francis McGuire, known associate of Connors and other members of the Touhy gang.

Mr. Purvis communicated with Chief Sullivan and informed him of the information contained in the Bureau files relative to William Byrnes and upon hearing of the identification of this man Chief of Detectives Sullivan advised that this individual died about eight weeks ago of natural causes.

On June 18, 1935, Special Agent J. H. Mathis, while in the vicinity of Villa Park, Illinois, contacted Chief of Police William Higgins, who gave the following information during the course of the conversation:

Captain Higgins has a confidential informant in Villa Park who is a barber. This informant's information has been very reliable. About ten days prior to the apprehension of Volney Davis in Chicago on May 25, 1935, this informant told Captain Higgins that he had seen Alvin Karpis at a bookies place at the Fox Head Inn between Elmhurst and Addison, Illinois, on Route No. 5 near the airport. Captain Higgins thought that his informant might be mistaken of the identity of Karpis, and in order to verify the information, showed his informant several pictures of Karpis, which included the photographs shown on the Identification Order, a photograph printed in the Detective Magazine published by Buras Detective Agency, as well as newspaper photographs. These pictures tended to increase the informant's certainty that the person he had seen at the Fox Head Inn was Alvin Karpis.

This Agent attempted to obtain the name of the confidential informant of Captain Higgins, but Captain Higgins was reluctant to supply Agent with same, saying that he wished to take every means to protect his informant because he was too good a source to lose if he should be contacted indiscreetly.

While Agent Sullivan was conferring with [redacted] b7c b7d [redacted] recently, he advised that some time during November last while he was visiting at the home of Joe Gallichio, Gallichio took Russell Gibson's 1934 Ford four door V8 sedan to Demsey's Sales Agency, Madison and Oakley, Chicago, to be repaired. [redacted] expressed the opinion that the repair work consisted of brake adjusting and some minor motor repairs.

It may be possible that other subjects in this case still at large, may have used this sales agency for repair work on their cars. The photographs of members of the Karpis gang should be shown to employees at the above auto agency in order to definitely ascertain whether Gibson or one of the Gallichio boys brought the car to the garage.

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. G. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois June 3, 1935 which reflects information obtained from [redacted] will be noted that the name of ROCKY was mentioned at different times, indicating that he owns a tavern on Ogden Avenue in Cicero, Illinois and is very friendly with subject Harrison and possibly knows of his present whereabouts.

On June 16, 1935 Special Agent John L. Madala again talked with [redacted] particularly with reference to the identity of ROCKY and [redacted] advised that [redacted] was in error when [redacted] told Agent Madala that Harrison could be located at Rocky's place; that [redacted] has learned that the person to whom Mike Marino had reference when he talked [redacted] in this connection is a man named MANGUN. [redacted] stated that Mike Marino originally told [redacted] that Harrison was seen in a tavern at Cicero, Illinois and [redacted] immediately concluded that this tavern must be Rocky's place on Ogden Avenue as [redacted] previously had overheard Byron Bolton and Marino mention this place.

[redacted] informant claimed that [redacted] does not know the true identity of Rocky and likewise does not know whether this individual is identical with Rocco DeGrazia. [redacted] admitted being acquainted with DeGrazia and advised that he is presently serving a sentence in Leavenworth, Kansas for income tax evasion; that he was sent to the penitentiary about six months ago.

[redacted] further stated that some time in February or March of this year Mike Marino whom [redacted] has known for approximately two years drove [redacted] home from his apartment at 306 North 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois and en route he mentioned that he was glad that he had that opportunity to talk to [redacted] alone. He then stated that he had heard that Bartholomew, who is the newly appointed postmaster at Bensenville, put the "finger" on Bruno Austin in the Cook County jail for the Government; that he received this information from one of the inmates at this jail and that in view of his action in this regard the Government interceded for him in obtaining his appointment as Postmaster. He stated that Bartholomew could not be trusted and that [redacted] should be careful of him.

Marino further advised the informant that on one occasion Mangun of Cicero, Illinois sent for him by messenger and Mangun told him that Byron Bolton's wife had been there the night previous with two men whom he thought to be Government Agents; that Mrs. Bolton brought a letter, sealed, presumably from Bolton, with the request that Mangun give this letter to a member of the syndicate; that Mangun was very much afraid that she was framing him for the Government and therefore asked Marino what he should do with the letter. Mangun further advised Marino that

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Mrs. Bolton had indicated to him that the letter in question contained a request for the syndicate to obtain an attorney for Bolton to represent him in connection with his part in the Bremer kidnaping. Marino advised the informant that he told Mangun not to have anything to do with Bolton and as far as the informant knows the letter is still in Mangun's possession.

Informant further advised that [redacted] again saw Mike Marino a few days after [redacted] promised to assist Agent in locating William Harrison and when [redacted] questioned him concerning the whereabouts of Harrison he advised [redacted] that he last saw him at Mangun's place in April 1934; that [redacted] believes there is a person named Rocky, last name unknown, connected with this place either as an employee or a silent partner. At that time Marino also advised [redacted] that William Harrison was located at Cuba, Illinois on a golf course giving golf lessons.

When informant furnished this information to Agent it was suggested that [redacted] again talk with Mike Marino in an effort to have him get [redacted] in touch with Harrison under the pretext that [redacted] wants to give him a message from Doc Barker, which Marino promised to do.

Informant saw Marino on the following day at which time he stated that he had contacted Mangun but that Mangun is afraid to have anything to do with [redacted] as he believes that the Government has [redacted] under surveillance. Informant then asked Marino where Mangun's place is located but Mike Marino would not tell [redacted]. However informant subsequently learned through Elmer Farmer when [redacted] visited him in the Ramsey County Jail on the day he was sentenced that Mangun's place is located on Carnak Road near Cicero Avenue on the south side of the street.

[redacted] further advised that shortly after Fred Goetz was killed in Cicero in March 1934, Byron Bolton [redacted] made

frequent short trips to Appleton, Wisconsin during the summer to visit his wife and children who were vacationing there; that on other occasions he made trips to the southern part of Illinois and [redacted] definitely knows that at one time he visited friends at Springfield, Illinois. [redacted] also stated that on one occasion during the summer of 1934 Mrs. Bolton came to Bensenville, Illinois and stayed for two weeks; [redacted]

[redacted] also stated that Bartholomew and Bolton were very friendly and that Bolton received all his mail at Bensenville at the home of Bartholomew. [redacted] definitely recalls

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that on one occasion [redacted] Bolton wired him from Appleton, Wisconsin addressing the telegram to Bartholomew who in turn delivered it to Bolton [redacted]

Informant also advised that during Bolton's stay in Bensenville Marino visited him almost every day; that Marino ran all errands for Bolton and drove him wherever he desired to go. [redacted] also stated that Bolton and Marino's wife Lillian were very friendly and [redacted] believes that they had relations without the knowledge of Mike Marino. [redacted] further advised that Bolton was visited on several occasions [redacted] by Volney Davis, Russell Gibson, and a man whom [redacted] knows only as Charlie. At this point agent exhibited a photograph of Charles Fitzgerald to the informant and [redacted] positively identified it as being the likeness of the man above referred to. It might be stated here that a photograph of Fitzgerald was exhibited to Bolton a few months ago in the county jail at St. Paul, but he failed to identify it.

[redacted] further advised that on one occasion after Fitzgerald left Bolton appeared very much worried and insisted that the informant go to Elmer's Tavern and have Farmer come to the house immediately; that when Farmer arrived Bolton persuaded him to drive him to Mike Marino's home in Maywood, Illinois for reasons unknown. [redacted] subsequently had a conversation with Marino's wife at which time she indicated to the informant that after Bolton and Farmer arrived at their home on the night in question they left rather hurriedly and did not return for two days. However she did not know on what mission they had gone.

The informant further stated that on or about October 24, 1934 while [redacted] Mrs. Bolton came to the store and informed [redacted] that she was Bolton's wife and that she wanted to get in touch with her husband as it was very important; that the informant, told her [redacted] did not know where Bolton was; that that evening [redacted] brought Mrs. Bolton to [redacted] home [redacted] and immediately called Elmer Farmer at the tavern advising him that Mrs. Bolton was in town and was desirous of contacting her husband. When Farmer arrived Mrs. Bolton asked him whether he knew where Monty was, Monty being an alias of Bolton, and Farmer replied that he was out of town but that he believed he could contact him in two or three days and suggested that she stay at their home during this time. [redacted] advised that Elmer Farmer left immediately and returned two or three days later with Bolton; that inasmuch as they did not have accommodations for both at their home Bolton and his wife went to live in a cottage at Kahn's resort in Elmhurst, Illinois. [redacted]

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Further stated that on the occasion of Mrs. Bolton's stay [redacted] she advised Elmer Farmer that Willie Harrison came to Phoenix, Arizona at Monty's request to have her return to Chicago as he had received information that the Government Agents at Phoenix were watching her mail and activities; that Bolton gave Willie Harrison a photograph of Mose, one of his children, and the name of the school which Mose attended; that the arrangement was for Harrison to locate Mose and arrange through him a meet with his mother at some inconspicuous place. However Harrison was unable to locate Bolton's wife and accordingly called her by phone and arranged that she meet him in a movie house at Phoenix, Arizona which meeting was effected. Mrs. Bolton further informed Farmer that Harrison returned to Chicago with her but did not ride in the same coach and that he got off the train at 53rd Street in Chicago.

[redacted] further stated that around the time that Bremer was released last year [redacted] observed Bolton sitting in the living room dressed in hunting togs. [redacted] did not engage into any conversation with him and at his request [redacted] prepared breakfast for him. While Bolton was eating breakfast a car pulled up in the driveway and the horn was sounded. Bolton hurriedly got up from the table, took his gun which he had hidden under a pillow in the Davenport and left in this automobile. About two days later Fred Goetz and Willie Harrison came [redacted] to see Elmer Farmer and [redacted] states that this was the first time [redacted] stated that Harrison and Goetz had something to eat and left immediately thereafter in Goetz' Chevrolet coupe; that Goetz was dressed in hunting clothes and Willie Harrison was dressed in a business suit. A few days later on the day Bremer was released Volney Davis, Fred Goetz and Byron Bolton came [redacted] carrying two cardboard boxes which [redacted] now knows contained the Bremer ransom money; that Goetz put these boxes on the davenport and after waiting for Elmer Farmer for about a half hour the three of them left the house after placing the boxes in a concealed corner of the reception hall; that about two hours later Bolton returned to the house and took the boxes away in Goetz' car.

The informant further stated that shortly after Goetz's death [redacted] he was considerably worried because he believed the syndicate was going to put him on the spot. In this connection he believed that the syndicate had killed Goetz and inasmuch as he was very intimate with Goetz he feared he would be their next victim; that on numerous occasions [redacted] Farmer drove Bolton to Cicero, Illinois to contact certain members of the Capone syndicate in an effort to ascertain how Bolton stood with them.

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The informant further advised that [redacted] was in St. Paul on the day that Elmer Farmer received his sentence for his part in the Bremer kidnaping; that the next day [redacted] visited him in the Ramsey County Jail and [redacted] that the jail officials placed him in the same cell with Volney Davis as they feared that Davis would commit suicide; that he talked with Davis almost all night during which time Davis told Farmer what he had told the Government Agents in Chicago, particularly about Tony Marino giving Davis the car which was recovered by the Agents in Chicago at the time of his arrest; that Davis told Farmer that he had called his tavern in Bensenville, Illinois and that Tony Marino answered the phone; that he asked Marino to get him a car which he subsequently did, for which Davis paid him \$125.00. Farmer told [redacted] that Davis told that story to the Government Agents in Chicago for the reason that he wanted to protect the girl who rightfully owned the car and that [redacted] should see Mike Marino immediately upon [redacted] return and advise him to be on guard in the event the Government bothered him. He also told [redacted] should tell Mike that the Government Agents do not know about him furnishing the gasoline cans to Bolton which were used in the kidnaping; that neither he nor Alderton had made any statements implicating him in any way; further that he should not worry as the Government had nothing on him.

The informant advised [redacted] visited Mike Marino immediately upon [redacted] return to Chicago and informed him concerning what Farmer had told [redacted] that Marino was very resentful toward Davis for telling the Government that he had furnished him with the Ford automobile in question and remarked "Of all the names in the world why did he have to pick on mine?". [redacted] advised that Marino and his wife moved from 306 North 5th Avenue Maywood, Illinois two days later and that they are now residing with Mrs. Marino's mother at 624 South 23rd Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois. Informant also advised that Marino recently purchased a 1935 Dodge coupe and appears to have an abundance of money and new clothes, although he has no apparent means of livelihood. In this connection [redacted] stated that it is entirely possible that Marino is running errands for Harrison and Campbell whom he no doubt knows, and that they are furnishing him with this money.

The informant further advised that on one occasion during last summer Elmer Farmer [redacted] stopped at Jack Olson's place just north of Bensenville, Illinois; that Farmer entered this place and there met Byron Bolton, Mike Marino, and his wife and some other fellows whom [redacted] now believes were members of the Barker-Karpis gang; that Elmer Farmer talked with these persons and a few minutes later [redacted] returned to [redacted]

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Olson's place. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] he made frequent trips to Olson's place some times in the company of Mike Marino and other times with Farmer; that [redacted] knows that Olson is friendly with members of this gang and suggested that this office keep that place in mind as a possible hideout and meeting place.

[redacted] advised that on June 26, 1935 [redacted] went to the Post Office at Bensenville for [redacted] mail; that Bartholomew called [redacted] aside and said that someone wanted to see [redacted] that it was very important. Informant asked him who it was and Bartholomew excitedly looked around to see if anyone was listening and then whispered that it was Harry Campbell, cautioning [redacted] not to tell anyone. He also stated that he would take [redacted] to see Campbell if [redacted] agreed to go. The informant stated that [redacted] could not understand why Campbell wanted to see [redacted] as [redacted] had never met him and generally did not appear anxious to go, but stated that [redacted] would let him know in a few days, having in mind to consult Agent Madala before [redacted] gave him a definite answer. It might also be stated that the informant advised Bartholomew that [redacted] was afraid and did not want to get into any trouble. However he stated that [redacted] should not be silly; that nothing could happen to [redacted]

[redacted] contacted Agent Madala on July 1, 1935 and furnished the foregoing information and inquired what [redacted] should do in the matter. Agent Madala suggested that [redacted] by all means go to see Campbell when and if Bartholomew again approached [redacted] on the subject. [redacted] also related to Agent Madala that the day previous, about 2.30 A.M. [redacted] home alone when someone knocked on the back door; that [redacted] at first did not make any response and when the knocking continued [redacted] went to the door and asked who it was, whereupon a man shouted "Open up. It's all right". Informant stated that [redacted] again asked who it was and when [redacted] received the same answer [redacted] became frightened. [redacted] then told the man that [redacted] would turn on the light on the back porch, and did so, in order to see who it was, and the man shouted "Douse the light". Informant then told him [redacted] would not let him in until he told [redacted] who he was. With this he became very impatient and swore at [redacted] and left. [redacted] stated that [redacted] observed him through [redacted] front windows step into a waiting Ford V 8 coupe containing another man; that they drove away in a southerly direction. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is of the belief that this party was Alvin Karpis, and related a similar experience which occurred last summer. [redacted] stated that on that occasion [redacted] at about 2 A.M. someone appeared at the back door and shouted for [redacted] to open the door; that he stated he wanted to use the phone. Informant asked who he was and he replied

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"Never mind who it is. [redacted] advised him that they were not home but the man insisted that [redacted] let him in the house stating that he wanted to use the phone. When [redacted] replied that [redacted] would not let him in until he told [redacted] who he was he left, and returned about ten minutes later in the company of Bartholomew; that Bartholomew told [redacted] that this man was all right and [redacted] should let him in. [redacted] stated that after this man entered the house he again inquired for Farmer and Bolton and he left without using the telephone. [redacted] stated that while they were in the house Bartholomew confidentially told [redacted] that this man was Alvin Karpis and that it was very important that he get in touch with Farmer and Bolton. [redacted] told Bartholomew that [redacted] did not know where they were but suggested that they might be at Kahn's Tavern; that about this time Jim Farmer, brother of Elmer Farmer [redacted] at Bartholomew's request and accompanied Karpis and Bartholomew to Kahn's place in an effort to locate Farmer and Bolton; that Farmer subsequently told [redacted] that when they arrived at Kahn's tavern and inquired for Elmer and Monty, the latter two overheard them and thinking that he and Bartholomew and Karpis were Government men, Elmer and Monty hurriedly left the cottage in which they were staying.

[redacted] further stated that Alvin Karpis and Bartholomew were very friendly; that Karpis lived at Bartholomew's house in Bensenville for about two weeks during last fall. [redacted] also stated that in view of Bartholomew's connections with Karpis, Campbell and Harrison it is entirely possible that these boys are now receiving their mail through General Delivery at Bensenville, Illinois and that this mail is being delivered to them at their hideout by Bartholomew personally. In this connection [redacted] stated that [redacted] has observed during the past two weeks that Bartholomew is very seldom in the post office and that in view of the fact that he has no other business connections it is possible that he spends most of his time away from the post office visiting with the three mentioned subjects.

On July 8, 1935 Agent Madala telephoned the informant at which time [redacted] advised that [redacted] had some important information to furnish and suggested that Agent meet [redacted] at the corner of Adams and Clark Streets, Chicago at 4.30 P.M. Agent met [redacted] at the appointed hour at which time [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that at about 2.30 P.M. on Sunday July 7, 1935 [redacted] received a telephone call [redacted] from an unknown woman who inquired whether [redacted] would be at home all afternoon. [redacted] advised that [redacted] would and inquired who was calling. In response the caller stated that it was an old friend of [redacted]

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and that someone was coming to see [redacted] in the afternoon who would surprise [redacted] stated that the caller then inquired if [redacted] knew who was calling and [redacted] replied that [redacted] did know, but in fact was not aware of the identity of this person.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] immediately attempted to get in touch with this agent in the office having in mind that this party who was coming to see [redacted] in the afternoon would be someone connected with this case. It will be noted that the log in this office indicates that [redacted] called Agent at 2.40 P.M. on said date, but agent was not here at the time.

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[redacted] further stated that at approximately 5.15 P.M. a car drove up in front of [redacted] home and the driver sounded his horn. [redacted] went out to see who it was and observed someone in the car motioning for [redacted] to come to the car. [redacted] stated that [redacted] proceeded to the automobile and the driver told [redacted] to get in. [redacted] did not immediately recognize this person, whereupon he asked if [redacted] did not remember him. [redacted] replied in the negative whereupon the driver remarked "Don't you remember the soft boiled eggs?". In this connection [redacted] related that in the winter of 1934 Fred Goetz and Willie Harrison on one occasion came to [redacted] Wensenville to see Elmer Farmer and stated that they were hungry. Farmer suggested that they prepare their own breakfast whereupon Willie Harrison prepared some soft boiled eggs for them. [redacted] stated that immediately upon making reference to the eggs [redacted] recognized him as Willie Harrison. [redacted] stated that Harrison inquired whether [redacted] was surprised to see him and [redacted] replied in the affirmative. Harrison then started a conversation about the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota and asked whether [redacted] had met Mrs. Sawyer in St. Paul at any time during the trial. [redacted] replied that [redacted] had met Mrs. Sawyer on one occasion but did not know her very well. According to [redacted] Harrison then stated: "We would like to have you do us a favor". [redacted] asked what that favor was and asked who he meant by "we", to which he replied "I mean myself", and then told [redacted] that "we" would like [redacted] to go to St. Paul to visit with Mrs. Sawyer and to deliver a message to Harry Sawyer at the Ramsey County Jail. [redacted] then inquired why he wanted [redacted] to go and Harrison said that he knew that the Government Agents had become acquainted with [redacted] in St. Paul during the trial and consequently would not get suspicious if [redacted] visited Sawyer in the County Jail with Mrs. Sawyer. In this connection he explained that their plan is to have [redacted] proceed to St. Paul and possibly live with Mrs. Sawyer for a few days; that Mrs. Sawyer will then take [redacted] to the County Jail to visit her husband which will enable [redacted] to deliver the message.

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to Sawyer; that on the other hand if [redacted] proceeded to St. Paul and did not contact Mrs. Sawyer and visited Harry Sawyer alone in the jail the Government would certainly become suspicious [redacted] and possibly pick [redacted] up for questioning, and if they sent any other individual who has never been investigated by the Government or who is unknown to the Agents the possibilities are that this party would likewise be investigated.

[redacted] inquired of Harrison whether they wanted [redacted] to deliver a package into the jail, stating that this would be practically impossible as the jail officials searched [redacted] whenever [redacted] visited Elmer Farmer in the jail heretofore. Harrison replied that [redacted] would not have to carry anything into the jail and indicated that it was a verbal message. [redacted] stated that [redacted] at first refused to go to St. Paul for this purpose stating that [redacted] expected to go to work next week. Harrison replied that [redacted] need not worry about any employment as they would make it worth [redacted] while if [redacted] followed out their instructions to this end. [redacted] then advised him that [redacted] would let Harrison know in a few days whether [redacted] will make the trip. According to [redacted] Harrison became somewhat perturbed when [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] and asked whether [redacted] would tell [redacted] that he had been there, at the same time cautioning [redacted] not to do so, and told [redacted] some other explanation for going to St. Paul.

[redacted] further stated that on one occasion during their conversation Harrison made the remark that it certainly is too bad that Elmer Farmer is not in St. Paul now as maybe he wouldn't have to go to Leavenworth, indicating possibly that the boys are planning to deliver Harry Sawyer. Harrison also inquired [redacted] concerning Doc Barker and Clara Gibson and with reference to the latter stated that [redacted] was a very nice girl and that she had some "tough luck" in the past. Harrison inquired whether [redacted] was going to visit Farmer at Leavenworth soon and that if [redacted] does so [redacted] should give Farmer his best regards. Harrison also stated [redacted] that had it not been for Irene Dorsey, the wife of Fred Goetz, and Byron Bolton, the boys would not be in their present predicament.

[redacted] advised Agent that Harrison is now wearing a small mustache and gold rimmed glasses; that at the time [redacted] talked to him he was wearing a medium blue suit and Panama hat with black and white oxfords; that his hair is reddish brown. [redacted] further stated that he is wearing his hair parted in the middle and combed straight back; that he is driving a light blue coupe, make of car unknown, and that [redacted] endeavored to make a note of the license number but [redacted] could not do so as the license plates were covered with mud.

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This matter was immediately discussed with Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and the Bureau advised by teletypewriter message on the same day. A teletypewriter message setting forth a summary of the informant's conversation with Bartholomew and subsequent meeting with Willie Harrison was sent to the Bureau on July 9, 1935.

[redacted] was again contacted by Agent Madala on the evening of July 9, 1935 at which time it was suggested that should Harrison contact [redacted] again [redacted] should inform him that [redacted] does not want him to come [redacted] anymore, but will meet him at any other appointed place; that should Harrison suggest that [redacted] designate the meeting place [redacted] should arrange to meet him somewhere in Chicago, Illinois; that if possible [redacted] should then immediately get in touch with Agent Madala at the Chicago Bureau office and advise where [redacted] is to meet Harrison so that Agents from this office may be in the vicinity to observe whether Harrison is accompanied by either Karpis or Campbell at which time they will be taken into custody.

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RECORD

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July 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 1935, in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted on page twelve that a photograph of Edward Donovan is available from the files of your office. The Bureau is desirous of obtaining a copy of this photograph in order to complete its file in the matter.

Reference is also made to page twenty-nine of Agent Madala's report, wherein it is noted that [redacted] indicated Mike Marino furnished the gasoline [redacted] that were used in refueling the car of the kidnapers during the transportation of the victim in this case. The Bureau believes that when the opportunity presents itself, Marino should be brought to the Chicago Bureau Office and thoroughly questioned concerning his participation in this case, and an effort should be made to obtain all the information in his possession concerning the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang in the vicinity of Bensenville, Illinois. No action should be taken by you, however, which will prejudice the relationship between the Bureau and [redacted]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informant at Harvard Club and Allerton Hotel, Cleveland, unsuccessful in securing further information concerning whereabouts remaining members of this gang to date. Investigation Maramora, Ontario and vicinity shows that William Weaver failed to purchase property in that vicinity in regard to which he inquired during July, 1934. Representative, Pinkerton Detective Agency, Cleveland, advised that an informant recently told him that Karpis, together with three men and one woman were presently residing in cottage on Lake Erie. Present location not yet obtained. [REDACTED] attempting to ascertain whether or not [REDACTED] Barry, Toledo, Ohio prostitute, is in contact with Karpis.

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Report of Special Agent Lee F. Malone, New York, 5/9/35; report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, 4/27/35; report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, Cincinnati, 3/21/35; report of Special Agent M. J. Cassidy, Chicago, 6/15/35; report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, 2/25/35; report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, 6/1/35.

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DETAILS

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Contact with Kenneth Rosing, employee of the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Cleveland, Ohio has been periodically maintained since the report of reference of Special Agent Brown, dated June 1, 1935. Rosing has been unable to furnish any new information of value which would indicate that William J. Harrison is frequenting the Harvard Club or is in contact with "Shimmy" Patton and Art Heberbrant.

On the night of June 10, 1935 Agent visited the Harvard Club where contact was had with Rosing, and at which time Rosing, at about 12:30 A. M. the following morning, pointed out a man who was gambling at the gambling wheel where Rosing is employed as being the man he thought resembled Harrison. Agent viewed this man very carefully and although the resemblance is strong, the writer was positive it was not Harrison. This Agent had an opportunity to view Harrison closely during December of 1934 at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and can say definitely that the man pointed out by Rosing is not Harrison. Rosing has promised to continue his observations within the Harvard Club and will immediately report to the Cleveland Bureau office should he obtain anything of value, or see persons resembling subjects Karpis, Campbell, and Harrison. Rosing appears to be cooperating and often calls at the writer's residence at night at about eight P. M. when he is given an hour or two leave of absence from the club before the heavy gambling starts for the evening.

With reference to information contained in reference report of Special Agent Thornton, Cincinnati, dated March 21, 1935, wherein it is stated that a Western Union telegram was delivered on September 4, 1934 to one Bobby Cook, Covington, Kentucky from a man signing himself as "Shorty", Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio. It was believed by Agent Thornton that possibly the "Shorty" who sent this telegram may have been either "Doc" or Fred Barker, who have on numerous occasions been called "Shorty" by their associates.

Kenneth Rosing was questioned as to whether or not an E. Cook is employed at the Harvard Club, and he stated that there is. He advised that Cook is a good friend of a man called George Conway, who goes by the name of Shorty, and who recently became employed at the Harvard Club. He further stated that Conway is from Newport, Kentucky and has recently gone on a vacation to that point. In view of this information, Cook will not be contacted as requested in report of reference of Special Agent Thornton, Cincinnati.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, dated February 25, 1935, pages 16 and 17, wherein it is stated that among the effects of "Doc" Barker was found a slip of paper on which was written the address, "6282 Main, 'phone 28th and Detroit, Friday, one o'clock." It is mentioned in this report that while the residence telephone of "Shimmy" Patton was being covered by Agents of the Detroit office, Mrs. Julia Patton, wife of "Shimmy" Patton frequently telephone Prospect 9433, which telephone is listed in the name of the Silver Grill, 2801 Detroit Avenue, and when making these calls asks for "Ann"; that three or four minutes would elapse before Ann would reach the telephone.

The information in the file discloses that the contacts of subjects in this case with Messrs. Patton and Heberbrandt were no doubt through Willie Harrison, due to the fact that Willie Harrison was at one time connected with "Shimmy" Patton in connection with liquor deals in Calumet City, Illinois and the south side of Chicago. The report of reference of Special Agent Brown, dated June 1, 1935, shows that "Shimmy" Patton is undoubtedly interested in the saloon located at 2801 Detroit Avenue, and that he frequents this place a great deal. Due to the connection between Patton and Harrison it appeared advisable to attempt to learn the identity of "Ann." It was thought possibly that Ann may be the woman who lived with subject Harrison while he associated with other members of the gang at Grand Forest Beach during the summer of 1934. It will be recalled that Mrs. Willgrube, when recently interviewed, informed that a woman remained with subject Harrison during the time he stayed at the cottage rented by other members of the gang, and she believes this woman to be from Cleveland, Ohio.

Mail carrier Newman, station A, 25th and Kay Street, was interviewed with reference to persons residing or receiving mail at 2801 Detroit Avenue and vicinity. He advised that he delivers very little mail to 2801 Detroit Avenue, but that the place is known to him as McGinty's Saloon. He was shown numerous photographs of members of this gang, but was unable to identify any of them. He was likewise unable to furnish information with reference to "Ann", who it is presumed, resides near 2801 Detroit Avenue. He stated that a party by the name of Henry L. Noeth, and also a party by the name of Frank Maneuse receive mail at 1408 W. 28th Street, which is the address of the two flats located above the saloon at 2801 Detroit Avenue. Newman advised that he will be glad to make casual inquiries in an attempt to determine the identity of "Ann".

The writer of this report has made several calls at the saloon located at 2901 Detroit Avenue, and has had casual conversations with a young bartender, whose first name is Ned. No information could be obtained from Ned with reference to the identity of Ann, as it was necessary to confine the questioning to casual conversation. Further efforts will be made along this line in the future.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent Malone, New York, dated May 9, 1935, requesting that the identity of a Mrs. L. Dolan, 3602 Grosvenor Road, be determined.

Mail carrier Kearns, Cleveland Heights post office, was interviewed with reference to persons residing at 3602 Grosvenor Road, and he advised that Mrs. Dorothy Dolan and Mr. Leon Dolan reside at this address, together with a young woman who works for them by the name of Dorothy Wisenko. He stated that these are the only persons who receive mail at that address; that Mr. Dolan is connected with the Cleveland Motion Picture Operators' Union; that the Dolans visit either in New York or Florida during the winter months. He stated that they appear to be very fine people and well known to the neighbors.

Mrs. Heimeyer who lives next door to the Dolans was confidentially interviewed, at which time she was advised that Agent was making inquiry concerning the Dolans, who had applied for credit. Mrs. Heimeyer advised that she had known the Dolans for three or four years and believes them to be very fine neighbors; that their credit is good; that Mr. Dolan is connected with the moving picture operators' Union in Cleveland and in connection with his business is required to travel quite a lot. She stated that strangers seldom come to the Dolan home, but that occasionally the Dolans have relatives who visit them from New York. She was unable to furnish the names of these relatives, however. No further inquiries were made of Mrs. Heimeyer and she promised to keep the interview in confidence.

With reference to the Allerton Hotel, Mr. Coopland, manager, has been interviewed from time to time during the period of investigation. He stated he has watched carefully the room of Frank Warner, alias "Whitey", who resides in a room on the 15th floor of this hotel. He stated that he has noted Whitey come and go frequently and has noted, on two or three occasions, that men have met Whitey in the lobby, at which time they would leave together, but that he has not

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seen anyone resembling subject Harrison in company with Whitey since Agent's last interview with him. Mr. Coopland has promised to continue to cooperate, and stated that he would immediately call the Cleveland Bureau office should he obtain any information.

On June 15, 1935 the writer proceeded to Toledo, Ohio where [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed concerning the information set forth in a letter from the Chicago Bureau office dated June 14, 1935 relative to one Edith Barry, who operates a house of prostitution at 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio. The letter of reference recites that Edith Barry recently called [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois and attempted to induce [redacted] who has an unsavory professional reputation to accompany her to a place where Alvin Karpis and a man named Hamilton were hiding.

[redacted] stated that she knows of Edith Barry, but does not know her intimately; that Edith Barry has strong political and police connections in Toledo and is allowed to operate as she wishes. She informed that the house of prostitution operated by the Barry woman is not an ordinary house, but is frequented by young working girls in Toledo, who find her place an easy way to make extra money; that this place is frequented by the better class of men of this character in Toledo, since the girls are not ordinary prostitutes. She warned Agent against going to any police officer or to other law enforcement agencies in Toledo to make inquiries with reference to this place, as she stated that Edith Barry would immediately be informed should such steps be taken. [redacted] volunteered to attempt to secure further information concerning Edith Barry, the license number of her automobile, and information as to whether or not she, Edith Barry, is making frequent trips out of Toledo, and other information to indicate that she is harboring someone. She also stated she will attempt to gain entrance to this place and possibly become acquainted with the Barry woman and in this manner, if possible, obtain some information which would lead to the present whereabouts of Karpis, or discredit the information given by Emily Raynis, the informant in this matter.

On the evening of June 16, 1935, and the afternoon of June 17, 1935 the writer attempted to observe the address 524 Southard Street. Considerable difficulty was encountered from the police who patrolled this section, as Agent was stopped on two occasions and requested to move on. It was very difficult to observe this address due

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to the fact that it is located in a colored neighborhood. The house, 524 Southard, is a large, rather old, frame house which is probably the finest house on the street and appears to be rather well kept up both inside and outside. Agent observed well-dressed men frequently entering and leaving this address in the late evening, as well as well-dressed young women going in and out of the house. The writer did not deem it advisable at the time to make any further inquiries concerning Edith Barry, but thought it advisable to give [redacted] time to attempt to become acquainted with her and thus furnish a suitable extra for further inquiries and investigation. [redacted] was specifically requested to attempt to determine whether or not the Barry woman owns a lake cottage, or any other cottage located in the vicinity of Toledo and if, in fact, Edith Barry is harboring Karpis and his associates at this time, it is likely that she will visit them frequently and might have extended to them the use of her cottage, or other property which she might own. [redacted] stated that Edith Barry is rather well to do financially and owns considerable property. The investigation with reference to Edith Barry was temporarily discontinued due to the necessity of the writer's presence in Chicago, Illinois in answer to a subpoena in the Federal court at that time.

On June 8, 1935 one Mr. Poyner, who stated he owns and operates the Poyner Beauty Shop, 2789 Euclid Heights Boulevard, called the Cleveland Bureau office at 9:30 in the morning and advised that he has noticed a man who loitered at a delicatessen near his Euclid Heights Boulevard shop and after seeing a photograph in a Cleveland Press newspaper on the night before, he was reasonably certain that the man he has reference to resembles Alvin Karpis.

The writer and Special Agent in Charge MacFarland proceeded to 2789 Euclid Heights Boulevard where Mr. Poyner was interviewed. He was shown several different photographs of subject Karpis and again stated that the man he had reference to resembled Karpis a great deal. He went on to state that for the past month he has noticed a man, the same description as Karpis, and having the same facial characteristics, in Leo's Delicatessen, 1852 Coventry Road where he, Mr. Poyner, has his lunch daily. He advised he has often seen this man dressed in sailor's clothes; that the man often plays the gambling device located in this delicatessen; that the man apparently has no work; that he appears to know no one in the delicatessen but spends several hours there each day.

The writer accompanied Mr. Poyner to Leo's Delicatessen, where lunch was had with Mr. Poyner. Special Agent in Charge MacFarland also entered this place and ordered his lunch in the rear of this store.

An hour was spent in the delicatessen, but the person to whom Mr. Poyner had reference failed to appear. Upon leaving Leo's delicatessen, Mr. Poyner called in two of his employees, Miss Kay Dunn and Miss Irene Cjroky, both beauty operators, who also lunch at Leo's Delicatessen. Both young ladies on viewing the photographs of subject Karpis agreed that the man that they had seen in Leo's greatly resembled Karpis. Neither of the young ladies could furnish any information concerning this man. Mr. Poyner then suggested that Agent show the photograph of Karpis to Dave Morganstein, a tap dancer, who also frequents Leo's and who has played the gambling device located in that store with the man thought to be Karpis.

Morganstein was interviewed at his studio located approximately one block from Coventry Road, and after viewing the photographs of subject Karpis, he stated that he did not think the man he knew as "Sailer" and who is the same person referred to by Mr. Poyner, was identical with the photographs shown him. He stated that the man he knows as "Sailer" is only about five feet eight inches in height, whereas subject Karpis is alleged to be five feet ten and one-half inches in height.

The writer then exhibited photographs of subject Karpis to Dave Kalowski, an employee of Leo's Delicatessen, and also to Mrs. Leo. Both stated that the man they knew as "Sailer" resembled the photographs shown them, but that they believed this young man is a resident of the neighborhood and has relatives either employed or living near the delicatessen.

Special Agent in Charge MacFarland and the writer remained in the vicinity of Leo's until four P. M. when Special Agent in Charge Smith and the writer remained in the delicatessen until eight P. M. when Mr. Leo, the operator of this store, returned to the delicatessen and was interviewed. He was shown photographs of subject Karpis and asked if the photographs resembled anyone who had frequented his delicatessen. He stated the man in the photograph somewhat resembled the young man he knows as "Don", last name not known; that Don just returned from a Navy enlistment about three months ago and that his mother is employed in Hoffman's ice cream store located nearby and that Don has a sister, who lives near Leo's on Coventry Road.

Detectives Harry Landseer and Marvin Clemens of the Cleveland Heights Police Department then came into the delicatessen, and it was found that they are both acquainted with Special Agent Smith. Inquiry was made of them whether they were acquainted with anyone by the name of Don, or had seen the mysterious individual at Leo's Delicatessen. They replied that they had not. Mr. Leo then, at Agents' request, went to Hoffman's ice cream parlor and made inquiry. He learned that the identity of Don is Donald Thornburg, who resides with his mother and sister at 1704 Coventry Road. The above two named detectives and Agents then proceeded to that address where interview was had with Donald Thornburg's sister, who stated that her brother could be located at a filling station across the street. Inquiry was made at a Standard Filling Station across the street from the address 1704 Coventry Road, but it was learned that Donald Thornburg was not in the station at that time. Interview was again had with Thornburg's sister, at which time Agent represented himself to be an enlistment officer of the United States Navy and wanted to confer with Thornburg relative to reenlistment. As a result of this ruse it was learned from Thornburg's sister that Donald had been discharged from the United States Navy upon the expiration of his enlistment about three months ago; that he could generally be found in Leo's Delicatessen or in the filling station across the street.

In view of this information no further inquiries were made as the investigation showed beyond a reasonable doubt that the person referred to by Mr. Poyner, the informant, as resembling subject Karpis was none other than Donald Thornburg.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Brown, dated June 1, 1935 concerning the possibility that subject William Weaver, as J. A. Erhood may have purchased property located near Maramora, Ontario. Further reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 31, 1935 instructing that an Agent proceed to Maramora, Ontario to determine whether or not Erhood had in fact purchased this property and is residing there at the present time.

The writer proceeded by Bureau car to Toronto, Canada, where it was learned that the American Consul, Mr. Emil Sauer, was out of the office for the day. Agent was referred to the first Vice-Consul, Mr. F. A. Bohne. Mr. Bohne was advised that Agent expected to make inquiry in the vicinity of Maramora for the purpose of attempting to determine the whereabouts of a dangerous fugitive from the United States. Mr. Bohne made note of the information furnished him by Agent, and suggested that Agent call at the American Consulate upon his return from Maramora.

It was learned telephonically [redacted]

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It was also learned that the nearest Vice-Consul was Mr. George G. Cobb, located at Kingston, Ontario. Agent proceeded to Belleville, Ontario where interview was had with [redacted]. After furnishing [redacted] with the details, he stated he would be delighted to cooperate in any way. He suggested that cooperation also be obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] to this office where [redacted] were interviewed. They were advised that the matter should be treated in the utmost confidence. [redacted] informed Agent that every assistance would be given and that he would hold all of his men in that territory in readiness should it be determined that William Weaver was in that vicinity. He then suggested that [redacted] and [redacted] accompany Agent to Maramora where contact would be had with an official of the Dominion Bank of Canada at that point. [redacted] then accompanied the writer in the Bureau owned automobile to Maramora where Mr. T. W. Rhind, manager of the Dominion Bank was interviewed. Mr. Rhind was advised of the nature of the investigation and the details necessary, whereupon he produced his entire file of correspondence on properties handled by the Dominion Bank during the last year. His correspondence shows that it was he who placed the advertisement in the Cleveland Press during July of 1934 advertising property located near Coe Hill, Ontario. He stated he placed this ad in the Cleveland Press due to the fact that a great many Cleveland people had purchased summer property in the vicinity of Coe Hill and Maramora. After examining his correspondence he found a letter dated July 3, 1934 signed by J. A. Orhood, General Delivery, Vermilion, Ohio. The letter was written in pencil on ordinary ruled note paper and consisted of one and one-half pages, all of which consisted of inquiry with reference to the property, and advising that he had seen the ad in the Cleveland Press. Mr. Rhind stated that he recalls that Mr. Orhood wrote another letter making further inquiry concerning the property, but although he searched his file thoroughly, Mr. Rhind was unable to find this letter. He stated that no one purchased the property during the year 1934, and that during March of 1935 a local man, Mr. William Gillroy, Coe Hill, Ontario, finally purchased the property. He stated that Mr. Gillroy, whom he has known for many years, had purchased the property with a view to developing the minerals located on the land and to undertake farming in a small way. A request was made of Mr. Rhind to permit Agent to take the letter written by J. A. Orhood (William Weaver) in order that the same may be used as a specimen of handwriting. Mr. Rhind was very

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courteous, but explained that due to the severe regulations it would be impossible for him to turn this letter over to Agent without first receiving a letter making the request for this piece of paper from the Department of Justice. He stated that he believed that a letter from the Agent Superior in the Cleveland office would suffice. A letter is, therefore, being directed to Mr. Rhind requesting the letter written by William Weaver as J. A. Orhood, making inquiry concerning this property. When this letter is received it will be sent to the Chicago Bureau office, where a request will be made that the same be photostated and copies furnished to all Bureau offices. The same is a very fine sample of the handwriting of subject Weaver.

Upon returning to Belleville, Agent, accompanied by [redacted] made a search of the tax records for Hastings County, Ontario, in which Coe Hill and Maramora are located, in an effort to determine whether or not anyone using the name of J. A. Orhood had purchased property in that section during the last year. The search was without results.

[redacted] and the writer then proceeded to Coe Hill where Mr. Gillroy was interviewed. He stated that he has known the property situated on Eagle Lake for some time, and has had knowledge that the same was for sale; that when the Dominion Bank at Maramora was unable to dispose of it, he made them a proposition for it and during the first part of April, 1935 took title to the property. He was shown a photograph of subject William Weaver, but stated that he had never seen this man; further that no inquiries have been made of him concerning this property by anyone from the United States. He was also shown a photograph of Myrtle Eaton, but was unable to identify it.

Agent then proceeded to Toronto, which is the capital of the province of Ontario, where the records of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Provincial Highway Department were searched for the registration of a Chevrolet coupe, motor #4135550, serial #1D43-13359. It will be noted that this car was purchased by subject Weaver at Des Moines, Iowa on March 23, 1934. No record could be found showing this car as ever having been registered in Ontario. A search was then made of all index cards of persons obtaining registrations in the province for William Weaver, J. A. Orhood, and all other known aliases of subject Weaver, without success.

On July 10, 1935 Special Agent J. L. Willard had occasion to interview Mr. Edward S. Clark, local head of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, 1053 Leader Building. Mr. Clark advised on this occasion that he believes he is in possession of valuable information concerning the

whereabouts of subject Alvin Karpis; that for the last two years he has been utilizing the services of an informant, a minor racketeer in Cleveland and vicinity, who has proved to be of unusual value to him. He stated that this informant, whose name he refused to divulge, came to his office approximately a week ago and advised that on the Sunday before he had been fishing with Alvin Karpis, three other men, and one woman; that Karpis, these three men, and the woman are residing in a cottage on Lake Erie and that another woman visits them occasionally. Mr. Clark stated that his informant is reasonably certain that it is Karpis and is very hesitant about giving further information due to his fear of becoming involved with the gang. Mr. Clark would furnish Agent Willard with no further information at this time, but stated he would see this informant again and will immediately communicate with the Cleveland Bureau office after he has had another opportunity to talk to this informant. He advised that the informant made him promise that he would not cause Karpis' apprehension for at least a week as he had given the information concerning the whereabouts of the cottage used by the gang at this time. Close contact will be had with Mr. Clark.

The following information is being reported by Special Agent C. E. Smith of the Cleveland Bureau office:

On June 4, 1935, while conducting an investigation at the Cuyahoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio, Deputy Sheriff E. Oelger advised that George Sargent was incarcerated for failure to make bond in the amount of \$25,000 on a mail robbery charge at Marion, Ohio.

Agent interviewed George Sargent and related to him that his life had been threatened by Karpis and Campbell and that if he was willing to cooperate with the Bureau and advise Agent as to their probable whereabouts, it might possibly remove a source of worry for him. Sargent denied knowing or having met at any time any members of the Karpis-Campbell mob, stating that it wasn't until January or February of this year that he knew the identity of those with whom his girl friend, Mildred Kuhlman, was acquainted.

Sargent further stated that he was a close friend of Bert and Ted Angus of the Casino Club of Toledo, but he had never heard anything of or had never seen any of the Karpis-Campbell mob at the Casino Club. Continuing, Sargent stated that he had gone to Toledo to assist his pal, Yonnie Licavoli, who was up for murder, and while there had incurred the displeasure of Captain George Timony of the vice squad. According to Sargent, Timony had passed around word in Akron and Toledo that Sargent was a "stool" for the Department of

Justice, which had placed him in an embarrassing position with some of his old pals.

Sargent further advised that Bert Angus had once told him that his telephone man had told him, Angus, that the "Feds" had a "tap" on a pole leading to his telephone. According to Sargent, the "tap" was supposed to have been some time during the fall of 1934. Agent volunteered no information to Sargent other than Karpis and Campbell were out after him, but Sargent either could not or would not inform Agent of the identity of any person in Toledo, Ohio, who would be a good informant. However, Sargent appeared to be nervous and stated on several occasions he could not see why the gang would be after him.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio will keep in contact with informant Kenneth Rosing, 3845 Riveredge Avenue, concerning his observations, and information he is able to obtain at the Harvard Club, where he is employed.

Will also keep in contact with Mr. Coopland, manager of the Allerton Hotel, relative to his investigation of the activities at the hotel of Frank Warner, alias Whitey, who resides on the 15th floor of that hotel, and is a close contact of William J. Harrison.

Will again interview and keep in close touch with Mr. Edward S. Clark, Pinkerton Detective Agency, Room 1053 Leader Building, for further information relative to his informant who has reported to him that Alvin Karpis is residing in a cottage on Lake Erie. Will attempt to have Mr. Clark permit an Agent to interview his informant.

Will also keep in touch with Frank Noonan of the Noonan Detective Agency.

#### At Toledo, Ohio

Will again interview [redacted] concerning any success she has had in becoming acquainted with Edith Barry, 524 Southard Street, who is reported to be in communication with subject Karpis. Will also request [redacted] to keep in closer contact with Joe Rouscoe, operator of the 220 Club, 220 St. Clair Street, Toledo, who is a known contact of all remaining members of this gang, and an acquaintance of [redacted]

Will again interview [redacted] and all other informants  
in Toledo territory who have been offering assistance in this case.

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Will endeavor to determine under what name the telephone  
Jefferson 1759, Toledo, Ohio is listed. It will be noted from the  
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was frequently called by Frank Warner, alias Whitey, from the Allerton  
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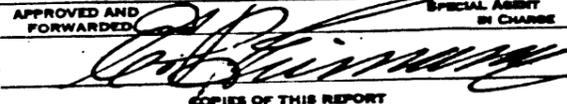
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REPORT MADE AT Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/12/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/8-11/35	REPORT MADE BY A. R. GERE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1238 HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236 WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238 WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239 MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O., 1241; et al SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>J. Reynolds not located at Casper, Wyo.; may be identical with Oscar Felt, formerly a resident of Evansville, Wyo. No record of Subject Harry Campbell having been married to Wynona Burdette alias Mrs. Eldon Stanbrough at Denver, Colorado, during the years 1932, 1933 and 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry, Detroit, 6/27/35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT CASPER, WYO.</u> Special Agent J. B. Shiley ascertained that there is no record of J. Reynolds at Casper and he is not known to the Police Department or the Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>However, it is known that one A. T. Davis, an inmate of the Wyoming State Penitentiary at Rawlins, Wyoming, used the alias of J. Reynolds, and he was contacted by Agent Shiley. He stated that he did not know Subjects Karpis and Campbell, but it is believed that he might have been in the company of Karpis and Campbell while they were in Casper.</p>			
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during the fall of 1934, however, it is not believed that the Subjects in this case would have much to do with A. T. Davis, because of his petty criminal activities which would involve more liability of their being apprehended.

Agent Shiley ascertained that Subjects Karpis and Campbell stayed with Oscar Felt at Casper, Wyoming, during the fall of 1934, and it is the opinion of Sheriff R. John Allen of Casper that Subject Harry Campbell may possibly have given Wynona Burdette the name of J. Reynolds for Oscar Felt.

AT DENVER, COLO.

The marriage records of the County of Denver were searched from September 17, 1931 to May 31, 1935, and no record was found of the marriage of Subject Harry Campbell under the names of Harry Campbell, Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson, George F. Summers, George L. Summers to Wynona Burdette alias Winona Burdette alias Mrs. Eldon Stanbrough.

From the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson in this case, dated at St. Paul, August 16, 1934, it will be noted that Subject Harry Campbell's wife's name is given as "Mickey" Rheinsmith Campbell; also, that Mrs. "Billie" Campbell, an alleged wife of Harry Campbell, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was a correspondent of Harry Campbell while he was confined at the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

It is also noted from the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, September 19, 1934, in connection with this case, that Subject Wynona Burdette, aged 20, stated that when she was eighteen years of age she married Eldon Stanbrough of Bixby, Oklahoma, and lived with him five months and shortly thereafter she began to live with Subject Harry Campbell; that during the early part of April, 1932, she and Subject Harry Campbell rented an apartment on South Boston Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in her statement no mention is made of her having ever married Harry Campbell.

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THE DETROIT OFFICE: At Milan, Michigan, will reinterview Subject Wynona Burdette at the Federal Detention Farm and ascertain from her if she was ever married to Harry Campbell at any place, and if so, under what name. Will also ascertain from her whether Oscar Felt, a former bootlegger of Evansville, Wyoming, is known to her, and whether it is possible that J. Reynolds, referred to by her in her recent statement to her brother, Arthur Burdette, is identical with Oscar Felt.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
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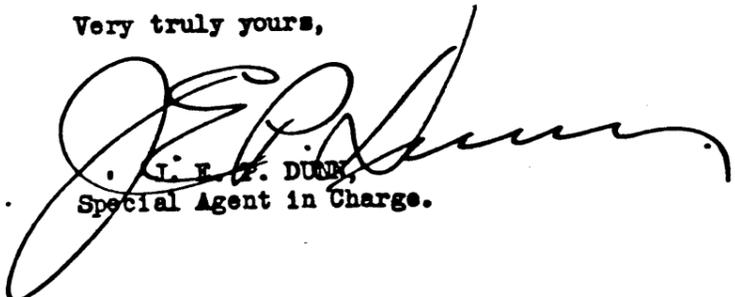
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find three snapshots of subject HARRY CAMPBELL  
furnished to Special Agent C. D. White of this office by Mrs. C. C. CAMP-  
BELL, sister-in-law of Harry Campbell.

Mrs. Campbell has observed the photograph of this subject appear-  
ing on our Identification Order No. 1236, and she states that this is a  
much better likeness than that which appears on the Identification Order  
mentioned.

The group photograph reflects the likeness of all members of the  
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Very truly yours,



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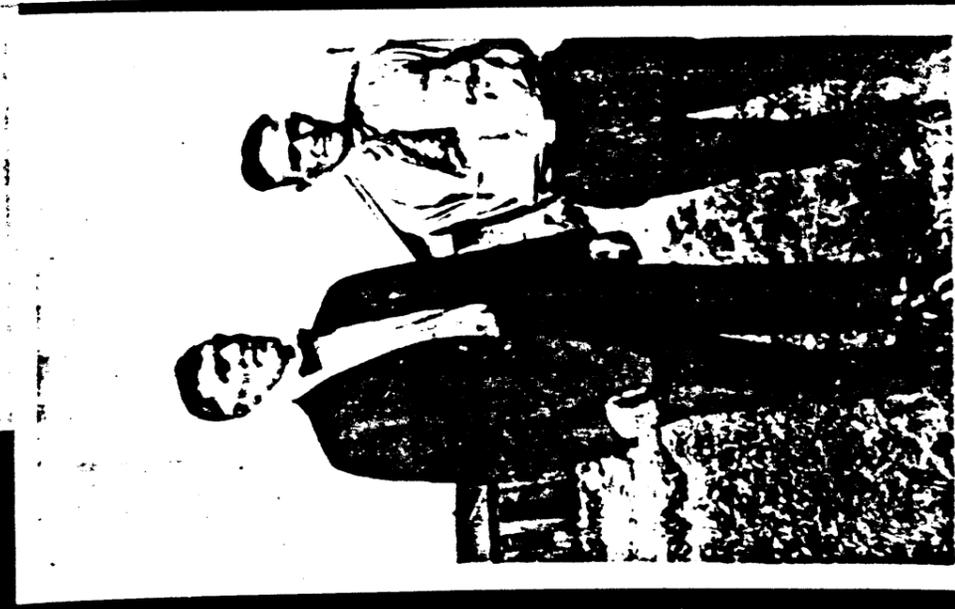
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Dear Sir:

RE: VINITA STACEY with aliases  
HARBORING JESS DOYLE

Kindly refer to Bureau letter of June 10, 1935 with reference to the possible prosecution of Vinita Stacey on charges of felonious assault.

Mr. William Gilwee, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, called over the telephone, after having spoken to Agents of this office, and informed me that the case in the State Courts against Vinita Stacey for having attempted to kill Frances Taylor, now confined at the United States Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, is to come up before the Justice Court in Kansas City, Missouri on July 16, 1935.

Mr. Gilwee informed me that in the beginning, when it was the intention of the State to have Frances Taylor appear as a witness, the Post Office Inspectors of Kansas City, Missouri had taken her from a hospital at Kansas City, Missouri to Topeka, Kansas, to stand trial on Federal charges, this having been done without the local state authorities having been advised. He stated that the Prosecutor's office now would like to be advised as to whether the Government would pay the cost of the transportation of Frances Taylor back to Kansas City, Missouri to appear as a witness against Vinita Stacey. He stated that he would like to also know that should the Federal Government not be willing to pay all of the charges in bringing Frances Taylor back to Kansas City, Missouri, whether the Government would be willing to pay one-half of the cost of such transportation.

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When inquiry was made of Mr. Gilwee as to whether it would be necessary to bring Frances Taylor back more than once, he stated that the hearing in the Justice Court would take place July 16, 1935, but that there could be no trials in the State Court until at least September 1935. It would therefore appear that in all

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probability should some arrangements be made whereby the Government could return Frances Taylor to Kansas City, Missouri, that she would either have to be held at Kansas City for a period of at least two months, or brought from Alderson, West Virginia on two separate occasions. Mr. Gilwee stated that the hearing in the Justice Court had been continued on numerous occasions and that he had reached an agreement with defense counsel, Mr. Ralph Latschaw, that the hearing would either be held or the charges dismissed on July 16, 1935, although it might be possible to continue the hearing again until the latter part of the coming week.

I informed Mr. Gilwee that I had grave doubts whether the Federal Government would be willing to pay the expenses of having Frances Taylor returned at Government expense, or at half Government expense, to Kansas City, Missouri, but upon his insistence I informed him that I would be willing to direct a communication to Washington, D.C. in order that some definite answer might be given.

With regard to the conveying of any information to the County Prosecutor of Jackson County, Missouri, as set forth in the last paragraph of Bureau reference letter, please be advised that I was informed by former Special Agent J. J. Waters that he had conveyed information to Mr. Gilwee without my knowledge that Frances Taylor was willing to appear as a witness in the State Courts against Vinita Stacey. The County Prosecutor's Office has never been informed, however, that a signed statement was received from Frances Taylor to the effect she could identify Vinita Stacey and would testify against her.

In connection with the enlisting of the services of Vinita Stacey as a confidential informant, this is to advise that such efforts were made particularly in an effort to bring about the apprehension of Volney Davis. Vinita Stacey, however, has never furnished this office with any information whatsoever, and apparently has made no effort to be of any service to the Bureau as a confidential informant. In view of these circumstances I can see no reason why the Bureau should be hesitant about furnishing the County Prosecutor with any information in its possession. Of course, this will not be done unless specific instructions are received from the Bureau to that effect.

It is respectfully requested that the Bureau advise at the earliest practicable moment regarding the inquiry made by Mr. Gilwee in connection with the Government bearing the expense of transporting Frances Taylor to Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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VINITA STACKY WA HARBORING REFERENCE YOUR LETTER DATED  
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THE DIRECTOR BUREAU OF PRISONS THIS DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO  
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Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

*Handwritten initials: E, M, D*

Mr. Hawkinson of the Associated Press telephoned stating that he has been asked to write a little article on Karpis, and wanted to know if I would straighten him out on the following questions:

He wanted to know if there is a release available in the Bureau stating the status of the Bremer Case at this time, as to how many men have been convicted, and how many being hunted, etc. I told him that such a release, to my knowledge, is not available at this time.

He then wanted to know if he is correct in recalling that Karpis is sometimes known as "Old Creepy". I told him that I have never heard Karpis referred to by that name; that, however, it may be that some of his friends call him that, but I had never heard of it.

Mr. Hawkinson then asked if it is not a fact that the last time he appeared in the official records of the Bureau was in the shooting affray at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in January of this year. I refused to comment on this.

Respectfully,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**      **Cleveland** FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/15/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/11, 12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. D. BROWN      RDB/EJB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1218; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] believes subject Karpis and associates to be in Toledo or vicinity. Will contact Rene Holtz, associate of Karpis and subject Harrison in an effort to obtain from her the whereabouts of fugitives in this case.

[REDACTED] attempted to obtain names of girls who frequent bawdy house operated by Edith Barry. Pinkerton Detective Agency head, Cleveland, advises that his informant, who claims to have recently seen Alvin Karpis, three other men and a woman in a cottage on Lake Erie near Toledo, informed one of the men with Karpis is from Hammond, indicating possibly that William Harrison is accompanying Karpis and others. Will again contact his informant to learn location of this cottage.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, dated 6/1/35, and 7/13/35; letter from Chicago Bureau office dated 6/14/35.

**DETAILS:**

While en route to Toledo, Ohio, Agent stopped at the post office at Vermilion, Ohio where, during the summer of 1934 subjects Weaver and Davis received their mail. Inquiry was again made of the postmaster, C. A. Treater, and George E. Harris, clerk, relative to any strangers having cottages in the vicinity.

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of Vermilion and as to whether or not they had seen William Weaver, whom they know as J. A. Orhood. Both advised they had not seen Weaver and that they were on the lookout for him and had a list of Weaver's aliases attached to a card at the general delivery window, together with his photograph. They also stated they will be on the lookout for any suspicious strangers and will immediately call the Cleveland Bureau office.

A similar inquiry was made at Huron, Ohio, but without results.

Agent stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willgrube, Grand Forest Beach, Ohio, which is located a short distance west of the town of Huron. It was from Mrs. Willgrube that subjects Weaver, Davis, and Karpis rented a cottage during the summer of 1934. Mrs. Willgrube advised that none of these persons had returned this summer, neither has she obtained any information from other persons renting cottages to indicate that they have returned to that section. She is in possession of the Cleveland office telephone number and will immediately call should she see any of these persons again.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

[redacted] was again interviewed [redacted]. He stated he had no new information to offer, except that Ted and Bert Angus appear to be very mysterious and anxious about something, possibly indicating that Karpis, Harrison and Campbell may be in the vicinity of Toledo. He also stated that Bert Angus is now occupying his cottage at Point Place and that Rene Holtz is staying with Bert and his wife in this cottage; that Bert often occupies the apartment of Thelma and Rene Holtz when he is unable to get down to the beach in the evening.

[redacted] inquired as to whether or not Agent knew [redacted] to be in Toledo. Agent replied that he thought [redacted] was still located in Toledo, whereupon [redacted] stated that he does not believe the Angus brothers or anyone associated with them have any confidence in [redacted]. He bases this belief on the fact that [redacted] about two or three months ago.

[redacted] at which time a railroad man, who is a good friend of the Angus brothers, walked up to [redacted] and stated, "I understand you are a stool pigeon." [redacted] stated that [redacted] vigorously denied this, but that same appeared to be an indication to him that [redacted] is no longer trusted by the Angus brothers, although he does not know this to be a fact.

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[redacted] stated that he is quite confident that Karpis, and possibly Campbell and Harrison are in the vicinity of Toledo at the present time. He stated that [redacted]

[redacted] has not seen Rene Holtz since, but that he is certain that if Karpis and any of his associates are in the vicinity, the Holtz sisters will know about it; that Rene Holtz will tell [redacted], who will in turn tell him, and he will immediately advise the Cleveland office. He volunteered to make a contact [redacted] and that as soon as he is able to [redacted] with any information from her he will immediately call the Cleveland office by telephone.

It will be noted from the report of reference of the writer, dated June 1, 1935, that Frank Warner, alias Whitey, residing at the Allerton Hotel, frequently called Toledo telephone number Jefferson 1759J. Agent checked this telephone number and found same to be listed to Richard Mickle, 3387 Collingwood Avenue. This address is the Durtella Apartments where Thelma and Rene Holtz previously resided before going to Bert Angus' cottage at Point Place. [redacted] was questioned concerning the identity of Richard Mickle. He stated that Mickle is about twenty years of age, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mickle, are separated; that Richard Mickle, Jr. lives with his mother at that address and that the apartment of Rene Holtz is located immediately above. The circumstances were explained to informant and he stated he believes Frank Warner was attempting to get in touch with Rene Holtz in making the alleged calls described in reference report. He stated that Frank Warner and Rene Holtz have been friends for some time and that although Frank Warner considers Rene Holtz his fiancée, Rene Holtz does not consider him in this manner. He stated that some time ago [redacted] Willie Harrison talked with Frank Warner in the Harvard Club and advised Warner that Rene Holtz was hustling in Toledo; that Warner immediately went to Toledo to determine whether or not this was true, and had a little trouble with her on this occasion. The conversation with [redacted] was concluded by informant advising that he would immediately contact Rene Holtz [redacted] and will continue the contact as often as possible in order to obtain information which he knows Rene Holtz would be able to give him.

Informant is in a very cooperative mood and it is believed that he will obtain results.

He also stated that [redacted] has heard anything of importance from Mildred Kuhlman, who is now residing in Chicago, [redacted]

Agent then interviewed Frasier Reams, County Prosecutor at Toledo, Ohio. It will be noted from previous reports submitted by the Detroit office that all Agents, including Special Agent in Charge William Larson, have found Mr. Reams to be entirely reliable and cooperative.

Mr. Reams was questioned relative to the identity and activities of Edith Barry, 524 Southard Street, mentioned in letter of reference from the Chicago Bureau office dated June 14, 1935. Mr. Reams has been found to be cooperative and reliable. The circumstances of the information furnished in reference letter were given him. He stated that Edith Barry is probably one of the best known and most powerful bawdy house operators in Toledo; that she operates a high class place, which is not an ordinary house of prostitution, but a "call house." After considering the matter for some time, Mr. Reams stated that he will obtain further information concerning this woman, and will probably contact a well known Toledo business man who frequents Edith Barry's house, and who is very friendly with her, and who enjoys Edith Barry's confidence, and learn from him whether or not Edith Barry is the type of person who would accept a reward and turn in a dangerous fugitive. Mr. Reams is of the opinion that Edith Barry would gladly turn in Karpis should she be in contact with him, for a suitable reward if it could be properly impressed upon her that her name would never be used in any manner in connection with the apprehension. Mr. Reams advised that he will give this matter his attention. He went on to state that he is particularly desirous of assisting the Government in the apprehension of Karpis and his associates, and that he hopes that in return for any help that he may be in this matter, the Government will do something with reference to prosecution of Bert and Ted Angus, operators of the New Casino Club. He went on to relate that the Angus brothers are powerfully entrenched in the Toledo Police Department and underworld circles and that he has never been able to obtain enough evidence to convict them on anything. The telephone number of the Cleveland Bureau office was furnished Mr. Reams and he stated he will immediately telephone Special Agent in Charge MacFarland should he obtain any information concerning Edith Barry, her associates, or any information which would indicate that subjects Karpis, Harrison and Campbell are in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio at the present time.

[REDACTED] was interviewed.

[REDACTED] stated that she has been talking with several women she knows who are associated with bawdy houses in Toledo and has talked with one girl in particular whose name she did not

furnish, who sometimes answers calls to the house of Edith Barry. She stated she believes that in a short time she will be able to learn the identity and addresses of all the girls who answer calls at this house, and will become more closely acquainted with Edith Barry, and in this manner may obtain some information from some of the girls who answer calls at this house, or through Edith Barry, herself, concerning the location of subject Karpis and associates. However, she was unable to furnish any further definite information concerning the address, 324 Southard Street. She appeared very appreciative of the Bureau efforts to assist her in a financial way and stated that she believes she will be able to obtain information of value if given a little more time.

From time to time since the submission of the report of reference of Special Agent Brown dated June 1, 1934, Special Agent W. E. Hopton has contacted Frank J. Noonan of the Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 Euclid Avenue. Noonan continually advises that he is working on the Willie Harrison angle of this case, but has not been able to obtain any information as to his present whereabouts, although he frequently obtains information indicating that Harrison occasionally visits Cleveland. This contact with Noonan will be continued by Special Agent Hopton. However, no information relative to the activities of the Bureau will be furnished him as it is possible that Noonan's interest in this matter is questionable from the Bureau's standpoint.

On July 12, 1935 Mr. Edward S. Clark, local head of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by the writer. He was further questioned concerning information given Special Agent J. L. Willard. He again stated that the informant who had furnished him the original information with reference to subject Karpis, as set forth in reference report of the writer dated July 18, 1935, has proved himself to be very valuable and reliable as an informant to the Pinkerton Detective Agency. He stated that the informant, during his conversation with reference to Karpis, stated that he did not realize on the first occasion of his meeting Karpis, which was about two weeks ago, that the man was actually Karpis; that he knows it is Karpis, and that three or four other men are with him. Informant mentioned that one of the men, a short, stocky fellow was from Hammond, Indiana, and that informant has met him previous to the time he met Karpis. It is quite probable that "the man from Hammond" may be subject William J. Harrison. Mr. Clark went on to state that informant told him these men, accompanied by one woman, are living in a cottage on Lake Erie nearer Toledo than Cleveland, and that a woman from Toledo frequently calls late at night at the back door of the cottage, delivers some message, and immediately leaves. Mr. Clark stated that he will again see this informant on July 12, 1935 and will immediately contact Special Agent in Charge

MacFarland. Further details concerning the facial and physical characteristics of Karpis, Campbell and Harrison were furnished to Mr. Clark and he stated he will question his informant with reference to the characteristics of the man he believes to be Karpis. Mr. Clark further stated that he will take no action in this matter without first conferring with the Cleveland Bureau office, and that his organization will not want to be mentioned in any way in connection with the apprehension of Karpis, should it be effected. He was advised that a reward of \$1,000 each will be paid for information leading to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, and \$500.00 for the apprehension of Harrison. He stated that this will be communicated to his informant, who, undoubtedly, will be influenced by this reward and will probably be willing to furnish the desired information as to the exact location of the cottage.

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The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio will keep in touch with Mr. Edward S. Clark, local head of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, 1055 Leader Building, for information obtained by him from his informant as to the whereabouts of subject Karpis.

At Toledo, Ohio will continue to contact Mr. Frasier Means, County Prosecutor, concerning his efforts to learn more relative to Edith Barry. b7c b7d

Will also continue to contact [redacted] concerning their efforts to obtain information as to the whereabouts of subjects Karpis, Campbell, and Harrison.

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Director  
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Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O.#1236; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE  
EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Please be advised that there are approximately thirty rolls of wall paper in the storeroom in this Office. This wall paper was originally ordered for use in locating the Bremer hideout and is identical with the wall paper which was in the bedroom in the hideout where Victim Bremer was held. In view of the fact that this hideout has now been located and identified, instructions are desired from the Bureau as to the disposition to be made of this wall paper.

It is my understanding that the Bureau has some arrangements for trainees to locate a hideout in connection with their training and that to this end they have secured one or more houses in nearby Virginia. It is suggested that the Bureau might desire to have one of the rooms in one of these houses papered with this type of wall paper and furnish each of the trainees with a sample of this wall paper to assist them in locating this hideout. It is believed that this might be a practical test for the trainees in connection with their training.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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July 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 15, 1935, relative to the Bremer case in which you advise that there are approximately thirty rolls of wall paper originally ordered for use in searching for a kidnaping hideout.

You are authorized to forward this wall paper to the Bureau so that it will be available in connection with the Training School work.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your interest in calling the attention of the Bureau to the availability of this wall paper.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Alvin Karpis.

Special Agent in Charge Conroy telephoned me from Kansas City and advised that John Hagan, from Collins, Missouri, had an informant regarding Karpis and Campbell; that after talking to Mr. Tamm, Conroy informed Hagan that the top price on Karpis would be \$2500 and \$1000 on Campbell.

Mr. Conroy further advised that Agent Brice went with this informant to Fort Smith, after giving him money to buy a car, and that Agent Brice reports that the tip looks very good. Mr. Conroy stated that he reported this much to Mr. Tamm.

Mr. Conroy advised that Agent Brice had just telephoned him and stated that this informant tells him that he has talked to Karpis in Duncan, Oklahoma, this morning and personally saw both Karpis and Campbell last week; that he, the informant, saw Karpis and Campbell, both with women, in a Buick car, this morning; that the woman with Campbell has been living down in Texas. The informant further advised Agent Brice that Karpis and Campbell are expected in Oklahoma City about 10:00 A. M. July 15 and will leave for a farm about 15 miles out of Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Conroy suggested that he leave for Oklahoma City so as to be there in the morning and I so instructed him. He will report developments from there.

Respectfully,

*H. Nathan*  
H. Nathan.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

On July 1, 1935, [redacted] advised Special Agent J. L. Madala that arrangements were being made whereby [redacted] would meet Subject Harry Campbell in Berwyn, Illinois. It appears that one Bartholomew, Postmaster at Berwyn, Illinois, is acquainted with Subject Campbell and other subjects in this case and had effected the arrangement for the meeting.

Information has also been received from the Chicago office that Subject William Harrison has been seen in Bensenville, Illinois. Several contacts have since been made with [redacted] but no information has been obtained indicating the present whereabouts of the subjects.

Special Agent R. D. Brown at the present time is in Canada conducting investigation [redacted] at Marmora, Canada with a view to locating Subject William Weaver who is suspected of having purchased a farm in that vicinity.

Arrangements were made for Arthur Burdette to visit his sister, Winona Burdette, at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan for purposes of obtaining additional information concerning local contacts of Campbell in Oklahoma. The information furnished by Winona Burdette is now being investigated by the Oklahoma City and Denver offices.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
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- Mr. Scheidt
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Smith
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

"PHONE" CHICAGO POLICE ADVISE NO RECORD OF 1934 FORD V-8 SEDAN, MOTOR 18-763750 AS HAVING BEEN STOLEN. WILL CHECK API TOMORROW.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Nathan ✓  
 Mr. Tolson .....  
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 Miss Gandy .....

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DIRECTOR

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EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1935.

Time - 8:30 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Karpis and Campbell.

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Boardman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Keith .....
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- Mr. Schilder .....
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- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

Mr. Conroy telephoned from the Kansas City Office concerning his previous conversations with me relative to the activities of informant John Hagan, and his informant, who claim to have information on the two above named subjects. He said that Agent Bryce is presently in the company of Hagan, and the two of them are going to contact the informant of Hagan at a hotel in Fort Smith, Arkansas, between six and eight o'clock tomorrow night. This informant has informed Hagan that he personally knows Bryce, having known him while Bryce was a detective with the Oklahoma City Police Department, and that Bryce is all right, and that it will all right for them to make a personal contact with him. Mr. Conroy said that in this manner, more and definite information can be obtained.

I cautioned Mr. Conroy about Bryce's keeping him fully advised as to the developments at all times, so that if a good lead is obtained on Karpis and Campbell, we will be in a position to cover the lead with a sufficient number of men and equipment. Mr. Conroy said that he has cautioned Bryce about this, and believes that Bryce will keep him fully informed at all times.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUL 17 1935

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

EJW:VLD

July 16, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Av. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on July 15, 1935, Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office, while conducting an investigation at Jeffersonville, Indiana, in connection with the case entitled "ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT," found it necessary to conduct some investigation at Louisville, Kentucky, and while in Louisville, discussed this case with Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey of the Louisville office.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Reinecke*  
H. H. REINECKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Louisville

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508 Medical Arts Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

July 15, 1935.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

JUL 20 1935

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming our two teletypes of this date, please be advised that Constable Holcomb, Columbia, Tennessee advised this office that one Joe Walker had seen three suspicious looking characters at Columbia who asked him the road to Birmingham. They were riding in a 1933 green colored Terreplane sedan with Michigan license plates. Walker advised that they were carrying German Luger pistols in shoulder holsters and had a machine gun on the rear seat of the car. Special Agent S. S. Bentley immediately proceeded to Columbia and interviewed Joe Walker, 1315 South Main Street, Columbia who is an employee of the hosiery company there and who appears to be a reliable and substantial individual.

Walker advised that about 12:15 P. M. he was returning to his home from north side of Columbia when he was stopped by three men and asked the road to Birmingham; he was also asked what kind of a town Columbia was and what kind of work he did. Walker gave the following descriptions of the subjects.

No. 1 - Driver

Age	About 24 or 25.
Height	About 5' 10"
Eyes	Black
Weight	About 140 or 150 pounds
Hair	Black, straight, side burn
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Dry talker, opened mouth but very little; wore white banded suit with stiff straw hat; white shirt and black necktie.

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S.A.C., Birmingham  
July 15, 1935

No. 2.	
Age	25
Height	Short
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black
Weight	About 150 pounds
Wore a dark blue Mohair suit.	

Walker stated that he had been in the Navy for a period of 8 years and that he was acquainted with makes of machine guns and German lugers; that he was positive that these are the kind of guns they had. He stated that there was a machine gun lying on the rear seat; that it had been covered with reading magazines and that apparently the wind had blown them off to where he could identify the gun. At the time he saw the parties, all three of them were riding in the front seat.

A number of pictures were exhibited to Walker and he immediately picked out the picture of Alvin Karpis as the driver of the car. Walker made this identification before knowing who he had picked out; however, he was unable to identify either of the other two parties from the pictures shown him. He stated that he was sure of his identification. Walker stated that he immediately reported the incident to Constable Joe Holcomb who telephoned the Nashville office. Walker also said that the local authorities to whom he talked apparently were not very much interested in determining who the parties were.

Agent interviewed W. G. White and C. F. Goodman, barbers in Columbia, who stated that they particularly noticed this car with two men in the front seat and one in the back seat at about 12:40 P.M. today, when they stopped on South Main Street while waiting for a red light and that all three men appeared to be nervous and were taking in all the sights. They stated before being exhibited any pictures that they did not want to be implicated in making any identification; but after exhibiting a number of pictures to them they partially identified Harry Campbell as being one of the parties. They failed to make any identification of the other two.

It will be noted that about twenty-five minutes

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elapsed from the time the parties were first seen until they were last seen. When last seen, they were leaving town on Highway No. 31 apparently headed towards Birmingham.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati

REM:GJ

July 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1215, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sirs:

Under date of June 25, 1935, the Bureau addressed a communication to your office, suggesting that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan be assigned to interview Danny McFarland, who is reported to be residing with a sister named McElroy at 8004 Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois for any information which he may have concerning the whereabouts of Subject William Harrison.

Kindly advise the Bur. as the status of this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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*Edgar Hoover*

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July 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Chicago  
St. Paul.  
Cincinnati

*H. E. C. [Signature]*

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July 12, 1935.

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Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1212, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping

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A. One page original letter written with pencil in longhand on both sides of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear Dad I just received your most welcome letter" and signed "Arthur Barker". B. Envelope not bearing a postmark addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker with register number 40928. C. One page original letter typed on one side of plain white paper beginning "In reference to your" and signed "J. M. Dial". D. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker and postmarked "Tyler, Tenn, June 24, 1935, 9:30 P. M.". E. Three page original letter written with pencil in longhand on one side of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear  
Kansas City Bureau Office (\*\*continued below)

July 11, 1935.

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\*\*\*Sent: Rec'd your letter A and signed G. E. Barker. F. Envelope addressed to Mr. Lloyd Barker and postmarked "Mexico, Missouri, June 28, 1935, 12:30 P. M.".

Indented on the back of the specimen 7-576-630-A appear the following, apparently inadvertently impressed in the writing of a letter:

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Missouri".

The letters were all examined for secret writings but other than the above nothing was developed.

In accordance with your request the original specimens will be returned to your office as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of our files.

- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - Kansas City
- 1 - Cincinnati
- 1 - Chicago
- 1 - St. Paul
- 1 - Laboratory

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July 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an inquiry which is being conducted by the New York office as to the possible source of machine guns and other types of weapons which have been rebuilt or have numbers removed, duplicated, and the like, advice has been received in the Bureau from Captain Van Amburgh of the Massachusetts State Police to the effect that when a raid was conducted at Warwick, Rhode Island, several months ago, resulting in the capture of a gang consisting of Carl Rettich, John McGlone, Charles Harrigan, Thomas Dugan, Herbert Hornstein, and Joseph Fisher, there was found in their hideout a .351 caliber Winchester rifle which had been expertly converted into an automatic rifle and further that the number had been obliterated in expert fashion and the gun reblued.

This description of the work done on this rifle is similar to methods used to remove numbers from certain Browning automatic rifles previously brought to the attention of the Bureau, and for this reason it is desired that an Agent from your office make inquiry into this matter, submitting complete details concerning the work done on the gun. It would be highly desirable if arrangements can be conveniently affected to obtain possession of this gun for transmission of the Bureau's Technical Laboratory for examination. It might even be possible for the Bureau to restore the number obliterated and in this manner assist in the tracing of the gun.

The case should be given early attention and a copy of your report should be submitted to the New York office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-New York.

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KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date 5-8-35

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation, #848600  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
U.S.M. K.C.MO. #452	<i>87-52 848600</i> VINITA STACEY with aliases	Complaint dismissed.

*Number*

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,  
E.E.CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
(Official Title)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
MAY 10 1935  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1103  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

RW:PS  
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July 17, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. 1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to my letters dated July 2 and 5, 1935, concerning information furnished by Ike McAnally, reporter for the NEW YORK POST, relative to his contacts with Luciano, alias Lucky, a well known New York racketeer, and indications that Luciano possibly might be in possession of or in position to secure information regarding the present whereabouts of Subject Karpis.

JUL 20 1935

McAnally called on me today and stated that since our last conversation, as reported in my letter of July 5, he has again seen Luciano and he brought up the subject of their previous conversations in a casual manner. McAnally states that he inquired of Luciano whether "his friend", who might know where Karpis is, had arrived in town. Luciano stated that "the friend" had arrived in New York but that he had not had an opportunity to see him or find out whether he knew anything about Karpis. McAnally advises that he then suggested to Luciano that the best thing for him to do was to talk to me about this matter. When this suggestion was made, according to McAnally, Luciano immediately and emphatically stated, "I don't know Karpis, never saw him, don't know where he is, and don't know whether I could find out anything about him or not." He further advised that he merely thought his friend, referred to, might be able to furnish information of interest, but he was not sure of this.

According to McAnally, Luciano, after this preliminary statement, indicated that he might be receptive to the idea of meeting and talking to me. He also indicated that he would not want to take the initiative in this matter by way of coming to this office to volunteer information or to become acquainted. McAnally stated that he would like to suggest that he McAnally might arrange an introduction.

Director  
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July 17, 1935.

Luciano did not specifically agree to this but, according to McAnally, indicated by his actions that he would not be opposed to such an arrangement.

McAnally's theory of this matter is that Luciano, representing certain powerful New York racketeering interests, has a contact or associate in some other city who knows the whereabouts of Karpis; that Luciano and his associates in New York are afraid that Karpis might come to New York and expect them to take care of him, thus making them liable to possible prosecution for harboring. He believes that they also realize that should Karpis come to New York, investigative activities looking to his apprehension may seriously interfere with their remunerative gambling and local racketeering activities. In other words, the local racketeers of Luciano's type are not the type who would seek the association of Karpis because he would be too dangerous to their interests. At the same time they probably have mutual friends and connections and they could not very well "kick him out" in the event Karpis should come to New York and "move in on them". McAnally also believes that Luciano and his associates, in addition to having a possible real interest in making certain that Karpis does not embarrass them or interfere with their activities, might have in mind that they can not only accomplish this by furnishing information concerning his whereabouts to this Bureau, but at the same time they might secure the good-will of this office by assisting in the location and apprehension of Karpis.

There is no doubt but what the local racketeers of Luciano's type who are engaged in very remunerative enterprises are being extremely cautious not to do anything which might give the Bureau jurisdiction to investigate them. McAnally is definitely of the opinion that the whole purpose of the several cautious contacts which have been made with him by Luciano and his associates, as described in my previous letters, were to arrange an avenue through which a contact could be made with this office. Their reluctance to voluntarily come in and furnish information concerning Karpis, or any other criminal of his type, is understandable in view of their own unlawful activities.

I believe that this matter is worthy of following up further and I will arrange, through McAnally, to personally meet Luciano casually, outside of the office, sometime at an early date in order that he might have the opportunity to take this matter up with me, if he so desires. In view of McAnally's request that I treat the fact that he has advised me concerning his conversations with Luciano, regarding Karpis, in strictest confidence, I will not be in a position to take the initiative in discussing the matter with Luciano. I will keep the Bureau fully advised of further developments which might be of interest.

Very truly yours,  
*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: St. Paul  
cc: Cincinnati  
cc: Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

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July 16, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished Mr. Richmond, on July 15, 1935, concerning the case of William E. Keade, Fugitive Index #5980, Bureau file #62-28915, please be advised that on July 15, 1935, a fingerprint card was received in the Identification Division from the Sheriff's Department, Northampton, Massachusetts, reflecting that this individual as Charles E. Carter, #8669, was arrested by that Department on July 12, 1935, charge violation of Auto Laws - improper registration of automobile; released July 13, 1935, under \$200.00 bond for hearing.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder Per*  
L. C. Schilder.

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JUL 17, 1935

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Post Office Box 516  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

7-576-6703

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUL 18 1935  
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July 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O.# 1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

*File*  
*July 16, 1935*

Reference is made to my letter of July 8, 1935 relative to representations made by John Hagen that he believes he can aid the Bureau in bringing about the apprehension of ALVIN KARPIS and FERRY CAMPBELL, and that he contemplated having an emissary contact Mr. Bremer to determine whether the latter would offer any money for information leading to the apprehension of KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

On July 15, 1935 Jesse B. Calmenson, Attorney, Pioneer Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, called at this office and informed me that he had received a letter from Harry Friedberg, Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, last Thursday which he thought might be of interest. He advised that Friedberg informed him that one Hagen, a former client of his, was in a position where he could cause the apprehension of KARPIS and CAMPBELL, but would only do so if the rewards on these men were enough to justify such action. Friedberg asked Calmenson to contact the Bureau Office in St. Paul with the view of having the writer aid in such negotiations as he might have with Mr. Bremer. Mr. Calmenson stated that it was merely a matter of "cold turkey" with him, and that he would like to make a fee, if possible, and he advised that he was not acquainted with Hagen but understood that the latter was of unsavory reputation and well acquainted with the underworld.

I informed Mr. Calmenson that neither I nor any other member of this office would be in a position to accompany him to see Mr. Bremer, and made it clear to him that the Bureau would not be a party to any negotiations whereby the Bremer would be requested to post a reward. He was informed, of course, that any independent contact he might make with the Bremer family was solely up to him.

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Mr. Calmenson departed advising that he intended to confer with members of the Bremer household, after which he wanted to talk with me in order that the Bureau might be advised of any and all activities on his part in behalf of Attorney Friedberg.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACP

CC Bureau ✓  
CC Cincinnati

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 15, 1935

Time 12:31 PM

MEMORANDUM

Re: Fingerprints of  
Charles E. Carter.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schmitt.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Smith.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Rex Collier, he advised that the Associated Press was carrying a story from Northampton, Massachusetts, to the effect that one Charles E. Carter, 65 years of age, of Atlanta, Georgia was under arrest at Northampton by the local police; that he is supposed to have told the police that he defied them to properly identify him and that the report is that he had apparently tried to mutilate his fingerprints. Mr. Collier stated the article carries the story that the fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau for identification. I stated that I had received no information regarding the above matter.

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7-576-6720

RECORDED  
July 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 20, 1935 transmitting a white card on which is written "Mr. Campbell, Mr. Karman, Chester Arms" in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Please be advised that the specimen submitted has been examined but no latent fingerprints could be developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - St. Paul,  
Cincinnati,  
Chicago.

JUL 26 1935

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J EDGAR HOOVER=

=DIRECTOR US BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC=

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schatz
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Smith
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., DISPATCHES QUOTE YOU AS IDENTIFYING FINGERPRINTS OF MAN RELEASED AFTER BEING HELD AUTO LAW VIOLATIONS AS WILLIAM E MEADE

68. CONFIDENCE MAN, AND SAY HE IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN BREMER KIDNAPING STOP IS MEADE WANTED IN BREMER KIDNAPING AND IN WHAT CONNECTION. PLEASE STOP THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THIS AND PAST FAVORS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUL 18 1935  
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Telephone Your Telegrams FRED H. STRONG CITY EDITOR  
953A. JUL 29 1935 \* STPAUL DAILY NEWS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RE: TAM

RECORDED 7-576-6705  
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 17 1935

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Transmit the following message to: FRED H STRONG  
CITY EDITOR  
ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

*Handwritten:* 7-576-6705

RETEL BELIEVE UNDESIRABLE AT THIS TIME TO FURNISH DETAILS AS TO SPECIFIC  
LINE OF QUESTIONING DESIRED TO BE APPLIED TO WILLIAM E MEADE. LATTER'S  
CRIMINAL RECORD FOLLOWS - AS J W REED ARRESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT MIAMI FLORIDA  
DECEMBER 18, 1920 CHARGE SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER (CON) DISPOSITION NOT GIVEN. AS  
JOHN HENRY FOSTER #8390 ARRESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT DENVER COLORADO AUGUST 24  
1922 CHARGE INVESTIGATION CON MAN SENTENCE THREE TO TEN YEARS STATE PENITENTIARY  
CANON CITY, COLORADO, JUNE 1 1923. AS JOHN H. FOSTER #12127 RECEIVED STATE  
PENITENTIARY CANON CITY COLORADO JUNE 3, 1923 CRIME CONSPIRACY TO STEAL, ONE  
COUNT, CONFIDENCE GAME, 2 COUNTS (CONCURRENTLY) SENTENCE 3 TO 10 YEARS. AS  
EDWIN ELZA GAYNOR, #2196 ARRESTED NEW SCOTLAND YARD LONDON, ENGLAND DATE NOT  
GIVEN, CHARGE CONSPIRACY SENTENCE SIX MONTHS AND 6 MONTHS HARD LABOR (CONSECUTIVE)  
FOR ATTEMPTING TO STEAL BY MEANS OF CONFIDENCE TRICK APRIL 2 1930. AS EDWIN ELZA  
GAYNOR #E-7789 INQUIRY MADE BY POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW YORK CITY APRIL 12, 1930.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson AS WILLIAM E MEADE #C-51004, ARRESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT CHICAGO ILLINOIS, AUGUST  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk 11, 1933 CHARGE GENERAL PRINCIPLES - CON MAN. AS ONEY CLARK #8227 ARRESTED U S  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey MARSHAL CHICAGO ILLINOIS AUGUST 15, 1933 CHARGE VIOLATION SECTION 83 AND 388  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan TITLE 18 U. S. CODE. AS CHARLES E. CARTER, ARRESTED PD NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Keith JULY 12 1935 CHARGE INVESTIGATION AS CHARLES E CARTER #3669 ARRESTED / JULY  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn 12 1935 CHARGE VIOLATION OF AUTO LAWS RELEASED JULY 13 1935 ON \$200 BOND  
Mr. Scheidt .....  
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Transmit the following message to: FRED H STRONG

THE FOLLOWING NOTATIONS APPEAR IN OUR RECORDS CONCERNING MEADE: WANTED BY U S  
MARSHAL CHICAGO ILLINOIS PER INFORMATION RECEIVED IN LETTER FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CHICAGO AUGUST 11 1933 - APPREHENDED. 9-24-06 WILLIAM E MEAD SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA  
GRAND LARCENY 3 YEARS SAN QUENTIN PRISON #16947. WILLIAM MEAD 1-22-06 LOS  
ANGELES CALIFORNIA. SAN QUENTIN 1906. 7-9-12 WILLIAM E MEAD DENVER COLORADO  
BUNCO SUSPECT - GIVEN HOURS TO LEAVE CITY. INDICTED 12-15-22 IN U S COURT AT  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA. ARRESTED CANON CITY COLORADO 9-15-25. WANTED 7-5-29  
FOR LIMA OHIO FAKE STOCK SWINDLE NOTIFIED LIMA OHIO POLICE DEPARTMENT 8-19-33.  
WANTED 12-12-31 JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA BOND FORFEITURE. NOTIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA 8-19-33. WANTED AS JOHN HENRY FOSTER #3390 POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DENVER COLORADO FOR BOND FORFEITURE JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA. NOTIFY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT DENVER COLORADO. NOTIFIED 8-19-33. WANTED 1-27-32 INFORMATION  
RECEIVED IN LETTER FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT CHICAGO ILLINOIS DATED 8-11-33.  
APPREHENDED. WANTED AS W. ELMER MEAD FOR BOND FORFEITURE (MAILS TO DEFAUD).  
NOTIFY U S POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT NEW YORK CITY PER INFORMATION RECEIVED  
THEREFROM 4-18-34. WANTED AS WILLIAM ELMER MEAD FOR BOND FORFEITURE (FALSE  
PRETENSE) NOTIFY U S MARSHAL JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA POST OFFICE INSPECTORS  
IN CHARGE AT ATLANTA GEORGIA AND NEW YORK CITY PER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM  
THE LETTER 7-5-34.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Remarks:

Director states be very carefulx in reply.  
Give him the full criminal record of this man.  
The questioning was in connection with the Bremer Case

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PHONE EREKID. NORTHAMPTON, MASS. POLICE ON JULY 12, 1935, ARRESTED  
MAN GIVING NAME CHARLES E. CARTER AND HELD ON GROUNDS OF IMPROPER  
REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOBILE. CARTER RELEASED ON \$200.00 BOND JULY  
14TH HEARING SET FOR JULY 18TH. HAS BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED  
AS WILLIAM E. MEADE WITH ALIASES. WANTED FOR INTERROGATION IN INSTANT  
CASE. POLICE STILL HOLDING MEADE, S 1934 FORD SEDAN NUMBER 18-673750

BILL OF SALE IN AUTOMOBILE IS FROM LINCOLN AND FORD MOTOR CAR COMPANY,  
2229 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO. INVOICE 1266 SHOWS PURCHASE BY  
C.E. CARTER, HENRY GRADY HOTEL, ATLANTA, GEORGE, ON MARCH 20, 1934  
OF ONE 1934 FORD DE LUXE SEDAN NUMBER 673750. RECITES CREDIT GI VEN O  
ON UC-838 LINCOLN V- XX 38-7 SEDAN NUMBER 71199 XXXX V8-7 SEDAN NUMBER  
71199 OF \$765.25, SALESMAN L.H. HART "MAIN." ASCERTAIN WHETHER THIS  
BILL OF SALE VALID. CHECK STOLEN CAR LISTS. EXPEDITE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Apprehension of Meade for questioning in connection with Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Henry Suydam, he stated the United Press called him in regard to the story about Meade, stating the Minneapolis Police said they had never heard of Meade. I advised that all we could say was that Meade is wanted for interrogation in connection with the Karpis-Barker activities in the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Edgar H. Bremer  
Minneapolis  
Karpis-Barker*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: William E. Meade.

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In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Pinkerton of the Associated Press, I advised him the man taken into custody in Northampton, Massachusetts was William E. Meade; that the files of our Identification Division show he was wanted by the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida for bond forfeiture and that we wish to interrogate him in connection with the Bremer kidnaping; that he has a long record of arrests in various parts of the country, having been sentenced in Colorado in 1922 under the name of John Henry Foster to serve 3 to 10 years as a confidence man; that he was arrested in England by Scotland Yard about 1930, also in the confidence game.

I further stated it possibly is the worst case of mutilation we have been able to find but that we were able to make the identification of the fingerprints in spite of this.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: William E. Meade

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Suddan he stated that the Washington Post wanted to know whether a story about a man named Meade whose fingerprints were mutilated and which were identified by the Bureau, was all right to use.

I said this was all right; that the case occurred at Northampton and they had sent the prints down here and we had identified them and advised Northampton about it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1:45 P.M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS

Special Agent in Charge Conroy called on the telephone from Oklahoma City. He said he believed things were moving all right; that he and Brice thought they might be able to pick up the subjects on the road, but that this had not turned out that way; that their informant called them from Milo, Oklahoma. He states he met the girl who was with Karpis at Duncan, Oklahoma; that she states the present arrangements are for the informant to meet her at a railroad station at Wichita, Kansas sometime tomorrow. This is the girl whom Karpis introduced the informant to as his wife at Duncan, Oklahoma. The informant claims to have seen Karpis the night before last at the Hensley Tourist Camp, outside of Duncan, Oklahoma. He said he has not seen Campbell since a short time after Campbell was released from the penitentiary. The informant claims to have been a former cellmate of Karpis. I asked Conroy whether this was ever checked. He said it had not been checked since they were afraid to check it for fear of a possible leak at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary which is, of course, a sieve. I told him I thought Agents from Oklahoma City could go down there and, without indicating the object of their call, certainly find out whether the informant was ever a cellmate of Karpis. Conroy said the informant states Karpis is short of money and only has about \$600; that Karpis is planning a kidnaping in Kansas City; that he contemplates kidnaping either Kemper, a bank man there, or one of the Katz brothers, in the drug business there. The informant is now at Crews, Oklahoma and Conroy and Brice will move out of Oklahoma City tonight for Wichita.

I inquired as to the men available in case they might have to strike suddenly, and Conroy said he had a man at Wichita. I told him I thought he ought to get a couple of men within hailing distance, although it is not believed any strike will be made until the individuals land on a farm somewhere near Topeka.

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Personally, something sounds wrong about all of this to me, but the informant is making definite statements and certainly the game can be played out, one way or the other, within a week.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan.

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July 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. C. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 6, 1935, the Inter-  
national News Service issued a dispatch at Chicago,  
Illinois, reporting a gun battle between Police  
Officers William Max and Daniel Bond, of the Hal-  
rose Park, Illinois Police Department, and five gun-  
men. The dispatch sets forth that the ballistic  
evidence recovered after the shooting had been  
furnished to Federal Agents, for the purpose of  
comparing it with the ballistic evidence recovered  
after the escape of Alvin Karpis at Atlantic City,  
New Jersey, several months ago.

The Bureau desires that you immediately  
advise it of the details concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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## KARPIS HUNTED IN COP ATTACK

CHICAGO, July 6 (I.N.S.). Department of Justice agents tonight were attempting to link Alvin Karpis, fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, with a sensational machine gun attack upon a Melrose Park police squad car.

While Chicago police combed the area for the five gunmen who riddled the auto of Policemen William Max and Daniel Bond with bullets at Twenty-fourth and Haddon Avenues, Federal agents resorted to the science of ballistics in their search for a clue.

Bullets were taken from the riddled automobile for comparison with missiles fired from the guns of Karpis when he shot his way out of a police trap at Atlantic City several months ago.

The gunmen opened fire this evening when the police car sought to overtake a speeding automobile in which the five were riding.

*Det. Chicago  
cc - Cincinnati & St. Paul  
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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

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7-576-6652 A. Original letter beginning "Dear Arthur:- I received your letter\*\*\*, and signed "G. E. Barker".  
7-576-6652 B. Envelope in which above letter was mailed to Arthur Barker, postmarked "Webb City, Missouri, July 6, 1935, 12:30 P. M."  
7-576-6652 C. Original letter beginning, "Dear Dad:- I received your\*\*\*, and signed "Lloyd Barker #17245".  
7-576-6652 D. Envelope in which the above letter was enclosed, addressed "Mr. G. E. Barker, P.O. Box #724, Joplin, Missouri".

Kansas City Bureau Office

July 13, 1935

Secret Writing

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Indented on the envelope 6652 D. is the following:

"17245,  
July 8 - 8,  
G. E. Barker  
Box 724  
Joplin  
Missouri  
Lloyd Barker".

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No writing other than that which is visible could be found on specimen 6652 A. and B.

On specimen 6652 C. there was found writing, which after a series of experiments was concluded to have been indented. This writing appeared just above the visible writing in exactly the place where sympathetic ink is usually placed, and the appearance was at first view, similar to that of sympathetic ink. It was found, however, that the date "July 8 - 8" appears just above the visible pencil date and this corresponds with the indented writing on the envelope. Also all tests for invisible writing or sympathetic ink failed to develop it. For this reason it was concluded that the writing was probably indented from a previous sheet of paper on the pad from which this page was taken, the previous sheet having slipped slightly so that the lines and consequently the writing were just above those appearing on the present specimen. In attempting to develop or read the indented writing, the words "Dear Dad" were apparently developed above the present "Dear Dad" in the visible writing, but the letters are so indistinct, especially the "Dad" that the entire outline is not visible. The same is true of other writing on the sheet, it being possible here and there to make out a word, but not to decipher the entire message. All of the usual tests for developing indented and secret

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writing were applied with the above results and in the absence of any hidden meaning in the words developed or any use of invisible ink, the examiner has no reason to believe the marks were other than those which innocently occurred during the handling of the papers.

The original letters are being returned to the Kansas City Office as soon as they are photographed.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive  
I. O. #1218, et al.,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

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 Division July 13, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #589227.

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July 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 27, 1935, the Bureau addressed a communication to your office instructing that a summary report be prepared, setting forth all the evidence available to date pertaining to Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer, to be used as a basis for further investigation in this matter.

The Bureau is desirous of being advised of the progress which you are making on the summary reports.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati

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DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

July 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

3:50 P.M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS; HARRY CAMPBELL

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Not having heard from Special Agent in Charge Conroy in regard to the Karpis-Campbell project near Lawrence, Kansas, I called the Kansas City Office to ascertain if they had heard from Conroy. Agent Miller was there and said he understood indirectly that the project had been "washed up"; that they had been holding cars in readiness and had been advised that the cars would not be necessary. He said Agent Cruise probably had more detailed information, but that this was his understanding. I told him if Conroy called to tell him to call the Bureau, provided he could do so without jeopardizing the success of the operation in question in any way.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/11-12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. Calhoun</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>GAN</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sheriff at Salem, Ark., and other informants there had no information as to whereabouts of Phoenix Donald. <b>X</b> Postmaster at Mammoth Spring, Ark., stated that one Otho Murphy, a gambler who grew up with Donald, was in town recently and told him that Donald had tried to contact Murphy last year.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Little Rock, 6/27/35.			
DETAILS: With the assistance of Sheriff L. G. Langston of Salem, Arkansas, Agent located and interviewed Dr. J. L. (not G. L.) Weathers, Monroe Woods and Cuthbert Pickren, all reliable citizens of Salem, but none had any information to indicate that Phoenix Donald had been seen in the county recently. Dr. Weathers travels all over the county in the practice of medicine, and the others are neighbors to Mrs. W. T. Bowling, the sister of Donald. All are well acquainted with Donald, and all will endeavor to secure any information of value and advise the Sheriff.			
Postmaster H. J. Humphries of Salem, Arkansas, stated that he has no rural carriers in his office but that there are several star route men and that he will have them be on the lookout for strange persons or strange ears in the county.			
Postmaster Earl E. Sterling of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, advised that on last July 4th one Otho Murphy visited in the town and talked with him at length. Murphy grew up in the community with the postmaster and with Phoenix Donald, and he is now making his living as a gambler. Murphy told Mr. Sterling that he was advised by friends that Phoenix Donald appeared in Mammoth Springs last summer and made inquiry for Murphy but did not find him. Murphy asked if			
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the Government were looking for Donald, but Mr. Sterling made a non-committal reply. Mr. Sterling does not know where Murphy is at present but will endeavor to find him and engage him in conversation as to Donald and advise the Little Rock Office at once of anything he may learn. He did not think it advisable for an Agent to interview Murphy if his whereabouts were learned, but he agreed with Agent that Murphy, being a gambler, would not hesitate to divulge any information concerning Donald if it were to react to his financial advantage, particularly if it were kept confidential. Mr. Sterling promised to advise the Little Rock Office at once as soon as he locates Murphy's whereabouts in order that steps might be taken to interview him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE will keep in touch with Postmaster Earl E. Sterling, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, for the purpose of learning the whereabouts of Otho Murphy, a gambler who is an old friend of Phoenix Donald's.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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July 15, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters dated May 28 and July 3, 1935, requesting that this Office locate the person who furnished Mr. Hawkins with confidential information prior to his death, and subsequently was believed to have become an informant for one Edward Bashford, referred to as an "Old Burns Detective Agency" man.

Please be advised that the investigation conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein, of this Office, disclosed that W. E. Hawkins died about November 9, 1933, at Chicago, Illinois, and his death was verified by interview with Al Root, an old friend of Hawkins, now located at the Majestic Hotel, 29 Quincy Street, telephone - Harrison 3200, Chicago, Illinois.

Raymond F. Bashford, not Edward as indicated in reference letter, was located and interviewed at his home, 1252 Leland Avenue, telephone - Ardmore 0198, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Bashford stated that he was acquainted with Hawkins, and about two years ago Hawkins died suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Bashford further advised that he remembered Hawkins as being employed by the Secret Six at 176 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that Mr. Hawkins would obtain all his confidential information from some unknown person who was connected with the Crime Prevention Bureau, which was a branch of the Secret Six. The Secret Six and the Crime Prevention Bureau were both controlled by the business merchants of Chicago, Illinois; however, both of these organizations have long disbanded.

Mr. Bashford further advised that he was for many years connected with private detective agencies, and at no time did he have anyone furnish him with confidential information.

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after Hawkins' death. Mr. Bashford recollected only that Hawkins was able to obtain confidential information but was unable to state from what sources such information was secured other than from some unknown person connected with the Secret Six.

Mr. Bashford stated that from his own knowledge and to the best of his recollection, Mr. Hawkins would at all times sell his information to the R. H. Sewall International Detective Agency located at 82 West Washington Street, telephone - Dearborn 3555, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Bashford advised that the Sewall Detective Agency bears one of the most disreputable reputations in the city of Chicago because of the manner and tactics used by them when conducting investigations, and by no means would he advise Agent to contact them for the purpose of ascertaining who the informant was for W. E. Hawkins, and it is very probable that they do not know in view of the fact that Mr. Hawkins was known to be very secretive about his personal matters, and no doubt did not disclose the sources of his information to the Sewall Detective Agency.

Mr. Bashford was unable to furnish any information which would assist in locating the sources from which Mr. Hawkins would obtain his information.

In view of the bad reputation borne by the Sewall International Detective Agency no contact was made with them.

With reference to W. Comfort Hawkins, mentioned in the letter from the Bureau, please be advised that this is not the same Hawkins who furnished confidential information concerning the Kansas City Massacre case.

The attention of the Bureau is directed to the case entitled R. F. BASHFORD, with aliases; MISCELLANEOUS MATTER - FAILURE TO RESPOND TO SENATE COMMITTEE SUBPOENA. In connection with this matter the Bureau is advised that an effort was made in 1930 to locate Bashford for the Nye Investigating Committee on a charge of Contempt of the Senate. The Bureau records will have a complete file on this matter.

Very truly yours,



D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

AD:LM

REM:RD

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated July 15, 1935, wherein on page 2 you advise that W. Comfort Hawkins, mentioned in Bureau letter dated May 28, 1935, is not identical with the Hawkins who furnished confidential information concerning the Kansas City Massacre case.

It appears, however, from a review of the Bureau's file in the latter case, that a letter forwarded to the Bureau under date of August 11, 1933, stated that former Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis interviewed W. Comfort Hawkins at the office of Frank J. Loesch at Chicago, Illinois, and obtained information concerning the activities of Louis "Doc" Stacci and other individuals mentioned during the course of the investigation relative to the Kansas City Massacre case. Your letter of July 15, 1935 states that one W. E. Hawkins died about November 9, 1933 at Chicago, Illinois, according to information obtained from Al Root, an old friend of Hawkins, now located at the Majestic Hotel, 29 Quincy Street, Chicago, Illinois. It would appear, therefore, that the W. Comfort Hawkins, in whom the Bureau is interested, is presently alive.

It is therefore desired that efforts be made to locate him for the purpose of obtaining any information which he may have concerning the cases under investigation by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

July 16 1935.

Time 1:24 PM

Name Mr. Pinkerton, AP Tele

Referred to

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Scheidt
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Smith
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Details:

Was advised that John Henry Foster was the name under which Meade was arrested in 1922. Stated that he would like to ask the Director if the Director desired to say that Meade was a member of the Barker gang, inasmuch as the Director had stated that Meade was wanted for questioning in the Bremer case. cek

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

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-17-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/5-6/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. T. Noonan</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**BELLE BORN** returned to Mankato, Minnesota, about July 1, 1935, leaving about the same date. Informant will notify Sheriff Cords, Mankato, when she is to again return, and the St. Paul Office will be notified. This informant alleges **BELLE BORN** now transporting narcotics.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, St. Paul, Minnesota, 4-22-35.

**DETAILS:**

While at Mankato, Minnesota, on other investigations on June 26, 1935, Special Agent M. V. Kirkland contacted [redacted] informant, as per lead set out in report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 22, 1935. [redacted] had no further information to give concerning **BELLE BORN** except to state that it was his belief that she would return to her home at Mankato for the Fourth of July holiday, at which time he would immediately inform the St. Paul Bureau Office by telephone or telegraph. He was of the opinion that **BELLE BORN** visited her home at different times, but could name no specific instance of actually seeing her there.

Concerning the lead set out to interview one **LUCILLE D. BELLIG**, Agent learned from the Mankato City Directory that she is at present employed by a law firm in Mankato as a stenographer. This law firm is Pfau & Pfau, and their office is located in the First National Bank Building at Mankato. Her home is at 527 Lyndale in North Mankato. [redacted] was questioned as to whether he

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knew MISS BELLIG, and he stated that while he was not sure that he knew her personally, he did know the Bellig family who lives on Lyndale Street in North Mankato, and advised Agent not to interview MISS BELLIG if he did not want the party under investigation to know about it.

On July 1, 1935 [redacted] called Agent Kirkland by long distance telephone from Mankato, advising that he had information from one of his neighbors on which he could rely that BELLE BORN had returned to her home at Mankato, and that the date of her return was about the night of June 30, 1935. He could not state definitely whether anyone accompanied her.

At Mankato, Minnesota

Chief of Police Pat Henry advised that he had no further information concerning BELLE BORN. From conversations with Sheriff Frank Cords, Chief Henry is under the impression that the Sheriff has a family watching all activities around the BELLE BORN residence. Chief Henry could not recall ever having seen FITZGERALD or any of his associates in Mankato. It is this Agent's understanding that Chief of Police Henry at Mankato is kept informed as to all hoodlums and gangsters who frequent his town by one JACK KOOSER and his partner, who are local gamblers. These parties are allowed more or less free reign in their particular racket in return for which favor they keep Chief Henry advised of all strangers frequenting the town.

Sheriff Frank Cords advised that on or about July 2, 1935 a man informant, whose name he could not then recall, living in a nearby town, and who keeps company with a girl friend of BELLE BORN, advised that BELLE BORN had returned to Mankato a few days before this interview and that she was reported to have had with her at that time a quantity of narcotics valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Sheriff Cords stated that his informant was unable to determine where she had come from or where she was going to, but advised the Sheriff that she left the day following her arrival and has not been seen in Mankato since. Sheriff Cords does not recall having seen any strangers at the BELLE BORN residence for many months past. He does not know at the present time whether he can believe this informant or not, but advised that he would make special efforts to get further information definitely as to when this woman will again arrive in Mankato. He advised that he would notify the St. Paul Office so that if desired she could be taken into custody for questioning.

Sheriff Cords advised that LEN REW is the real estate agent who sold the farm to BELLE BORN mentioned in reference report, and that it was possible MR. REW might obtain some information concerning her associates at that time.

Having known MR. REW for years, Agent interviewed him at his home in Mankato, at which time he advised that he sold this farm to BELLE BORN when he was acting in the capacity of a representative of the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank. She was referred to him as a prospect by another party and he had very little discussion with her before the deal was made for this farm. The down payment was \$1000.00, out of which MR. REW secured his commission, and was made at once, and he had nothing to do with the further settlement on the purchase of this farm. He advised that this woman appeared to be very pleasant and a shrewd business woman. He advised also that it was common talk that BELLE BORN had made considerable money in something a few years ago, and it was generally thought that she made this money in the bootleg liquor game. Her occupation for the past few years is unknown. MR. REW resides on the highway leading to the BELLE BORN residence, and although residing approximately one mile from her place, it is necessary for her to pass by his home in going to the business section of Mankato. He advised that he has often passed and noted her going into the city of Mankato but has not observed her of late. MR. REW was furnished the license number of the Buick automobile known to have been driven by FITZGERALD, and he advised that he would make it a personal matter to watch for the appearance of this car or FITZGERALD at or near the BELLE BORN residence.

Agent covered the BELLE BORN residence at various times on July 5 and 6, 1935, without observing any person at that place.

[redacted] upon interview, advised that he had not seen BELLE BORN on her alleged recent visit, but a neighbor reported that he had seen this woman. As he had been requested to notify the St. Paul Office, [redacted] stated that he therefor did so by telephone. Since calling the office [redacted] has received no further information, and BELLE BORN has not been seen again. [redacted] was requested to be on the lookout for any associates of this woman, particularly CHARLES FITZGERALD. b7c  
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Reference report refers to a Silver Lake about ten miles south of the BELLE BORN residence where she might have purchased a ticket at the bus depot. It is noted that there is no Silver Lake in this vicinity, but there is a Lake Crystal, a town of about 1400 people, ten miles Southwest of BELLE BORN'S residence. Inquiry at the bus station at that place revealed that BELLE BORN was unknown thereat.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**The St. Paul Bureau Office**

At Mankato, Minnesota, will maintain contact with SHERIFF FRANK CORDS and arrange, if possible, for contact with his informant, who has promised to obtain information as to when BELLE BORN will next appear in Mankato.

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July 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

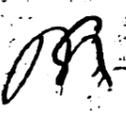
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. T. Noonan in the above entitled case, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 17, 1935, reflecting the visit of Belle Born to Mankato, Minnesota, around July 1, 1935.

The Bureau desires that arrangements be perfected whereby your office will be immediately advised in the event Belle Born again returns to Mankato, Minnesota. The Bureau considers that the failure to be notified of the recent visit of Belle Born is an indication that the arrangements previously made by you did not produce the desired results.

On Page 3 of the report of Special Agent Noonan, it is noted that Mr. Len Rex, Mankato, Minnesota, was furnished with the license number of the Buick automobile known to be in the possession of Fitzgerald. Your attention is directed to Page 4 of the report of Special Agent T. H. McDade, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 1935, wherein it is noted that the Buick club sedan, motor #2875177, Serial #2716691, purchased by Fitzgerald as C. J. Murphy, was sold on February 6, 1935, to George McPheters, 1190 East Esplanade Street, Long Beach, California.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati  
Chicago

RALPH McPHAIL  
SHERIFF  
PHONE 22

MILTON C. JAMES  
UNDER SHERIFF  
PHONE 26

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
McPHERSON COUNTY  
PHONE 20

McPHERSON, KANSAS

July 16, 1935

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

Re: <sup>0</sup> Alvin Karpis

7-18m

Gentlemen:

Recently we received a tip in regards to Alvin Karpis, F.P.C. 29-1-20-; 20-0-22 that he was in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas 1930. His number was 8008. Has the above subject been apprehended. If not, will you supply us with a picture and a "wanted card". We also understand there is a reward for him.

May we hear from you in regards to the above at an early date.

Yours very truly,

*Milton C. James*

Under Sheriff

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July 31, 1935.

Mr. Ralph McPhail,  
Sheriff, McPherson County,  
McPherson, Kansas.

Attention: Mr. Milton C. James,  
Under Sheriff.

My dear Sheriff:

Upon receipt of the letter of July 16, 1935, signed by Under Sheriff Milton C. James, the Kansas City Office of this Bureau was immediately instructed to communicate with Mr. James and furnish him with a descriptive circular of Alvin Karpis, which reflects that he is wanted by the Federal Government in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota.

With reference to rewards offered for information leading to the apprehension of Karpis, please be advised that this Bureau has not made any public offer of reward. The Agent who interviewed Mr. James no doubt furnished him with information to the effect that a reasonable amount will be paid to anyone who furnishes this Bureau with information resulting in the apprehension of Karpis or any of the remaining fugitives now being sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Kansas City (enclosing 2 copies of Mr. James' letter 7-16-35)

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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BREKID UNDERSHERIFF MILTON C JAMES MCPHERSON KANSAS IN LETTER ADVISED  
OF TIP ON SUBJECT KARPIS AND REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPH HANDLE

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis, w. a.  
Fugitive. I. C. #1218.  
Edward George Bremer-Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is forwarded herewith white card given by an unknown party to Teresa Salvatore, waitress at the Edgemont Inn, 519 Edgemont Avenue, Chester. It is requested that this handwriting be compared with the known handwriting specimens of members of the Barker-Karpis mob, particularly Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis. The enclosed card bears the following, written in lead pencil: "Mr. Campbell Mr. Karman Chester Arms"

For the information of the Technical Laboratory, on July 17, 1935 at approximately 9 P.M. an anonymous phone call was made to the Philadelphia Office stating that Alvin Karpis was checking in the Chester Arms Hotel, Chester, Pa. An investigation was immediately begun during which it was ascertained that the party whom the informant said was Alvin Karpis made a long distance telephone call from the Edgemont Inn to Detroit, Michigan, which call was not completed. This party presented in his own handwriting the enclosed card and requested Miss Salvatore to attempt to reach him if the Detroit call should be completed, c/o Mr. Campbell or Mr. Karman at the Chester Arms Hotel, Chester, Pennsylvania.

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Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JFS:MRF Encl.

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-6720

Specimens: One card on which is written "Mr. Campbell Mr. Karmen Chester Arms".

Examination requested by: Philadelphia Bureau Office.

Date received: 7-22-35

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

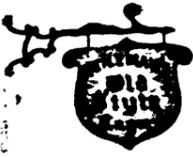
Examination by: Appel  
Kohn

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could be Alvin Karpis  
but probably not Alvin  
Karpis Alvin  
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Hoover Dept of Justice  
Washington D.C.

B.S. I saw Alvin Karpis on  
the street here in Minot Tuesday  
July 16-1935 have checked his picture  
in the Line Up - to me there is no  
question but what I saw Alvin Karpis

Further two banks have  
been held up within the week  
near Minot No. Dak.

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John Sverson

President Cafe

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## HEILEMAN'S Old Style Lager

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REN:MAM  
7-576-6721

July 26, 1935

Mr. John Syverson,  
President Cafe,  
Minot, North Dakota.

Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 19, 1935, wherein you advise that an individual resembling Alvin Karpis was observed by you in Minot, North Dakota, on July 16, 1935.

Please be advised that I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. Werner Hami, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 610 Alonzo Ward Hotel, Aberdeen, South Dakota, who will assign an agent to interview you concerning this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Aberdeen (enclosing 2 copies of Mr. Syverson's letter 7/19/35)  
St. Paul    "    1 copy    "    "    "    "    "    "    "  
Chicago    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-22 TS**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-19-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-5, 15-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. B. NATHAN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Investigation shows Roy Weaver who was at Alabama Boys Industrial School at one time not identical with subject William Weaver. Efforts to locate Terraplane sedan reported proceeding from Columbus, Tennessee to Birmingham, Alabama 7-15-35 unsuccessful.

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**REFERENCE:** Teletype messages from Nashville to Birmingham office 7-15-35.  
Letter from Nashville to Birmingham office 7-15-35.

**DETAILS:** AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Reference is made to letter dated June 27, 1935 addressed by the Bureau to Mr. E. Patterson, 1205 Juniper Street, Lagrange, Georgia, replying to a communication from him indicating that he had known subject William Weaver in the Boys Industrial School, East Lake, Birmingham, Alabama in about 1923.

On July 5, 1935, Mr. Patterson, who now lives at 423 Martha Street, Montgomery, Alabama called at the Birmingham office and was interviewed by Special Agent J. H. Baldrige. He advised that from 1922 to 1924 he attended the Alabama Boys Industrial School, East Lake, Birmingham, Alabama, and while there was acquainted with a student named Roy Weaver, whom he believed identical with subject William Weaver.

Agent Baldrige interviewed D. M. Weakley, Superintendent of the Alabama Boys Industrial School who checked his records and advised that on August 20, 1919 Roy Weaver was committed to that institution, being at that time 14 years of age.

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Mr. Weakley stated that from his knowledge of this individual, which included a number of communications from him since his discharge from the institution, he is positive that the two persons are not identical. Mr. Weakley's records show that Roy Weaver resided at the time of his commitment to the institution, with his step-father and mother, named Bauer, at 2609 Avenue J and 26th Street, Ensley, Alabama.

It is noted that from information known concerning subject Weaver, it is apparent that he is not identical with the Roy Weaver referred to by Mr. Patterson. In this connection it appears that subject Weaver would have been 23 years of age in 1919, and that he was arrested by Joplin, Missouri police as early as July, 1918 on a vagrancy charge.

Upon receipt by the Birmingham office of the first teletype message from the Nashville office on July 15, 1935, advising that three men traveling in a green terraplane with Michigan license were reported to be enroute from Columbus, Tennessee to Birmingham, Alabama, all being heavily armed, the information was immediately furnished to the Birmingham Police Department, with the request that it be furnished to all cruising officers in order that they might maintain a lookout for the automobile. When the second teletype message was received, indicating that one of the individuals alleged to be in this car had been tentatively identified as Subject Karpis, Specials Agents R. B. Nathan, J. A. Robey and J. S. Kavanaugh immediately proceeded in Bureau automobile to highway #31, which is the thoroughfare between Birmingham and Nashville. These Agents went as far north as Warrior, Alabama and observed all cars proceeding toward Birmingham for a period of several hours. During that time no Terraplane was observed and only one car bearing Michigan license plates was seen, which was a Chevrolet sedan occupied by four or five men who were evidently tourists, from the baggage. There was nothing in the appearance of these individuals to create suspicion.

Subsequent contact with Acting Chief of Police Giles of the Birmingham Police Department by Special Agent D. O. Smith revealed that although the members of that department had maintained a lookout for the automobile described above, no such automobile was observed by them in Birmingham, Alabama.

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JULY 19, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Bureau dated December 17, 1934, with which were sent the following papers for laboratory analysis:

One Certificate of Registration, number 35952, Ohio, 1934.

One Bill of Sale from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo, Ohio, to E. J. Powell, Toledo, Ohio.

One Bill of Sale from E. J. Powell dated October 10, 1934 to the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Stanley Bryant, 3687 Summit Street, Kansas City, Missouri, the owner of the automobile mentioned in reference letter, and who furnished the above papers to Special Agent A. R. Miller of this office, needs these papers in order to sell instant car. It is requested that they be immediately returned to the Kansas City Bureau Office in order that they may be given to Mr. Bryant.

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Very truly yours,

JUL 24 1935

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Cincinnati  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-19-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-9-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. A. MUZZEY</b> <span style="float: right;">AL</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. DRAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;">JUL 22 1935</p> <p>Wynona Burdette advises she was married to Harry Campbell before a Justice of the Peace at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, sometime in 1930, using fictitious names, Harry Campbell using the name of Sutton. The name used by Wynona not revealed by her. -P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Pittsburgh Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated 6-24-35. Report of Special Agent S. S. Rubenstein, Pittsburgh, Pa. 7-8-35. Letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated 7-1-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT MILAN, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p>At the United States Detention Farm, the writer exhibited to Wynona Burdette a list of the articles of clothing belong to her which were sent by the Jacksonville Office to the Oklahoma City Office to be forwarded to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Box 41, Arondale, Oklahoma. Wynona stated that to the best of her recollection everything was included in the list and she expressed her sincere appreciation to the Bureau for obtaining her clothing.</p> <p>During the course of the conversation had with Wynona Burdette, she advised that she first met Harry Campbell in 1930 and that four or five months after first meeting him, she was married to him before a Justice of the</p>			
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Peace in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, which, she stated, is just a few miles outside of Tulsa. She stated that both she and Harry Campbell used fictitious names at the time they were married and before she had much time to think of the matter, Agent ascertained from her that Harry Campbell had used the name of Sutton. She would not reveal the fictitious name which she had used, stating that she did not wish to do so for the reason that she thought the two witnesses to the marriage might become involved in trouble as the result of witnessing a marriage under fictitious names. She would not elaborate on her statement concerning her marriage to Harry Campbell except to say that the Justice of the Peace before whom they were married is now dead. However, she stated that if the Bureau discovered the fact that she was married to Harry Campbell under the fictitious names used by them at Sapulpa, she would readily admit same on being confronted with the information. She also advised that prior to her flight from Florida following the gun battle at Oklawaha, Florida, she and Harry Campbell had contemplated being married in a legal manner; that is, using their correct names; and that she had decided upon wearing a red and white ensemble, which was included in the list of clothing obtained for her.

Wynona Burdette advised that Harry Campbell had been married twice previously; that she knew his first wife only by the name of Billie and his second wife by the name of Mickey. Wynona was under the impression that Mickey, who was the mother of Harry Campbell's small son, obtained a divorce somewhere in Texas and stated that surely the divorce had been consummated because Harry would not have wanted to marry her in Florida if such had not been the case.

Wynona Burdette stated that at the time she married Harry Campbell at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, under the fictitious names, Harry was then wanted, but was not as badly wanted as he is at the present time, due to the fact that the Bureau is seeking to apprehend him. She further advised that her marriage to him at Sapulpa was their only marriage and that she was never married to him under the name of Martin at Denver, Colorado, stating that the only time she had ever been in Denver, she had merely passed through without stopping.

Wynona Burdette expressed her gratitude to the Bureau, stating that she was well pleased with the courtesy shown her and that she would provide any information concerning instant case so long as Harry Campbell was not involved.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma will, if deemed advisable conduct investigation relative to the marriage of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell -- Campbell using the name of Sutton.

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

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. J. WYNN VLD</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Greyhound Dog Racing Track, Jeffersonville, Ind., closed about 7-6-35 and reopening date is uncertain. Detective Chet Richards, Louisville, Ky. P.D., claims to have obtained information to the effect that subject Harrison drops in and out of Louisville, Ky.

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**Reference:** Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cincinnati, Ohio, 7-9-35.

**Details:** AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

The Greyhound Dog Racing Track located near Jeffersonville, Indiana, as of the date of this investigation was closed. Agent made several inquiries among various people in downtown Jeffersonville with reference to the dog track situation and in each instance was advised that during the recent meet the track did not obtain a good "play"; that apparently the operators of the track were giving the public short odds, the results being that the patronage fell off, and only small bets were made.

Agent spent several hours on the afternoon of July 13, 1935 at the Greyhound Club on Highway #31, just out of Jeffersonville, Indiana, which place is a notorious gambling establishment where gambling is carried on openly in violation of Indiana statutes. It is to be recalled that during the running of the last Kentucky Derby John Russell "Babs" Moran and William Kerin, alleged associates of subject Harrison, frequented the Greyhound Inn, it appearing that Kerin operated one of the gambling games at the Greyhound during Derby week in May 1935. Agent has personally observed both John Russell

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Moran and William Kerin in the past and made this visit to the Greyhound Club for the purpose of locating them there at this time, but was unable to identify any of the people connected with the Greyhound as being Moran or Kerin.

#### AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Detective Chet Richards of the Louisville, Kentucky Police Department was contacted by Agent with reference to any information he had concerning the operators of the dog track at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Past investigation has established that persons interested in many of the gambling activities in southern Indiana, adjacent to Louisville, reside in Louisville, Kentucky, and that the Kentucky Hotel is a favorite meeting place for these gamblers. Detective Richards has a fairly wide acquaintance among gamblers and touts. Richards was also acquainted with the investigation being conducted in Louisville, Kentucky and vicinity during Derby week in May 1935, which investigation was being conducted for the purpose of locating subject Harrison.

Detective Richards advised that he had received information from some local gambler to the effect that subject Harrison occasionally drops in and out of Louisville, Kentucky. At the time Agent interviewed Mr. Richards he was busily engaged on other matters, and therefore could not be fully interrogated. He did state, however, that he doubted whether the source of his information would reveal anything of value to Federal Agents, but nevertheless Detective Richards offered his cooperation in this matter.

This case was discussed with Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey of the Louisville office, who was advised of the information given by Detective Richards.

Telephone conversation with the Sports Department of a local newspaper at Louisville developed the information that the Greyhound Dog Racing Track at Jeffersonville, Indiana had been closed about July 6, 1935, the excuse being given by the operators was to the effect that the track needed repairs. The Sports Department advised that they had no information with reference to a reopening date of this track.

#### AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The file in this case indicates that during Derby week in May 1935 the Indianapolis office conducted an investigation at Louisville, Kentucky with reference to John Russell "Babs" Moran and William Kerin, alleged associates of subject Harrison. At that time Moran and Kerin were apparently somewhat interested in the operation of the Log Cabin, a roadhouse on Highway #31, north of Jeffersonville, which roadhouse was, during Derby week in May 1935, being operated by St. Louis hoodlums. Also during this period Kerin is reported to have operated a gambling game at the Greyhound Inn.

During May 1935 Moran was driving a Graham Paige Coupe, Florida license #D5088, and Kerin was driving an Oldsmobile Coach, Florida license #D9350. Moran disappeared from Louisville on the night of May 13, driving

Kerin's Oldsmobile Coach, Florida license D9350. Kerin left Louisville on May 17, 1935 driving the Graham Paige Coupe, Florida license D5088, and was trailed by Agents to Chicago, Illinois, where he arrived on May 18, 1935, at which place the surveillance of Kerin was taken up by the Chicago office.

The investigation conducted at Louisville, Kentucky and vicinity with reference to Moran in May 1935, definitely established that his principal interest in that vicinity was the dog track at Jeffersonville, and as a matter of fact a copy of a telegram sent by Kerin to his mother was obtained, which indicated definitely that because of pressure the dog track would not be opened at that time, but he expected that the track would be opened in June or July, 1935. Therefore, undoubtedly Moran may be located at Jeffersonville or Louisville, Kentucky at such times as the dog track is in operation.

The Indianapolis file contains no information with reference to the surveillance of Kerin by the Chicago office, nor any recent information with reference to Moran, and the Chicago office is being requested to furnish any recent information concerning Moran or Kerin to both the Indianapolis and Louisville offices.

For the use of the Louisville office there is being forwarded with this report a photograph of Moran.

A description of Moran appearing on the reverse side of this photograph is as follows:

Age:	36
Born:	Missouri
Height:	5'10 3/4"
Weight:	163 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Dark chestnut
Complexion:	Ruddy
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A description of Kerin as recalled by this Agent is as follows:

Age:	About 35
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	165.
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Dark, streak of gray
Complexion:	Fair
Dress:	Neat dresser
Peculiarities:	Smokes cigars.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE -

At Chicago, Illinois - Will review their file in this case and furnish the Indianapolis office and Louisville office with recent information concerning the activities and whereabouts, so far as is known, of Moran and Kerin. Will also furnish information indicating the connection existing between Harrison, Moran and Kerin, that is, whether it appears likely that Harrison will contact either of them.

LOUISVILLE OFFICE -

At Louisville, Kentucky - Will, in view of the fact that the Greyhound Dog Races are advertised in Louisville papers, inform the Indianapolis office in the event the dog track at Jeffersonville reopens.

Will contact Detective Chet Richards of the Louisville, Kentucky Police Department for such information as he has and cooperation he may afford in connection with Harrison.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.-Fugitive  
I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1935 at 9 P.M. an anonymous telephone call was made to the Philadelphia Office from Chester, Pennsylvania. Agent Sears spoke to the anonymous caller, who informed that Alvin Karpis (whom the anonymous caller had occasion to see in Atlantic City, New Jersey, prior to the time of his escape from the Atlantic City Police) was at the present time in Chester, Pa. at the Edgemont Inn, 519 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, Pa. and was making an attempt to register at the Chester Arms Hotel. This party informed that a long distance telephone call was placed at the Edgemont Inn to Detroit, Michigan. The anonymous caller refused to give his name, or where he might be met, saying he refused to put the finger on anybody. The informant finally consented to meet Agent Sears at the Edgemont Inn, but would give no means of identifying himself, saying he would contact Agent if Agent would give his description, which description was given.

Agents Hicks, Townsend, and Sears proceeded immediately to Chester, Pa. Agent Sears entered the Edgemont Inn but was not approached by the person who made the anonymous phone call.

Inquiry at the Chester Arms Hotel by Special Agent Hicks revealed the following information: During the day of July 17th eight persons had engaged rooms at the hotel, and inquiry of the clerks who had checked these persons in, the Resident Manager, John M. Carpenter and the two bell boys, elicited the information that none of these parties answered the description of Alvin Karpis. Several photographs of Subjects involved in the Bremer case were displayed, the names being concealed in each case, with the following results:

Mr. Chamberlin, Night Clerk, stated that picture of Alvin Karpis looked familiar to him.  
Mr. John M. Carpenter, Resident Manager, stated that

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the picture of Karpis slightly resembled a man who had called at the desk three times during the day asking for a man whose name he could not recall, but he thought that the name began with the letter "F." Mr. Carpenter was at the desk when this man appeared at the hotel, and he came at three o'clock, five o'clock and six o'clock. He stated that he was dressed the same on each occasion and was about thirty years of age, five feet nine inches tall, sloping shoulders, peculiarities: nose large at the bottom and pushed over to the side, medium build, about 140-150, light bushy hair. He stated that the man had on a white shirt. He wore no hat. He stated that he looked through the check-ins to determine whether the man who was being sought was registered and was assisted in this search by the day bell boy, William Loper, a negro. The pictures were shown to Loper and he stated that the picture of Karpis looked somewhat like the man who called at the desk. He could not recall the name he was searching in the check-ins.

Mr. Chamberlin, the Night Clerk, stated that shortly after he came on duty at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, July 17, a man called on the telephone and said he wanted to reserve two rooms, adjoining, with bath, for Mr. Campbell and Mr. Karman, and their wives, stating that he would be over later. At about ten P.M. a man came in and asked if Karman had made reservations. When Mr. Chamberlin had informed him that Karman had not appeared, he stated "If he comes in, I'll be at Joe's place, 519 Edgemont Avenue. The following description of this man was given by Mr. Chamberlin:

Age: 30  
Height: 5 ft. 10 in.  
Build: Medium  
Nationality: American  
Peculiarities: None

He was wearing a sport shirt, yellow in color, open at the neck. He stated that he did not pay any particular attention to this man.

Mr. Embank, District Manager, of the Chester Branch of the Bell Telephone Company, confidentially advised that at 6:47 P.M. on July 17, 1935 an uncompleted telephone call was made from Chester 29812 to Detroit, Michigan, being a person-to-person call to Mr. James Kalsey, at Randolph 5600, which is the Hotel Detroiter, Detroit, Michigan. A long-distance telephone call was immediately made from the Philadelphia Bureau office to the Detroit office, requesting that a discreet investigation be made at the Hotel Detroiter, in order to ascertain the identity of Kalsey. The Detroit Office reported that no one by that name was registered at the hotel.

Mr. Joe Doubitts, proprietor of the Edgemont Inn, 519 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, was interviewed by Agents Townsend and Sears, and he advised that about 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. that night, when he entered his inn, a party spoke to him and asked him where his brother Harry was. In view of the fact that Doubitts has just been released from the County Prison, having served a three-months' sentence for bootlegging, he shied away from this stranger, as he believed this party may have been seeking information. Doubitts advised this man was distinctly Jewish in appearance and positively stated, when shown the picture of Alvin Karpis, that this was not the man. He described this party, whom the informant called Karpis, as wearing a shirt open at the neck, and a brown suit, with the coat thrown over a chair. He informed that this party made a long distance phone call from his place and was trying to reach Detroit, Michigan. He states that this party drank a few beers and then left, stating he was going to the Chester Arms Hotel.

Inquiry was made among his employees regarding this phone call, and Miss Teresa Salvatore answered the phone when the operator rang back and stated that Mr. Kalsey could not be reached at Randolph 5600, Detroit, Michigan. This party then gave Miss Salvatore a card with the following written on it: "Mr. Campbell, Mr. Karman, Chester Arms." He told her that if the phone call should be completed, she should try to reach him either c/o Campbell or Karman at the Chester Arms Hotel. This card is being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory to be compared with the specimens of the known handwriting of members of the Barker-Karpis mob. Miss Salvatore, when shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis mob, positively stated that Alvin Karpis was not the man. She stated there was a slight resemblance but that this man had light hair. She further informed that she has seen this man in the Edgemont Inn on four or five occasions and to her knowledge he is a regular customer. Miss Salvatore will be interviewed on this date for any further information

she has regarding the person whom the anonymous informant telephonically informed was Alvin Karpis.

It is to be stated here that while Agents Hicks and Sears were continuing this investigation in Chester they were informed by Joe Doubitts that the branch of the Delaware County National Bank, located at Third Street and Highland Avenue was robbed within the past twenty minutes. Agents immediately discontinued their investigation at this time and proceeded to the Bank to ascertain details concerning this bank robbery.

On July 19, shortly after the bank was robbed, an anonymous phone call was made from Chester, Pa. and was answered by Miss Anne Murphy at the Philadelphia Office. The caller said: "I called you the other day and told you Karpis was in town. Now a bank has been robbed and he has done it." Miss Murphy referred the caller to Mr. Harvey but when he answered the phone the party had hung up.

Agents Sears and Hicks will continue to conduct a further discreet investigation at the Edgemont Inn and at the Chester Arms Hotel, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any connection between this investigation and the bank robbery.

Superintendent of Police Davenport, of Chester, Pa. is reported to have made a statement to the press that Karpis had some connection with the robbery of the above-mentioned bank. It is to be stated that in all probability the investigation at the Edgemont Inn has been reported to Davenport. It is to be noted that at no time during the investigation was any indication given that Alvin Karpis was involved, outside of the presenting of his pictures.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JFS:MRF  
cc: Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Detroit

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:00 Noon

RE: ALVIN KARPIS;  
HARRY CAMPBELL.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schmidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

*W. J. [Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge Conroy called from Kansas City in the above entitled matter, and stated that the operation near Lawrence, Kansas has been "washed up". The informant has given our people the "run around". It will be recalled that this informant was to meet our men at 8 o'clock the night before last at Lawrence, Kansas. During that afternoon Conroy and Bryce hired an old Chevrolet and drove around in the vicinity in order to view the various places where the informant was supposed to have stayed and where Karpis and Campbell were supposed to have stayed. The descriptions furnished by the informant were not very accurate, in fact, they were inaccurate. At any rate, the informant did not show up at 8 o'clock and they received a letter from him the following morning, written from Kansas City, in which he said the plans had changed "on account of the heat". The informant did not state what heat, the weather or the other kind. However, Conroy and Bryce endeavored to check on various places in the vicinity of Lawrence and found a place where the informant was supposed to have stayed the night before, ascertaining that nobody had been there for about a year. They checked on a place where Karpis and Campbell were supposed to have stayed, at a tourist camp, and found that no individuals answering their descriptions had been there. They then talked to the Postmaster about a house about three or four miles from there which answered a description furnished by the informant and found that the person owning it was entirely substantial.

I told Conroy to see Kemper and Katz and tell them he had heard a kidnaping was contemplated in both cases and, while he placed very little, if any, credence in the information, yet he was notifying them relative thereto. I wanted him to do this so that, if by any chance, they are kidnaped, it could not be said that the Bureau was keeping any information from them. Conroy is to check further on the informant's record at McAlester. They found at Kansas City that the informant has now decamped, leaving the automobile which was purchased by him with the money furnished. This episode appears to be about concluded.

Very truly yours,

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July 18, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE BEATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 26, 1935, request-  
ing that [redacted] be interviewed at the residence of [redacted]  
[redacted] for information  
concerning William J. Harrison.

Please be advised that in accordance with the verbal sugges-  
tion made by Special Agent S.K. McKee to Special Agent D.P. Sullivan, tele-  
phonic communication was had with [redacted]  
who advised that [redacted] had not yet returned to Chicago and was  
still in Miami, Florida, and that she did not know the approximate time  
of his return to Chicago.

In view of the above information it is suggested that the  
Jacksonville office again communicate with [redacted] at Miami to  
ascertain whether he has obtained any further information concerning the  
whereabouts of William J. Harrison. Efforts should likewise be made when  
interviewing [redacted] to ascertain the approximate date of his return to  
Chicago so that he may be contacted by the Chicago office.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Jacksonville  
office.

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Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/18/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/17/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. M. JONES</b> <b>JMJ:RWC</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.1236; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.1238;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.1239;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.1241, et al;  
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.**



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William E. Meade with aliases, wanted for questioning in instant case, known to Salesman L. H. Hart of Ford Motor Sales Company, Chicago, as C. C. Chase, purchased Lincoln automobile April 6, 1932, registered in Florida, license W-9065, owner Mrs. C. C. Chase, 35 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Also registered in Illinois in 1933, license 32864, name Mrs. C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln traded for 1934 Ford DeLuxe sedan No. 673750, Meade requesting bill of sale be issued in name of C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Boston Office, July 17, 1935.

DETAILS: Upon receipt of reference teletype, Agent contacted Salesman L. H. Hart of the Ford Motor Sales Company, located at 2220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Mr. Hart did not recognize the names of Charles E. Carter or Mr. Meade. Upon Agent's displaying a photograph of William E. Meade, Mr. Hart immediately stated that he had known the man for six or seven years

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but at the moment could not give his name.

The invoice mentioned in the Boston teletype was referred to to refresh Mr. Hart's memory. After reviewing the sales check memorandum and bill of sale, Mr. Hart stated that he knew Meade as a Mr. C. C. Chase. Hart stated that he had sold Chase several automobiles; that he, Hart, formerly worked for the Triangle Auto Sales Company at 2229 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, dealers in Ford and Lincoln automobiles; that he remembered Chase as having purchased two Lincoln automobiles. The records of these purchases have been destroyed as the Triangle Auto Company is no longer in business.

The Lincoln automobile mentioned in the Boston teletype to this Office was purchased by Chase in 1932. On March 20, 1934, the Lincoln automobile was sold by Chase to the Ford Motor Sales Company of Chicago for \$1,000. A condition of this sale was that the \$1,000 was to establish a credit balance and not to be paid to Chase in cash. Chase at that time purchased a Ford 1934 DeLuxe sedan No. 673750 for \$727.00 and had this car equipped with a special "Kari Keen" trunk at \$38.25, making a total purchase price of \$765.25. Chase still has a credit balance with the Ford Motor Sales Company in Chicago of \$234.75.

This Agent noticed that on the bill of sale there was a notation that the Lincoln 7-passenger, 1932 sedan, factory No. 71199, engine number same, had been registered in Florida in 1934, license tag W-9085, under date of February 4, 1934. The name of the owner was given as Mrs. C. C. Chase, 33 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida. There was also a statement to the effect that this car had been registered in Illinois in 1933, license No. 32864. At the time of the purchase, Chase requested the bill of sale be made out to C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., as he stated to Salesman Hart that he was giving this automobile to a nephew or cousin of his as a present.

Agent ascertained from the Chicago Police Department that 1933 Illinois license tag No. 32864 was issued for a 1932 Lincoln automobile, factory and engine number 71196, owner C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. The difference in factory and engine numbers could probably be accounted for as a typographical error.

The foregoing information was sent to the Boston Office in summary form on July 17, 1935.

For the benefit of the lead offices, the Chicago Office was advised by teletype from the Boston Office, July 17, 1935, the following facts:

The Northampton, Massachusetts Police on July 12, 1935, arrested a man giving his name as Charles E. Carter and held him on grounds of improper registration of automobile. Carter was released on \$200.00 bond on July 14, 1935, with a hearing set for July 18th. Carter has subsequently been identified as William E. Meade with aliases, wanted for questioning in the instant case. The Police are still holding Meade's 1934 Ford sedan, No. 18-673750. A bill of sale was found in the automobile from the Lincoln & Ford Motor Car Company, 2229 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, the invoice No. 1266 showing the purchase by C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on March 20, 1934, of the instant Ford.

As it is improbable that Meade alias Chase will appear for the hearing, the following leads are set out:

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ATLANTA OFFICE at Atlanta, Georgia, will conduct an investigation at the Henry Grady Hotel to establish the identity of C. E. Carter or for any information that may be obtained relative to William E. Meade.

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at 33 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida, will conduct an investigation for any information relative to C. C. Chase or William E. Meade that will lead to apprehension of Meade.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE at the Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, will conduct an investigation for any information relative to C. C. Chase or William E. Meade that will lead to apprehension of Meade.

- PENDING -

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the fingerprints of Charles  
E. Carter which were received from the Northampton, Massachusetts  
Police Department, showing attempted mutilation of the ten finger-  
prints, and which were identified in the Bureau as the fingerprints  
of William E. Meade, FBI-271926.

The scarred finger impressions of Meade have been  
compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in  
connection with the Bremer case, but no identification has been  
effected. Copies of the mutilated finger impressions are being  
entered in the single fingerprint file.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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July 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

in re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
.DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE BATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Copy and Specimens Retained in Laboratory  
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With reference to Bureau letter dated July 8, 1935, the following described bullet fragments and cartridge shells found at the scene of the murder of Police Officer Miles Cunningham, were obtained from the Coroner's office, Cook County, Illinois for comparison with available specimens in the possession of the Bureau:

- 3 - .45 A.P.C. fired cartridge cases
- 1 - .45 A.P.C. fired bullet
- 1 - .45 A.P.C. bullet core;
- 1 - .380 A.P. fired cartridge case recovered by Patrolman F. McCormick, 26th district.
- 1 .45 A.P.C. Bullet core recovered by Officer Gapinski
- 1.- .45 A.P.C. bullet core, recovered by Officer Fleming
- 1 - .45 A.P.C. fired bullet, recovered at 201 1/2 S. Halsted St.
- 1 - fired bullet, recovered by Walter Heim

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Inasmuch as the murder of Officer Cunningham at Chicago on September 22, 1933 has never been solved it is still an open case. For this reason the Coroner's office desires that these exhibits be returned as soon as a comparison has been made by the Bureau laboratory with available specimens in its files.

For the information of the Laboratory at 12.25 A.M. on September 22, 1933 Officer Miles Cunningham and a fellow officer stopped to investigate an automobile accident at Adams and Halsted Streets, Chicago, Illinois and upon approaching one of the cars five men left it, two or more of whom were armed with sub-machine guns, and opened fire on the Officers, killing Officer Cunningham. Investigation developed that shortly before this assault took place five men in two automobiles had held up two messengers and two guards of the Federal Reserve Bank at Jackson Boulevard near LaSalle Street, Chicago, and stole three bags containing mail which was being transported from the Chicago Post Office to the Federal Reserve Bank. The aforementioned exhibits were found at the scene of the killing of Officer Cunningham. The identity of the killers is not known but investigation in the Bremer kidnaping case has indicated that the robbery and killing were perpetrated by members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

It is suggested that a comparison be made by the Laboratory of the above mentioned exhibits with test bullets from guns recovered from the above mentioned gang, and with bullets and shells fired from weapons formerly in the possession of the Karpis-Barker gang.

The exhibits should be returned to this office upon completion of the comparison by the Laboratory.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:JMS

CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SAM.

July 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
MARIO CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234  
WILLIAM F. WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE E. BRYAN with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to your letter dated July 11, 1935 requesting a copy of letter from this office to the Kansas City office dated May 1, 1935, I am attaching hereto copy of the above mentioned letter for your information.

The name of Sam Guzik has been mentioned during the investigation of this case as a contact for the Karpis-Barker gang. It is reported that he has connections of some kind at Omaha, Nebraska.

It is suggested that discreet investigation be made to ascertain whether any members of the Karpis-Barker gang not yet apprehended have been contacting Guzik.

Very truly yours,  
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D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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July 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs

The Bureau has been endeavoring to establish the identity of one "Rocky" who has been referred to during interviews conducted with [redacted] by agents of the Chicago Bureau Office.

It is possible that the "Rocky" referred to is a brother of Subject Louis "Doc" Stacci, who is presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, having been convicted of conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case. You are therefore instructed to conduct an appropriate inquiry at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, with a view to ascertaining the names of the relatives of Louis "Doc" Stacci. It is also suggested that the list of visitors and correspondents be obtained.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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WILLIAM M. PETERSON, Winnetka, Ill.

July 22, 1935

Director John Edgar Hoover,  
Bureau of Federal Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Director Hoover:

On July 18th there appeared an item in the press dated from Northampton, Mass which stated in effect that William E. Leads, sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping was arrested there and fingerprinted and charged with a minor automobile infraction. It was asserted in this report that his fingertips had been burned with acid. He was released on \$200 bail.

Being interested in the possibility that Leads had attempted to alter his prints I wrote Chief of Police Bart Bresnahan for such verification or denial.

In his reply today he informs me that a man by name of Charles E. Karter had been arrested on the previous Friday. He said that the prints were plain enough for identification and nothing had been said about not being able to identify them. He added that the prints looked as though an attempt had been made to mutilate the whorls but that he was not expert enough to know how it had been done. He stated that he sent the prints airmail to your Bureau on Friday but did not receive the reply identifying the man until Sunday night. In the meantime he was bailed out by a lawyer from Boston.

Would you kindly let me know if such attempt was made to change such prints and if so to what extent?

In the case of the lawyer who bailed him out, this is another instance of the lawyer-original of whom you spoke so brilliantly in Atlantic City all seeking to frustrate justice.

With personal regards and best of good wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely yours  
Edward J. Singleton  
50 East 58 Street  
New York City.

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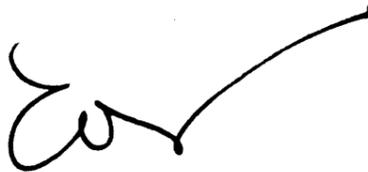
Dr. Carleton Simon,  
50 East 53th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Doctor Simon:

I have received your letter of July 22, 1935, relating to press dispatches originating from Northampton, Massachusetts, concerning the arrest of William E. Meade, with aliases, and the mutilated condition of Meade's fingerprints at the time of this arrest.

In order that you may be fully advised as to the facts in this situation, particularly since the Chief of Police at Northampton, Massachusetts, has been quoted in press dispatches in a critical vein, concerning the Bureau's identification of Meade, you are advised that on Saturday afternoon, July 13, 1935, a set of fingerprints was received in the Bureau, submitted by the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department, upon an individual who gave the name Charles E. Carter. The prints of this individual were so badly mutilated that it was impossible to arrive at any satisfactory classification of the prints, and it was accordingly necessary to search the mutilated prints through a great variety of classifications. Feeling that any person who would take such strenuous efforts to mutilate his fingerprints, was undoubtedly a criminal of a dangerous type, I instructed the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Office to immediately dispatch a Special Agent to Northampton, Massachusetts, for the purpose of interrogating the person under arrest at that point, in an effort to arrive at his identity. The Special Agent of the Boston Office arrived in Northampton, Massachusetts on Saturday afternoon, July 13, 1935, but was unable during the course of several hours questioning to obtain any information indicating the true identity of the person under arrest there. The Special Agent was successful in arranging the transmittal to the Bureau of an additional set of fingerprints upon the individual under arrest, in order that the identification of the individual might be expedited, it being noted that the first prints received from the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department were not completely rolled, which fact, of course, contributed to the difficulty of making an identification.

Despite the fact that the person under arrest at Northampton, Massachusetts bore the indelible brand of a criminal in the mutilated fingertips, the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department permitted his release upon a nominal bond of \$200, upon a charge of false registra-



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tion of an automobile, early on the morning of July 14, 1935, and prior to the time that the Bureau had notified the Northampton Police Department of the identity of this man. I feel that such a procedure was certainly a display of poor judgment. Needless to say, the individual released, who was subsequently identified as William E. Meade, a notorious confidence man, did not appear in accord with the terms of his release bond.

Despite the fact that the fingerprints of William E. Meade were so badly mutilated that it was impossible to classify them, an identification was effected in the Identification Division of the Bureau, on the afternoon of July 15, 1935, and the Northampton Police Department was notified of the identity of the individual, who, of course, had been released at that time. It is interesting to note that a period of but slightly more than 43 hours elapsed between the time that the prints were received in the Bureau and the time when the identity of the individual arrested was ascertained. Due consideration being given to the mutilated condition of the fingerprints and the tremendous number of fingerprint cards on file in the Identification Division, I do not believe the time required to make this identification was excessive.

As indicated above, I feel that the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department committed a serious error of judgment and police procedure, when they permitted William E. Meade to make a nominal bond upon a minor charge prior to the time that they had ascertained his true identity.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*E. J. Newby*

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

On May 11th, 1935, Hon. W. G. Simpson, connected with the Sheriff's Office of Harrison County, Gulfport, wrote you a letter with reference to the capture of Harry Sawyer, a notorious kidnapper, and wanted by the Government for participating in the Bremmer kidnaping.

There can be no question but that Bill Simpson and Dolph Demetz located this man and furnished the information leading to his arrest, and that Simpson effected the actual capture of the man.

Won't you be so kind as to give me a report on this matter and tell me whether or not Mr. Simpson is entitled to any reward offered for his capture.

With appreciation, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Thos. G. Ruby*  
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Senator Bilbo states it has been called to his attention that one Bill Simpson and Dolph Demetz were instrumental in capturing Harry Sawyer; that he would like to know if Simpson is entitled to any reward for this capture.

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Honorable Theodore G. Bilbo,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senators:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 1935, advising of the communication received by you from Mr. W. G. Simpson of the Sheriff's Office, Harrison County, Gulfport, Mississippi, relative to the payment of a reward in connection with the location and apprehension of Harry Sawyer, who is wanted on charges of kidnaping.

The Federal Government had made no offer of reward for the apprehension of Sawyer and under the circumstances no remuneration can be paid in this instance. It appears that Mr. Simpson communicated with this Bureau and advised that there was a suspicious person located at Pass Christian, Mississippi and upon investigation by Special Agents of this Bureau the identity of the individual was determined to be Harry Sawyer.

Mr. Simpson accompanied by Special Agents of this Bureau effected the apprehension of Sawyer on May 3, 1935. This is the procedure followed in all instances where local peace officers furnish information concerning the location of Federal fugitives and no rewards are paid for the services rendered by them.

I trust that this satisfactorily explains the situation. With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

DIRECTOR  
JUL 18 1935

CC New Orleans

Encl. (copy of letter from Senator Bilbo, dated 7/9/35)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

William E. Meade first entered the Bremer kidnaping case when Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly reported to the Chicago Bureau Office on January 27, 1934, that an individual from St. Paul named Martip Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, identified the photograph of William E. Meade in the rogues' gallery of the Chicago Police Department as the confidence man who had fleeced him out of \$200,000. Wunderlich was a road contractor and had constructed roads throughout the United States. He evidently met Meade and his associates in St. Louis, Missouri, while on a business trip. Meade interested him in betting on horse races, and as a result of several bets placed by Meade, Wunderlich won \$370,000. He was not paid, however, until he could produce evidence that he could have paid had he lost his bet. As a result, Wunderlich obtained \$200,000, \$100,000 from his safety deposit box in St. Paul, and \$100,000 from Edward G. Bremer. Since receiving this information, the Bureau has been endeavoring to locate Meade for questioning.

When Dr. Wilhelm Loeser was taken into custody in Chicago, Illinois, on July 24, 1934, two days following the shooting of John Herbert Dillinger, he admitted altering the fingerprints of Dillinger and Homer Van Meter, as well as the fingerprints of William E. Meade.

Meade was taken into custody as Charles E. Carter by the Northampton, Massachusetts, Police Department on July 12, 1935, on charges of suspicion. He was in the act of attempting to defraud one John H. Dunn of 20 Fort Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, a building contractor. His fingerprints were identified in the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 15, 1935, not, however, until Meade had been released on a cash bond of \$200.00, calling for his appearance on July 18, 1935. Meade failed to appear.

The criminal record of Meade, which is attached hereto, reflects that he is wanted as a fugitive by the Post Office Department at Jacksonville, Florida, for bond forfeiture. It appears that Meade, together with William A. Shaw and H. C. Howard, was wanted at Jacksonville, Florida, in connection with a mail fraud case. The case against Shaw was recently disposed of by a fine of \$2,000, and Meade forfeited his bond of \$10,000.

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Respectfully,

R. E. NEESBY

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/19/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/16/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. H. REDMOND</b> <b>B</b>
TITLE: <b>Browning Automatic Rifles #211774 &amp; 211349 Colt .45 Calibre Automatic Pistol #18001</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Authority to ship firearms from Rock Island Arsenal must come from Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. Photographs of automatic rifles and pistol obtained and transmitted to the New York Bureau Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R. U. C.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from New York Bureau Office dated 7/1/35. <span style="float: right;">7-576-6570</span></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.</u></p> <p>Mr. C. L. Dye, Field Service Division, Rock Island Arsenal, stated that the firearms in question can be shipped to the manufacturers only upon the authority of the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C. The two Browning automatic rifles #211774 and #211349 and the Colt .45 Caliber automatic pistol #18001, have been set aside in order that they may be on hand if further investigation is desired. At the direction of Mr. Dye, photographs were taken at the Arsenal of the parts of the weapons whereon numbers and other markings appeared. These pictures accompany copies of this report sent to the New York Bureau Office.</p> <p>Mr. Nye caused the records of the Arsenal to be examined for the receipt of the firearms under investigation. He produced an invoice for the Colt .45 Caliber automatic pistol #18001, model 1911, showing that it was received at the Rock Island Arsenal 4/20/34 from C. O. Co. "H", 168th infantry, Iowa National Guard, Marshalltown, Iowa. Browning automatic rifles</p>			
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#211774 and 211349, Model 1918, were on hand at the time they began keeping records of firearms by serial number. This was in 1923.

For the information of the Omaha Bureau Office, the above-mentioned firearms held by the Bureau were found to have the same serial numbers as similar ones in the possession of the Rock Island Arsenal. This investigation is being made to determine why there are duplicate sets of serial numbers on these weapons. In this connection, records of the arms are being traced back to see when they were received by the Army.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The NEW YORK OFFICE will contact the Winchester and Colt Companies for further examination of the firearms by comparison with the photographs of marked parts and will set out leads for the Washington Field Office to arrange with the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C., for shipping the arms to the companies if deemed necessary.

The OMAHA OFFICE at MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, will check the records of the 168th Infantry, Iowa National Guard in an effort to trace Colt automatic pistol #18001 back to the time it was received by the Army.

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July 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS  
IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is endeavoring to trace the source of Browning Automatic Rifles #211774 and #211349, and of Colt .45 caliber Automatic Pistol #18001, which were recovered from members of the Barker-Karpis gang and Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd. Investigation by the St. Louis Bureau Office discloses that guns bearing identical serial numbers are located in the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois. The manufacturers of the guns in question have requested that they be given an opportunity to examine the weapons now located at the Rock Island Arsenal and the weapons in possession of the Bureau.

You are instructed to contact the officials of the Ordnance Division of the War Department and arrange to temporarily borrow the guns to be submitted to the officials of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Connecticut, and the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Connecticut, for examination.

Arrangements for the shipment of these weapons to the New York Bureau Office under Government bill of lading can be arranged through the St. Louis Bureau Office. This matter should receive immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - New York  
St. Louis

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July 18, 1935.

7-576-6078

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

- A. Original letter beginning, "Dear Friend Gladys:- Well I suppose", and signed "Lill".
- B. First page of an original letter beginning, "My Dear Darling Wife".
- C. Second page of above letter beginning, "it seems like five years".
- D. Third page of above letter beginning, "her self, but I wish you".
- E. Envelope in which the two above letters were mailed to Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, Englewood Station, December 18, 1934, 8 PM".

St. Paul Bureau Office,

July 16, 1935.

Handwriting and Fingerprint.

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The handwriting on the letter dated November 25, 1934, commencing "My Dear Darling Wife" was compared with the signature of William J. Harrison on Identification Order #1839. While the signature of Harrison does not afford a suitable standard upon which to conduct an adequate comparison, from the comparison possible, however, there was found to be a difference in inconspicuous characteristics which would not lead the examiner to believe that Harrison wrote this letter.

The erased signature at the end of this letter dated November 25, 1934, was made out to be "Thomas Holden".

The handwriting on this letter as well as on the letter written in ink was compared with the handwriting specimens of other members of the Karpis Gang but no identification was effected.

The physical characteristics of the stationery have been recorded in the Laboratory for comparison with possible future specimens.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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July 19, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

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 Division July 16, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #009234.

CC - Cincinnati.  
Chicago.  
St. Louis.

*Hyman E. R.*  
*Edgar Hoover*  
*REN*  
*TK*

GEO. A. SKULTETY  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
FAIRBURY - NEBRASKA

July 19th, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 15th, relative to arrangements for a conference with your Special Agents, John Madala and R. P. Shanahan at your Chicago office in regard to Jess ~~X~~ Doyle.

August 2, 1935 at 9 O'clock A. M. would be a very convenient date for me, and I shall be there at that time.

Please acknowledge this appointment. If you prefer a different date, I should be glad to make other arrangements.

I sincerely appreciate your courtesies and cooperation in this matter, and I am

Yours very sincerely,

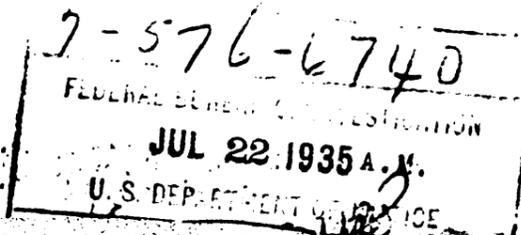
*Geo. A. Skultety*  
County Attorney.

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BIRMINGHAM SUBJECT KASPER FATHER TODAY RECEIVED SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FROM FIFTEEN  
 THREE FIVE OR FIVE THREE FIVE WOOD STREET CHICAGO STOP CHECK AND ADVISE

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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July 18, 1935

R. G. Harvey  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Geo O Berman*

BREKID INCOMPLETED TELEPHONE CALL MADE TO DETROITER HOTEL DETROIT MICHIGAN FROM  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
July 19, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases; Fugitive;  
I. O. #1218; et al. Edward George Bremer,  
Victim. Kidnaping; Harboring and Ob-  
struction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

This office has all mail received by C. Holliday,  
306 1/2 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa, under surveillance, believ-  
ing that he is a medium through whom Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver,  
fugitives in this case, contact their friends and relatives. Recently  
a letter was received by Mr. Holliday from Quinn, an inmate of a re-  
formatory at Lorton, Virginia, which caused an Agent of the Washington  
Field Office to interview Quinn. At that interview Quinn stated that  
he did not know Myrtle Eaton or William Weaver, but that he did know  
Harry Sawyer and that he frequently visited Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul.

Quinn's correspondence record shows that he has been  
corresponding with Vick Allen, Windsor Hotel, Otto Miller, Windsor Hotel,  
both of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Myrtle Brown, Ardmore Apartments,  
St. Paul, Minnesota. These names are being submitted to you for any  
value that they may have at this or some future time, not necessarily  
in this case but in any case, and so that if you believe advisable,  
you may inquire into the standing and activities of these people.

It is to be noted that Quinn claims he knows a Myrtle  
Brown. Whether or not she is Myrtle Eaton is left to your determina-  
tion, and if you believe any of the persons named may be a channel  
through which you may locate William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton, I submit  
them to you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 29, 1935

Mr. George A. Skultety,  
County Attorney,  
Fairbury, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Skultety:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 19, 1935 requesting that arrangements be made for a conference with Special Agents John Madala and R. P. Shanahan at the Chicago Office of this Bureau, for the purpose of discussing the case against Jess Doyle.

In accordance with your suggestion, Special Agents Madala and Shanahan have been instructed to report to the Chicago Office at 9 A.M., August 2, 1935, to confer with you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-30 AMK

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-20-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-13-17-35	REPORT MADE BY P. M. PLUNKETT
TITLE ALVIN HARRIS, with als. FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with als. I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with als. I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with als. I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with als. I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with als. I.O. 1241; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			
<p><u>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</u> William E. Meade as C. E. Carter arrested Northampton Police, Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935. Charge investigation and improper registration; fingerprints discovered to be mutilated. Bond of \$200.00 returnable 7-16-35. Subject released while identity unknown. Automobile and possessions in custody Northampton Police. Leads set out looking to his re-capture. Description and criminal record set out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Telephone calls Inspector Tamm from Bureau July 13th and 18th, 1935.			
<p>DETAILS: On July 13, 1935, the Boston office was called on the telephone by Inspector Tamm of the Bureau and advised that Northampton, Mass. police were presently holding in custody one C. E. Carter, whose fingerprints when forwarded to the Bureau showed evidences of mutilation.</p> <p>This Agent proceeded to Northampton, Mass., and there contacted Sergeant Harry J. Kelley of the Police Department. Sergeant Kelley stated to the Agent that he is something of an expert in fingerprinting and has testified as such on several occasions. He stated that he recognized at once when he had taken Carter's fingerprints that they probably could not be classified and he had unsuccessfully attempted to classify them himself.</p> <p>The Sergeant stated that the occasion of Carter's arrest had some details as follows: One John E. Dunn of 24 Ford Street, Northampton,</p>			
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Mass., a building contractor, had been approached by Carter several times within the last ten days. Carter had stated that he represented a wealthy man of Philadelphia and New York whose name was Pierce and who wished to construct a set of homes in Northampton, Mass. In the course of the communications, Mr. Dunn's suspicions were aroused and he called in Sergeant Kelley. The Sergeant examined Carter's registration for his automobile and found it to be faulty and arrested him on this ground. The car had been registered in Georgia and bore the license number 26499C. The registration card in the possession of Carter stated that it was registration for car number 673750, while as a matter of fact, the actual number of the car was 763750.

Carter was formally charged with improper registration of an automobile. Bond of \$200.00 was set, returnable for Thursday, July 18, 1935, and in default of bond was placed in Hampshire County Jail. The Sergeant stated further that he had then wired to the Boston police to see if this man was wanted by that Department and had also wired the police at Atlanta, Georgia, to ascertain whether Carter lived at the Henry Grady Hotel in that City. The responses to these wires had been negative. Shortly after Sergeant Kelley had contacted the Boston police, Attorney Herbert Callahan of Boston, a well-known representative of gamblers had called the Northampton police and inquired the amount of bail set. When the information had been given him he stated that the bail would be brought immediately.

While the Agent was interviewing Sergeant Kelley, the Bail Commissioner came in the Station to state that a lawyer from Springfield had called him to say that he had the bail ready and wished Carter released immediately. The Commissioner, however, stated that he would delay his appearance at the jail as long as possible in order to give this Agent a chance to interview Carter.

This Agent then, in company with Sergeant Kelley, proceeded to the Hampshire County Jail and there interviewed Carter for several hours. It was apparent that Carter had much experience in being questioned by authorities. He was constantly alert and refused to enter any discussion concerning himself, his business dealings or acquaintances. He was questioned vigorously by this Agent concerning his fingers and he expressed surprise first that the Federal Government was interested in him at all and secondly to learn that his fingers had been marred in any way. The only explanation he could suggest was that they had been burned on a camping trip. He allowed the Agent to examine the tips of his fingers. The Agent observed the scars and is of the opinion they were made by a knife or perhaps a strong acid and are at least several months old. It was also the Agent's impression that these scars are of a permanent nature.

Sergeant Kelley and this Agent continued to talk with Carter and obtained only the following information:

He stated that he was born in San Francisco on December 25, 1870. He stated that he was a lawyer but admitted that he was not licensed to practice in any State and refused to name the Law School he had attended. He admitted that he had been in the oil business or in the oil fields of Oklahoma at one time and was willing to discuss Real Estate Law with this Agent for some little

while. He stated that he is a Catholic and still is faithful to his Church. He stated that he has had several nervous breakdowns in the past. The Agent notified further that the subject is inclined to make grammatical errors, chiefly in the use of the double negative and the word "aint." He said many times, "I aint done no wrong." The Agent's impression was that the subject is a typical confidence man.

During most of this interview Carter's attorney, James P. Mahoney of 44 Vernon Street, Springfield, Mass., had been waiting at the jail with \$200.00 in bail. At about 12:30 A.M., July 14th the Bail Commissioner told this Agent and Sergeant Kelley that he would be forced to grant bail immediately. The Agent unsuccessfully attempted to have further State charges placed against Carter in order that he might be held for a longer period of time. The Agent did succeed, however, in arranging for the jail photographer to come down immediately and take the subject's photograph. Copies of this photograph were sent to the Bureau with the subject's fingerprints bearing Hampshire County House of Correction #8869. Copies of these photographs are also in the Boston file.

Carter was released at 1 A.M. July 14th and proceeded with Attorney Mahoney in the latter's car towards Springfield, Mass.

On the evening of July 15th, the Boston office was informed that the Bureau had identified subject Carter as being the same person as William E. Meade, wanted by the U.S. Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, by the Post Office Inspectors and by this Bureau for questioning in connection with this case. A full description and criminal record of Meade is set out at the end of this report.

On receipt of the information from the Bureau concerning the true identity of Meade, this Agent attempted to locate him again. Attorney James P. Mahoney was contacted in his office at 44 Vernon Street, Springfield, Mass. It may be stated here that Mahoney had previously been interviewed by this Agent at the jail at the time of Meade's release. He had stated at that time that he was not acquainted either with Meade or Callahan but had merely received a phone call from Callahan in Boston asking him to cash a Money Order being sent him and arrange for Meade's release. When interviewed further Mahoney stated that Meade had said nothing to him during the entire drive from Northampton to Springfield and on arrival in Springfield had gotten out of the car on the corner of Bridge and Dwight Streets. Mahoney stated that he had not heard from him or seen him since.

Captain McCarthy of the Springfield Police indicated that Mahoney is not of very high calibre as a lawyer, which confirmed this Agent's own impression. The Agent then gave a picture of the subject to Lieutenant Gallagher of the Springfield Police, who stated that copies of it would be given to all police inspectors and instructions issued to apprehend this individual on sight and notify the Boston Bureau office immediately.

The Agent also went to the Railroad Depot and interviewed the ticket Agents on duty, showing them a photograph of Meade and inquired whether they had sold him a ticket. None was able to state positively that he had but all thought he looked familiar.

Joseph Wrenn, the ticket Agent who had been on duty from midnight until 9 A.M. Sunday was interviewed at his home. He, too, thought the picture familiar but if he had sold him a ticket, could not remember to what point, adding that he had sold over 600 tickets that morning to points in every direction.

Every bus terminal in Springfield was contacted with negative results. In each case the day and night ticket sellers were interviewed, with one exception. The terminals contacted were the following: The Main Terminal on Main Street; the Blue Way Terminal; the Greyhound Terminals; the Bee Line Terminal; the New Deal Terminal.

Garland Zachman, who sold tickets for the Greyhound Terminal on Sunday morning, is presently in Elyria, Ohio, and will return about July 21st.

Every one who viewed the picture of Meade felt certain that he had seen him before but could not remember whether he had sold him a ticket. Zachman will be questioned on his return to Springfield.

The Agent interviewed Mr. John H. Dunn, the contractor, whose information lead to Meade's arrest. Mr. Dunn stated that he had first met Meade on Thursday, June 27th; the second time on Friday, July 5th, and the third time on July 12th. On the occasion of their first meeting Meade had come to his office and introduced himself as Mr. Taylor, representing a wealthy man whose name he would not divulge but who wished to construct some houses in the vicinity of Northampton. In answer to Mr. Dunn's question he stated that he had not yet the property on which the building was to take place and when Dunn suggested that he (Dunn) owned lots which might be suitable was mildly interested. Accordingly, he and Dunn drove to the location of Dunn's lots and discussed the prices thereof. Mr. Dunn stated that by this time he was certain that he was dealing with a crook and had decided to lead him on with a view to his ultimate apprehension. Meade, on his departure, had said he would return in a week with the plans and specifications for the two apartment houses which his client wished to erect. Meade's car had been parked out of sight but Dunn had sent his young son to look for it. His son had reported that the car was a 1954 Chevrolet with Georgia plates but did not know the number. He had stated the color of the car to be a brown or maroon sedan.

On the second occasion, Meade had approached him at 4.30 in the afternoon of July 5th. On this occasion he was wearing colored glasses and a Panama hat. (It may be noted here that no Panama hat nor colored glasses were found in his possession.) He brought with him a set of blue prints with a mimeographed pamphlet of specifications. Dunn stated that he recognized these plans and specifications as being of the type that could be purchased by any one from a Publishing House and also noticed that the name of the

Publishing House had been clipped off. Dunn was anxious to avoid Meade's suspicions and so did not press his questions when Meade evaded them. On this occasion, however, Meade stated that Dunn's lots would not be suitable; that he wished corner lots. He left the plans and specifications in the possession of Dunn on his departure.

On the third and last visit of Meade he had stated that his principal was Dr. Pierce of New York and Philadelphia and that he had expected the Doctor to be with him on that day (July 12th). However, he said the Doctor was detained because of his wife's illness. When Meade showed signs of nervousness and was apparently backing out of his plans Dunn detained him by saying that the blue prints were at his (Dunn's) house and that he would send his son after them. While the son was on his way, Meade grew very nervous and began pacing the floor. Dunn, however, continued to talk to him and Meade then stated that they had decided to build only one house and that they already had it rented to a professor of Smith College in Northampton. When asked who the professor was, he was unable to name him, stating that the professor had not yet been appointed.

The son had then notified Sergeant Kelley who had proceeded to the vicinity of Dunn's office and there located Meade's car. While he was examining the car, Meade came hurrying from Dunn's office and was placed under arrest. Dunn stated that when his son returned with the blue prints, Meade had stated that he was in a hurry to leave and would return shortly, saying which he grabbed the blue prints and almost ran from the office. Mr. Dunn stated that he had read the specifications for the buildings submitted and could find no fault with them. They were apparently a form type printed by the thousand by a publishing house.

Mr. Albert Beckman, Sheriff of Hampshire County, advised that he had received a long-distance phone call from Florida after Meade's identity had been established. His caller said his name was Tom E. Phatcher, 3052 N.E., First Court, Miami, Florida. Phatcher inquired concerning Meade and on being told that Meade's eyes were blue, said he was not interested. Subsequently he wired the Sheriff confirming the phone call and saying that he was not interested if the Sheriff was positive that Meade's eyes were blue. The Sheriff does not know who Phatcher is or what his interest was in Meade.

There is being set out on the following page a list of all the effects of Meade in his possession when arrested by the Northampton police.

The automobile was described as a 1934 Ford four-door Sedan, Motor Number 18-673750, color black; wire wheels and with "Karikeen" trunk on rear.

The speedometer reading was 41,632. Nailed to the post of the driver's seat is a St. Christopher Medalion. On the wind shield is a sticker such as is presently used in the State of Massachusetts to indicate the inspection of a motor vehicle. This sticker was issued by the Roxbury Crossing Motor Company of Roxbury, Mass., and indicated that Adjuster C. Nevin had inspected the car. The number of this sticker is 127437. Its date is -- 2, 1935. The Station Number is 525 and it indicates the registration number as 105A907.

The Bill of Sale of this car has already been checked through the teletype with the Chicago office and verified. Information from that office indicates that the Ford Motor Sales Company, 2229 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, sold the instant car to the subject as C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, but at his request issued the Bill of Sale in the name of C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. It also has been verified that Meade as C. C. Chase purchased UC-858 Lincoln V8-7 Sedan #71199 on April 6, 1932, and this Lincoln was registered in Florida February 4, 1934, and had Florida license tag #W-9085 issued to Mrs. C. C. Chase at 33 W. Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida. The Lincoln was also registered in Illinois with 1933 license number 32864 under the name of Mrs. C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. This Lincoln had been traded in at even value for the subject Ford.

Also in the possession of Meade was found a bottle (about 6 ounces). This bottle was slightly over half full of a clear liquid. The label appears on this bottle is set out below:

VELENO  
(Skull and crossbones)

ACIDO  
FENICO  
(Use Medicinal)

Sanborn Hnos, S.A.  
Mexico, D.F.

(O.L.) SANBORNIS  
MEXICO

El contenido no es especialidad ni formula secreta.  
Se despacha en este envase para mejor presentacion  
a nuestra clientele

Sanborn Hnos., S.A. (Corner of label torn off)  
Madero 4. Mexico.

Sergeant Kelley has advised this Agent that he took this bottle to the Chemistry Laboratory of Smith College where he was advised that it was a concentrated solution of Carbohic Acid and in their opinion was capable of destroying flesh.

Also in Carter's possession was a Highway Atlas of the U.S., published by the Gallup Map & Supply Company of Kansas City. On looking through this Atlas the Agent noticed that the map of Mexico showed

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use. A line was drawn from the City of Cumpas to Tonichi and written in ink alongside of it was "100 miles." Another ink line was drawn from El Paso, Texas, through Chihuahua, Torreon, Saltillo, Monterey, San Luis Potos, Mexico City, Guadalupe, Mazatlan, thence back to Torreon. The map of Alabama and Georgia had written thereon the figures "1066 to Savannah", "1161 to Charleston." Underneath were the figures "1232." On another part of the map were the figures 578, 137, 184 and 168 arranged vertically. hb

Also in the automobile was found a part of the Boston Herald for July 2, 1935, a part of the "Asheville Citizen" dated April 20, 1935, and a slip from Asheville, N.C., showing a purchase of 29¢ at Sears, Roebuck for flies.

A copy of "The Nerba" a mimeographed publication by the New England Road Builders Association, 89 Broad Street, Boston, was also found. This issue is dated May 4, 1935. A search of this book showed red pencilled check marks placed after the following names on the pages set out:

- Page 1-C. John A. Gaffey, Medford, Mass.
- " 2-C. Oneglia & Cervasini, Torrington, Conn.
- " 9-C. Charles Struzziary, Roslindale, Mass.
- " 10-C. A. R. Doyle, Inc., Boston.
- " 11-C. Boone & Brewer Construction Company, Presque Isle, (Probably in Maine.)

A "Conoco Passport" #755768, season 1935-6 issued by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colorado, to C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S.C.

The other items are set out as follows:

One "Spanish" Book 2, by Oscar Galeno, published by the Gregg Publishing Company, Boston.

"Torcham Guide Magazine" 1933, published by the American Chamber of Commerce.

One gallon can Sears, Roebuck cross-country oil, grade S.A.E. 60.

18 Champion Spark Plugs in original boxes.

Brown tortoise-shell glasses in case with lettering "Via Vitt R.M. 36 Bordighera."

One umbrella, plain black, man's type.

Golf bag and set of 11 miscellaneous clubs.  
 Two boxes "Xpert" Golf balls.  
 One set of automobile tools.  
 A collapsible landing net and various fishing tackle.  
 Two men's suits, one Oxford Gray and one Brown, no identifying marks.  
 Sets of underwear, socks, work shirts, brown slacks, knickers and two sweaters, green.  
 Two pair of Golf Hose; one pair brown cleated golf shoes made by Freeman, Size 9.  
 One pair overshoes and spats. (From Stiegerwalt Boot Shop, Philadelphia.)  
 Three woman's dresses of dark colors, apparently made for tall and heavy-set person.  
 Two pair of woman's silk hose and one pink petticoat; wrapped in paper were strips of brown fur apparently cut off a coat.  
 An official Boy Scout First-Aid Kit and pen knife.  
 Two boxes Western Super-Ex shot gun shells.  
 One cleaning brush, apparently for .45 calibre pistol.

In the bill fold, a plain black leather, was \$59.00 in cash, consisting in part of a \$50.00 bill numbered 0000122A from the First National Bank at Kansas. This office is advised that the \$50.00 bill is still in possession of the Sheriff of Hampshire County, he having returned five tens to Meade.

Also in the bill fold was the registration certificate for the car issued from Georgia, 1935, for a Ford Touring, 1934 model, motor number 763750; 8 cylinder, five passengers. The name of the registered owner is C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia; license number issued on February 4, 1935, #264990. On the reverse side of this certificate is written in pencil 18-673750.

Also in the bill fold was a card written in Spanish and quoted as follows:

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                             Garantia y Servicio  
                             Bueno hasta el 22 de November de 1935  
                             Accumulador modelo Botello  
                             "America"  
                             el Accumulador Nacional  
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 2-05-86                  Victoria 98  
                             Mexico, D. F.                  75 = 71

Nota Este Cupon pierde su valor numeros asi como las cifras marcadas en el acumulador correspondiente.

It is assumed that the Bureau will translate this and if anything of value is disclosed will direct a letter to the appropriate office.

Also in the bill fold were two typewritten lists containing names which J. E. Dunn advises are contractors in Massachusetts. These lists are set out below:

Peabody.

P.J. O Neal. 76, Washington St.

New Bedford.

Na clien St Piere, 340 Franklin Hill Rd, New B, 1986

Herbert C, Bailey. New B, 6395.

Chas E Faunce 142, N, 2, Rd, 2389.R.

Danvers. Route, 62, 20, M, Boston.

M. A Berry 6, School, St. 1057. Phone.

Joe Witters, 12 Chaver, 1072

Manchester, N, H.

Leeo, Labby. 2155, W, 755, Silver. Work to be done on Union or  
Marouth, Sts.

Uppridge, Mass.

Edwin Ericson, 12 Taft, P, 225.

Woster,

John Gray, 9, Main St. P 4 6656

Edwin Mines, 25 Foster, 5 4580

Atwood Foust 91 Foster, 5 2066.

E, C, Wilson, 206 Austin, 5 0828

H, W, Wright. 74 Clover. 5 0366.

Manchester, Mass.

Dominic Flatley, P 275.

E, F, Height, 12 Dearond Ave. 306.

Ed Runrill, 43 Brook St, 102.

Salem.

Arthur Manchard, 26 Loring Ave, 2416.P.

V, S, Peterson. R, R, 232 Bridge 962. P.

Chas Marvis, 43, Linden, 3970

Athol, R, 2,

Richard Watterman, 3 to 5.P 648.

Walter Dunlap. 416 Union.

Berlin, Mass.  
Percy R Caldwell. 74, P

South Hamilton.  
F, Pingree. Flying Horse Farms,  
Ray Connor Mgr.

Richard Watterman, Athol, Mass. D. 3-5

George E Reed, Greenfield Mass.

J, H, Dunn. Northampton, Mass.

S, L, Wood. 135 Union St Springfield, Mass. 35-50 2nd rate

Walter Dunlap, Laconia Mass.

Another piece of paper written in pencil is as follows:

Howard's Camps,  
Robinson, Me.  
Loose River

Sebago Lake  
Migis Lodge  
So Casco

White's Bridge Camps  
White's Bridge  
Victor Hodgson

Also in Meade's possession was found pieces of stationery, one from the Venetian Hotel, Miami, Florida, on which is written in pencil:

Springfield  
Hartford, Con  
Manchester, N.H.  
Pittsfield  
Holyoke

Stationery was also found from the Myles Standish Hotel in Boston and the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City. The Myles Standish Hotel has already been contacted and this Agent is advised that Meade is not known there by his picture, which was shown the Clerk.

In the possession of this office is the following pencilled note in the handwriting of Meade, which he asked Sergeant Kelley to deliver for him.

Mr. Farbert - Callahan - Attorney.  
Phone. Lafayette. 6050 - Try - Residence.  
Boston - Mass.

Being - Held - Here - County - Jail -  
Default - Two - Hundred Dollars - Bond -  
Please - See Fred - and - Have - Matter  
Taken - care - of - At - Once."

(Signed) C. E. Carter

With the exception of the envelope from the Venetian Hotel and the lists of names set out on the foregoing pages, all the items listed herein are still in the possession of the Northampton, Mass., police.

A description of subject Meade as observed by this Agent is set out below:

Name:	William E. Meade, alias J. W. Reed, alias John Henry Foster, alias John H. Foster, alias Edwin Elza Gaynor, alias Clark, alias Charles E. Carter, alias Taylor, alias C. C. Chase.
Age	65
Residence	Unknown
Marital Status	States unmarried
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Slim
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Black, turning grey, partially bald
Mustache	Same color
Eyes	Wears glasses
Nationality	Blue
Occupation	American
Peculiarities	Confidence man Speaks without accent with querulous voice. Frequently uses "aint" and double negative. Apparently has worn toupe. Left eye blinks nervously. Left side of mouth apparently partially paralyzed. Right corner of mouth is drawn down when speaking. Fingertips have been mutilated.

His criminal record as given by the Bureau is as follows:

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BOSTON OFFICE: Will contact each of the persons and places named in the body of this report within this District for information relative to this individual.

Will also interview Herbert Callahan, Meade's attorney in Boston for whatever information he may be able to give.

Will also interview Garland Zachman at the Greyhound Bus Lines to determine whether he sold Meade a ticket on or after July 14th.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE: To obtain photographs of Meade and transmit them to the other offices having undeveloped leads for their use in conducting investigation.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: At Jacksonville, Fla.: On receipt of picture from Washington Field Office will conduct investigation at 33 West Adams Street to determine whether Meade is known at this address under this name or alias C. C. Chase.

At Miami, Fla.: Will conduct investigation at the Venetian Hotel to determine whether subject is known there. Will also interview Tom E. Patcher at 3052 N. E. First Court, Miami, with reference to his call to the Sheriff at Northampton, Mass., concerning subject Meade.

NEW YORK OFFICE: At Torrington, Conn.: On receipt of picture from Washington Field Office will contact the firm of Oneglia & Cervasini, road builders, mentioned in the body of this report for any information they may have concerning subject.

DENVER OFFICE: At the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, will investigate Conoco Passport #755768 as mentioned in this report, on receipt of picture from the Washington Field Office.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: At the Skirvin Hotel will determine whether subject is known there, on receipt of picture from the Washington Field Office.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE: At Springfield, Ill.: On receipt of picture will conduct investigation at the Empire Hotel to determine whether subject is known at that place.

PENDING

REN:LL  
7-576

July 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that you immediately prepare a Summary Report to be used in connection with the prosecution of Subjects Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall at Miami, Florida, on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis and of violating the National Firearms Act. The preparation of this Summary Report should be given immediate and preferred attention.

The Bureau feels it will not be necessary to assign Special Agent E. K. McKee to this matter inasmuch as the information to be used in the preparation of the report is available from your files.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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cc-Cincinnati

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July 29, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.C. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs

There are transmitted herewith copies of an anonymous communication dated at Boston, Massachusetts, July 18, 1935, received in the Bureau on July 20, 1935, which sets forth information concerning Elmer Meade and other confidence men.

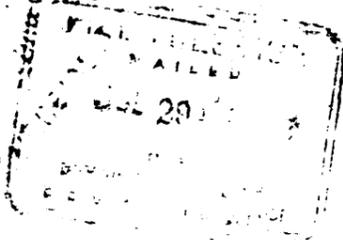
The Bureau desires that you conduct an appropriate investigation with a view to determining the identity of the individuals mentioned in the anonymous communication, inasmuch as it appears that the writer is acquainted with the activities of these individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 309289

cc-Jacksonville (copies of anonymous letter attached)  
Cincinnati



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NONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
EXPERIMENTAL ATTACHED

July 18-30



Dear Sir:

Bruce Upshaw is buddy of all confidence men, only time in his life has he been arrested your Dept was after him twenty odd years ago, the gang was betting he wouldnt have more than fifty "kicks", well he had swindled and now on his way to Florida where O'bell beat this same kick, and on the funniest fluke ever heard of, and now the bet is that Bruce wont get any kicks and will beat it, wish you could hear what all these Con men are saying now about what your name Mr. Graham is over-looking

And this town is now full of  
 Filene living under  
 Jordan Cook, Brookline  
 Summit Road has the town  
 Callahan - Surgey also Police Dept and he has been harboring Elmer Meade for months here they all are at Hyannis, on the Cape for summer, now the point is how do all these Con men get away without paying any income tax. can mention dozen who have annuities and several who have had over one hundred thousand dollars for their part of one swindle, suppl poor look-makers like myself they

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enough in, I know we gladly give up our few dollars  
when we are lucky enough to make it, they say  
we should put on a badge and become a policeman  
and their fine flushing and spending of hundreds  
nightly in Caloreto do seem the cause of several  
boys around here starting on their line.

This Fred Flower is the mentioned in wire  
to Callahan and Winter he is partner to Fred  
Gondoy and Upshaw in Florida, usually Miami.  
Now this Flower hasnt been arrested and that's  
why they cant pick him out, so much money he  
has. Got Grand Piano's and Homes for his  
relatives and many more things of this kind.  
Now just after that are here and told the same  
as Meade that nothing is going to happen to them.  
Fred Gondoy and Wife, Eddie Hayes, the mile  
a minute cant remember his real name, Leo.  
Kennedy, Elmer Meade, Tifke, Tom Coffey  
two Englishmen Charley Mitchell known as Fat  
and Sid left two weeks ago for Europe. they and  
Farrell are wanted for a three hundred thousand  
swindle in Europe. Now Coffey & Hayes have annuities  
Farrell has stock in Safety Deposit Box, now why  
isnt something done to stop the likes of this Fred  
if not one day another. if you could but see  
what he is getting away with here you would realize  
why his hat is so tight. Hope this will start you  
to all the truth. on the right road.

COPY

Boston, Mass.  
July 18 - 30

Dear Sirs

Bruce Upshaw is Daddy of all Confidence Men, only time in his life has he been arrested your dept was after him twenty odd years ago, the gang was betting he wouldnt have less than fifty "kicks", partys he had swindled and now on his way to Florida where O'Dell beat this same kick, and on the funniest fluke ever heard of, and now the bet is that Bruce won't get any kicks and will beat it, wish you could hear what all these Con men are saying now about what your man Mr. Graham is over-looking and this town is now full of Con men as Fred Flowe living under name of Farrell at 24 Jordan Road, Brookline second house from Summitt Road has the town his fiver Herbie Callahan - Lawyer also Police Dept. and he has been harboring Elmer Leads for months here, they all are at Hyannis, on the Cape for turner, now the point is how do all these Con Men get away without paying any income tax. Can mention dozen who have annuity's and several who have had over one hundred thousand dollars for their part of one swindle, small poor book-makers like myself they laugh at, when we gladly give up our few dollars when we are lucky enough to make it, they say we should put on a badge and become a policeman and their four flushing and spending of hundreds nightly in cabarets as been the cause of several boys around here starting in their line. This Fred Flower is one mentioned in wire to Callahan and Winter he is partner to Fred Condorf and Upshaw in Florida, usually Miami now this Flower hasn't been arrested and thats why they cant pick him out, so much money he buys Baby Grand Piano's and Homes for his relatives and many more things of this kind. Now just a few that are here and told the same as Leads that nothing is going to happen to them Fred Condorf and wife, Eddie Hayes, the Mile a Minute cant remember his real name, Geo. Kennedy, Elmer Leads, Fify, Tom Coffee two Englishmen Charley Mitchell known as Fat and Sid left two weeks ago for Europe they and Farrell are wanted for a three hundred thousand swindle in Europe, now Coffee and Hayes have annuities Farrell has stock in Safety Deposit Box, now why isnt something done to stop the likes of this Fred if not one way another, if you could but see what he is getting away with here you would realize why his hat is so tight, Hope this will start you its all the truth on the right road

3, 1935

### ASK EXTRADITION IN TRACK FRAUD

Granting of extradition papers for Bruce Upshaw, arrested near Boston recently in an alleged \$100,000 Florida race track swindle, as recommended to Governor Hurley yesterday by Asst. Atty.-Gen. James J. Bacigalupo.

Upshaw was indicted in 1933, in Volusia County, Fla., for alleged embezzlement of \$100,000 from Henry W. Wilmot of New Jersey. The indictment charged that Wilmot had been induced to bet the money under pretense that he would be given advance information of winning horses.

### \$30,000 BAIL FOR FUGITIVE

#### Florida Officials to Be at Cambridge Hearing

Bail of \$30,000 was provided yesterday afternoon for the release from the East Cambridge jail of Arthur C. Upshaw, 33, wanted by Florida authorities for an alleged \$100,000 horse racing swindle.

Part of the bail money, officials revealed, was put up by the wife of Daniel F. "Frankie" Duris, Belmont sportsman.

The defendant Upshaw, whose home is in Newport, Ky., was arrested last week in Arlington on information forwarded from the South. He pleaded not guilty to being a fugitive in the East Cambridge District Court and bail at that time was set at \$50,000. It was later lowered.

Florida officials will arrive July 10 when the case will come up for a hearing on the matter of his extradition. He is accused of defrauding one Henry W. Wilmot at Daytona in 1933 of \$100,000 by assuming to have advance information on horse races.

A professional bondsman provided half the bail with Mrs. Duris. The latter's husband was fined \$1000 and given a two-year suspended sentence last January when he pleaded guilty to a federal charge of evading income taxes. He previously had paid the government \$8000 in a settlement of other tax claims.

### SAYS 'CARTER' IS W. E. MEAD

#### Now Wanted in Florida, J. Edgar Hoover Claims

NORTHAMPTON, July 15—Identification of the mysterious "Charles E. Carter" as William Edward Mead, wanted by the United States marshal at Jacksonville, Fla., for bond forfeiture, was announced by Police Chief Bartholomew Bresnahan tonight upon receipt of a telegram from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice Investigation Department at Washington.

The telegram, signed "Hoover," reads: "Finger prints Charles E. Carter identified as William Edward Mead wanted for bond forfeiture United States marshal Jacksonville, Fla. Complete record following."

Police officials revealed that Carter, now out of the Hampshire county jail on \$200 bail, furnished early yesterday by Attorney Herbert F. Callahan of Boston, had instructed the Boston lawyer, by telegram "to see 'Fred' and arrange my bail." Officials said tonight they would like to learn more about "Fred," believed to be a Boston resident.

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July 19, 1935.

(Time 3:34 P. M.)

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: William E. Meade

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Suydam I told him there was no warrant out for Meade, nor was there an active search being made for him, but that he is wanted for questioning in the Bremer case. I said Meade is a famous international confidence man and it was outrageous that the authorities at Northampton let him go on \$200 bond as we knew he would not appear today and they knew it also. I also said they should have held on to Meade because he is wanted by two or three police departments in the country and further because of the mutilations of his fingerprints which were the worst we had ever seen.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Mr. Baughman ..
- Chief Clerk .....
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- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
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- Mr. Lester .....
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- Mr. Tracy .....
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Phoenix, Arizona  
July 19, 1935

D. Brantley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will be good enough to promptly advise this office of the identification of the person to whom 1935 Minnesota license tag #151919 is issued.

Information has been received by this office to the effect that a person resembling Harry Campbell, presumably fugitive covered by I. O. #1236, is driving this car.

Very truly yours,

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

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JUL 29 1935

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

RW:PS  
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July 23, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my previous letters relative to what appeared to be efforts on the part of LUCIANO alias "LUCKY", prominent New York racketeer, to establish a contact with me, possibly for the purpose of furnishing information regarding Subject Karpis.

On Saturday afternoon, July 20, 1935, I accompanied Ike McAnally to the Empire Racetrack, Yonkers, N. Y., for the purpose of making this contact. McAnally had, several days previously, seen Luciano and he had suggested that McAnally arrange to be at the track with me on Saturday in order that he might be present and meet me. Upon our arrival at the clubhouse, all of the well known New York racketeers, including Frank Costello, Luciano, Louis Buchhalter, Tommy Guinon and Jack Silvers, were present. McAnally, who has not advised Luciano that he has kept me fully informed of all developments, as previously related, sent word to Luciano that I was with him and that if he, Luciano, would come around casually, he would introduce him to me. Luciano advised McAnally that there was a party watching him and that he could not come up for the introduction at that time. He then disappeared from the clubhouse, McAnally could not find him any more until after the races were over, and it was obvious that he had purposely left the clubhouse. When located by McAnally just after the races were over, Luciano apologized for not having come around, informing McAnally that the reason he had failed to do so was because "there was a gaze that he could not shake", meaning that there was someone at the track watching him whom he did not want to see him meet me. I am not satisfied with this explanation, and McAnally is unable to account for Luciano's actions.

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As the previous correspondence concerning this matter indicates, all of the contacts and approaches along this line have been extremely indefinite and guarded, and it is not clear just what Luciano,

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who no doubt is representing the big racketeering interests, is driving at. However, I am still of the opinion that he has something in mind and is trying to be extremely cautious. The explanation which he offered for avoiding the meeting on Saturday may be legitimate or might have been a stall. In any event, I will give him a little more time in which to work this thing out in his own way and then, if it is not cleared up, I will, with McAnally's consent, go to him and ask him what he is driving at. I am certain that McAnally is acting in good faith and that he will cooperate in any way possible.

Very truly yours,



R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Chicago  
cc: St. Paul  
cc: Cincinnati

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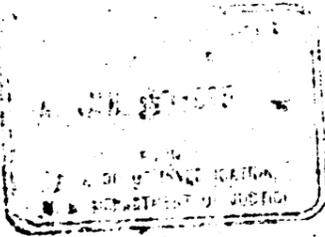
Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of July 23, 1935, relating to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, and of your efforts to establish an acquaintanceship with a New York racketeer, one Luciano, alias "Lucky", the Bureau desires that you exercise the utmost caution and discretion in any contacts with this racketeer. The Bureau believes that some effort may be made to influence your official conduct, after Luciano has had an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with you, and accordingly, it is suggested that in so far as is possible, you have another Special Agent with you at all times when in contact with this individual. If this plan is not feasible, it is suggested that you give consideration to the desirability of having a surveillance maintained by Special Agents over any contacts which you may have with Luciano.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.





P. O. DRASER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

July 18, 1935.

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W. A. Capron, Lt. Col.,  
Ord. Dept., Supply Officer,  
Rock Island Arsenal,  
Rock Island, Illinois.

In re: Browning Automatic Rifles #211774 & 211349  
Colt .45 calibre automatic pistol #18001  
Source of Machine Guns in Hands of Criminals

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated July 17, 1935, and to thank you for furnishing the photographs of the automatic pistol and Browning automatic rifles.

Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

50072

July 23, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 18, 1935, relating to the preparation of a summary report setting forth all available evidence to date pertaining to Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer.

The investigation with respect to Cassius McDonald was conducted by offices other than this office and it is necessary to review reports emanating from these other offices which are filed among the 7500 serials comprising the St. Paul file in this case. With respect to Harry Sawyer, it is necessary to review the greater portion of this file, and to date, approximately 2,000 reports have been reviewed.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Anderson  
H. E. ANDERSEN, C.S.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ONE FILE

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone call to this office by Special Agent A. Schroeder on July 18, 1935, during the course of which call this office was advised that a long distance call had been made from Chester, Pennsylvania, to Randolph 5600, Detroit, Michigan, a party by the name of Kalsey being sought to be contacted, and requesting that investigation be conducted relative to this long distance telephone call.

Special Agent A. A. Muzrey ascertained that Randolph 5600 is the telephone number of the Detroit Hotel. At the Detroit Hotel, Mr. Weeks, clerk, and Mr. McMill, assistant manager, were contacted. They advised after consulting all of their telephone operators at the hotel that on the afternoon of July 18, 1935, Miss McLaughlin, Chief Operator at the Hotel, had been in receipt of a long distance call from Chester, Pennsylvania, and that the call was made for a party by the name of Kalsey. Miss McLaughlin referred the call to the information clerk who advised her that no one was registered at the hotel by the name of Kalsey, and she in turn advised the Chester operator. A little later a person to person call from Chester, Pennsylvania, was made to a Mr. Kalsey at the Detroit Hotel, and again the Chester operator was advised that a Mr. Kalsey was not registered at the hotel, whereupon, a short time later, the long distance operator advised Miss McLaughlin that the call was canceled.

Mr. McMill, assistant manager, advised that to his knowledge no one by the name of Kalsey has registered at the Detroit Hotel within the past four months, and that the name Kalsey was unfamiliar to him as being the name of anyone living in the hotel at the present time. He further advised that in the event a party should attempt to register under the name of Kalsey, he will immediately notify the Detroit office, and in the event any more long distance calls for Kalsey are received at the hotel, he will notify the Detroit office.

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Your office was telegraphically advised of the incomplete calls made to the Detroit Hotel from Chester, Pennsylvania, and that Kasey was unknown at the Hotel Detroit, on July 18, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-21, 22 &amp; 24-35 7-2, 10-1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. Hale Watkins</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases; I.O. 1241; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1935 Georgia license tags # 50621-B issued to M. C. Carpenter, Vidalia, Georgia, for 1935 Ford Sedan, motor # 1697171. Original application notarized by J. P. Lowe, Atlanta, Georgia, who can not remember person for whom he made this notarization. Information at Vidalia, Georgia, disclosed that Carpenter presently employed as a clerk at Hotel Drake, Chicago, Illinois.</p>			
P.			
REFERENCE: Teletype message from Chicago Office, June 21, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</u> <p>The records in the office of the State Automobile License Tag Bureau, State Revenue Commission, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, Georgia, revealed that 1935 Georgia license tags # 50621-B were issued on April 18, 1935 to M. C. Carpenter, care of Brown's Jewelry Store, Vidalia, Georgia, for 1935 model Ford Sedan motor # 1697171.</p> <p>The records further show that this original application was notarized by J. P. Lowe without a seal and whose address was not shown.</p> <p>In addition the records show that this car had not been previously registered in the State of Georgia.</p> <p>A tracing of the signature of Carpenter on this original application was made and is being forwarded to the office of origin along with a copy of this report.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. C. Hendon.

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

J. P. Lowe, Notary Public, State Auto License Tag Bureau, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, stated that after a personal examination of the original application executed by Carpenter in connection with instant automobile, that he had notarized this in the usual manner. Lowe further advised that he did not recall Carpenter nor could he attempt any sort of an identification in view of the fact that he notarized the majority of all applications going through the license Bureau for Georgia tags.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. E. Kingman.

AT VIDALIA, GEORGIA.

Deputy U. S. Marshal, S. P. Darby, Vidalia, Georgia, advised that Brown's Jewelry Store, of that place was operated by J. O. Brown and that M. C. Carpenter was a brother-in-law of Brown. According to Darby, both Carpenter and Brown bear an excellent reputation, and Carpenter along with his brother Wade C. Carpenter have been working in Chicago, Illinois for about three years.

J. O. Brown, proprietor of Brown's Jewelry Store, Vidalia, Georgia, was interviewed under pretext. Brown advised that Max C. Carpenter, the person receiving instant license plates, was presently employed by the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and that he had been in Vidalia, Georgia, during the month of January, 1935, at which time he was driving a Pontiac automobile which belonged to his brother, Wade C. Carpenter, who is also employed in Chicago, Illinois by some automobile tire concern.

Brown continued that to the best of his knowledge neither of the Carpenter boys owned a new Ford automobile but that perhaps they had purchased one and had sent to Atlanta, Georgia in order to buy the Georgia license plates and take advantage of the cheap fee charged for these plates, which is \$3.00, and by so doing gave the address of Brown's Jewelry Store, Vidalia, Georgia.

The information disclosed by this investigation was furnished the Chicago Bureau Office by teletype on June 24, 1935, copies of which were forwarded to the Bureau and the Cincinnati and St. Paul Offices. It is suggested that perhaps Max C. Carpenter, being a clerk at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, may have loaned his car to some guest who was probably associated with the Karpis-Barker Gang and this connection may be developed by discreet inquiry at Chicago.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois at the Drake Hotel will interview Max C. Carpenter, a clerk in that hotel, for information concerning the purchase of instant tags and this automobile. It is thought that discreet inquiry may lead to information that this automobile had been loaned or sold by Carpenter to a member of the Karpis-Barker Gang. It should be noted that information at Vidalia, Georgia is to the effect that Carpenter himself is a reliable person.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1219, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT

There is enclosed herewith a letter dated July 5, 1934 addressed to P. O. Box G, Karamora, Ontario, Canada, written in pencil and signed, "J. A. Orhood, Vermilion, Ohio." This letter was written by subject Phoenix Donald, with aliases, and is in answer to an advertisement appearing in the Cleveland Press newspaper at that time regarding property located near Cos Hill, Ontario, belonging to the Karamora, Ontario branch of the Dominion Bank of Canada. This letter is believed to be an excellent likeness of the handwriting of subject Donald and it is requested that an appropriate number of photostatic copies be furnished the Bureau, Little Rock, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and St. Paul offices. It is requested that the letter be returned to the Cleveland Bureau office after this has been done in order that it may be returned to the Dominion Bank at Karamora, Ontario.

It is further requested that five copies of the photograph of Alvin Karpis, wherein Karpis appears in a white shirt with collar unfastened, be furnished this office. It is believed that this is the best photograph of Karpis yet obtained.

It is also requested that five additional photographs of subject William J. Harrison also be furnished this office at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
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San Francisco, California,  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Date May 14, 1935

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. Fugitive,  
I.O. #1218, Et al

Dear Sir:

Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping, Harboring, etc

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
San Francisco, Cal. Police Department No. 47908		Frank Foster, aliases: Frank Frost, Frankie Foster, Frank Forman	Arrested April 9, 1932, charge: vagrancy. Disposition: Held for investigation. Charge dismissed.

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Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN - Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

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SEDAN NUMBER 673750 BILL OF SALE IN NAME C E CARTER. WILLIAM E  
MEADE WITH ALIASES KNOWN TO SALESMAN L H H ART AS C C CHASE  
EMPIRE HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. MEADE AS CHASE PURCHASED LINCOLN  
MENTIONED IN TELETYPE DATED 7-17-35, ON APRIL 6, 1932. LINCOLN  
REGISTERED IN FLORIDA FEBRUARY 4, 1934 LICENSE TAG FLORIDA W9085  
NAME OF OWNER MRS. C C CHASE 33 W ADAMS STREET JACKSONVILLE FLA.  
LINCOLN ALSO REGISTERED IN ILLINOIS 1933 LICENSE NUMBER 32864 NAME  
MRS C C CHASE EMPIRE HOTEL SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS. LINCOLN TRADED  
FOR FORD BY MEADE REQUESTING BILL OF SALE BE ISSUED IN NAME OF C E  
CARTER HENRY GRADY HOTEL ATLANTA GEORGIA

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 4, 1935 and June 22, 1935, in which the Bureau indicated that Mr. Joseph H. McNeff, 902 North Jamison Avenue, Lima, Ohio should be interviewed relative to information which he furnished to the Bureau in a letter dated February 21, 1935, concerning an individual who resembled Alvin Karpis.

Please be informed that on July 3, 1935 Special Agent B. W. Hirsch of this office interviewed a Mr. McNeff, who advised that he, in company with one Paul Heller, who is presently employed by the Sonoco Company, at their station located at Wagner and Elizabeth Streets, Lima, Ohio, on the afternoon of February 18, 1935 had observed three men who came into the filling station in a 1932 Ford V8 coach, 1935 Ohio license plates #199000; that the automobile bore oversized rear tires; that one individual who sat in the rear of the car was covered over by a lap robe which extended completely over the floor and the remainder of the back seat of the car. Mr. McNeff examined several photographs which were exhibited to him by Agent Hirsch, and advised that the driver of this car resembled very greatly subject Alvin Karpis. He was unable to identify the other two individuals from photographs of other members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

According to Mr. McNeff, his suspicions were aroused because of the presence of the lap robe covering the back seat of the car, and also because of the oversized tires. He stated that the driver requested information as to where the "sporting house district" was located, and the individual who sat next to the driver "flushed" a considerably large roll of money. Mr. McNeff described the individual sitting next

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to the driver as resembling subject Harry Campbell, except that he had observed this individual out of the automobile and he definitely appeared to be at least five feet eight inches in height, which is considerably taller than subject Campbell. Further descriptions could not be obtained.

In connection with the above information, Mr. McKeff advised that he had been interviewed some time in the early, or middle part of March, 1935 by an Agent of this Bureau from the Detroit office, who best answers the description of Special Agent D. E. Hall, who was attached to the Detroit office at that time. Inasmuch as the Cleveland office file in this matter is not complete, it is requested that you cause a search of your file to be made for the purpose of ascertaining what investigative action was taken with regard to this matter. No further efforts are being made by this office at the present time to check 1935 Ohio license #L9900D, pending word from you.

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Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Atlanta, Georgia.	7-22-35	7-10-35	William F. Mehler
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Surgical supply concerns, General Delivery clerks, Atlanta Post Office, had no information concerning Moran, and were each supplied with a copy of I.O. 1232. Stops were placed in and withdrawn from the files of the State Motor Vehicle Tag Division in accordance with leads set out in report of reference. P.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, San Francisco, California, May 22, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</u>  Photograph of Doctor Joseph P. Moran, I.O. 1232, was exhibited to Mr. Charles W. Dunn, Manager of the Southern Division of Johnson & Johnson, 312 Volunteer Building, who advised that he had no information concerning Moran, but would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau by supplying any that he might procure in the future. A copy of I.O. 1232 was supplied Mr. Dunn.  Clerks at the General Delivery windows, Atlanta Post Office advised that no individual resembling Moran was receiving mail, General Delivery, but promised to communicate with this office in the event any such person appeared. A copy of I.O. 1232 was left at the General Delivery windows.  Mr. Everhart, Everhart Surgical Supply Company, 493 Peachtree Street, N. E., advised that he could supply no information concerning Moran, but would immediately notify this office in the event any should be procured in the future. A copy of I.O. 1232 was left with Mr. Everhart.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. F. Mehler</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Mr. H. J. Smith, American Surgical Supplies Inc., 23 Houston Street, advised that Moran had not appeared at his establishment, and that should he do so this office would be immediately notified. A copy of I.O. 1232 was left with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Jarrell, Surgical Selling Company, 139 Forrest Avenue, N. E., Mr. Lyon, Mgr., Jacobs Pharmacy, 134 Whitehall Street, S. W., stated that they had no information concerning Moran, but would immediately notify this office in the event that they procured any in the future. A copy of I.O. 1232 was supplied both Mr. Jarrell and Mr. Lyon.

Mrs. Madge Davis, motor file Clerk, State Motor Vehicle Tag Division, State Capitol Building, placed and withdrew stops from the motor files in accordance with the undeveloped lead set out in the Summary Report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 1935, and in the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, San Francisco, California, May 22, 1935.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 15, 1935.

Mr. Nathan	.....
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Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time 6:20 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: John Foster, alias William E. Meade, alias Charles E. Carter.

With reference to the fingerprints of Charles E. Carter, received from the Northampton, Massachusetts, Police Department, which were so badly mutilated as to prevent identification, I called Mr. McKean of the Boston Office, and told him that the Bureau was absolutely astounded to find that the Northampton police would release a man with such notorious alterations of his fingerprints under a bond of \$200.00. I asked if the Boston Office had done anything to prevent this man's release. Mr. McKean said that the Agents of the Boston Office got over there after the man had been arraigned.

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Mr. McKean said that it appears the police at Northampton telephoned the police at Boston to see if they knew anything about this person. The police at Boston evidently didn't know anything about the man, but later, an attorney from Northampton came in, the bond having been arranged, and the man was released shortly thereafter. The hearing for Carter is coming up on Thursday, July 18, 1935. I told him that it is very doubtful if this man will appear for his hearing.

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I then informed Mr. McKean that Charles E. Carter turns out to be John Foster, alias William E. Meade, one of the most notorious confidence men in the country at this time; that he is being sought by the Post Office Department, and is at the head of their wanted list; that he is being sought by the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, who has a warrant outstanding for him; that the Bureau had a "want" posted on him in the Bremer case, and we want to question him about that case and other cases; that Foster is a contact and known associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, has been a go-between for them in a lot of transactions, and has possibly been disposing of some of the money for them.

I told Mr. McKean to make an effort to locate this man in the vicinity of Northampton so that he might be questioned regarding the Bremer case; that, however, this should be done rather quietly, and no publicity should be given to it. Mr. McKean said that Agent Plunkett of the Boston Office talked to this man some, but he would say nothing, other than he was Charles E. Carter of San Francisco, and was born on December 25, 1870. Mr. McKean said that he knew from this that the man

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was a confidence man, but there was nothing we had on him upon which we could detain him in jail.

Relative to the information of the mutilation of this man's fingerprints, Mr. McKean, when I suggested that this be kept quiet, advised that the newspapers already have this information, it having come through the police department at Northampton, Massachusetts.

I told Mr. McKean to make an effort to find this man, and if located, he should be picked up for questioning, and the Bureau advised at once.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #1887,  
Charlotte, N. C.

July 22, 1935.

TO ALL BANKS IN NORTH & SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gentlemen:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM: Kidnaping

In connection with an investigation presently being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it has been found necessary to trace and locate certain \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank bearing Serial #F-00022451A through #F-00022500A, inclusive.

It is, therefore, earnestly requested that all \$1,000.00 Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank notes, received by your bank, be carefully examined to determine whether they bear the desired serial numbers, and to promptly inform this office by telegram collect or by calling this office at Charlotte, North Carolina, telephone #3-4127, in the event any of these bills are located.

Your assistance in this case will be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*G. N. Lowdon*

G. N. LOWDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JUL 27 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218 et al.,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee of this office dated 7-9-35 in which mention was made of Attorney John E. Egan of Dayton, Ohio, who had written to the Clerk of the United States District Court, Miami, Florida regarding the sentence imposed on Dolores Delaney; the fact that Egan, upon interview had stated he made this inquiry merely through personal curiosity, also that further investigation was being conducted as to Egan and that a mail cover was being placed on him.

As the result of this mail cover it was learned that Egan received two letters postmarked at Toledo, Ohio, on July 10, 1935, both of which bore the return address of 1208 Second National Bank Building, Toledo, Ohio.

In view of the past activity of various subjects in this matter in and around Toledo, Ohio, it is thought to be desirable to ascertain the identities of the persons who occupy the above premises. Your office is therefore requested to conduct necessary investigation for the purpose of learning, if possible, the name of the person who wrote the letter in question to Egan. The occupants of this address should, of course, not be approached.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 24, 1935.

Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 19,  
1935 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward  
George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request contained  
therein, there are transmitted herewith the following:

One certificate of registration, #35952, Ohio, 1934,

One bill of sale for a Deluxe Fordor Ford automobile  
from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo,  
Ohio, to E. J. Powell, Toledo, Ohio,

One bill of sale from E. J. Powell, dated October 10,  
1934 to the Finance Outlet Company, for a Ford sedan  
the motor number of which is 899365.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Cincinnati  
Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

July 24, 1935.

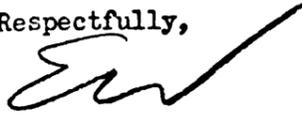
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

With reference to the press dispatches indicating that ALVIN KARPIS engaged in a gun battle at Fairbury, Nebraska, you are advised that the Bureau has received no information concerning this matter, and accordingly, a teletype message has been transmitted to the Omaha Office requesting that the Bureau be furnished with full details regarding this matter.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

July 23, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM  
WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases,  
I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OB-  
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Interview was had on this date with [redacted]

[redacted] during the course of which [redacted]  
indicated that [redacted] had been experiencing some  
trouble [redacted] and  
intended to move to the city of Chicago; that [redacted] desired to  
make further contacts with friends of the Karpis-Barker gang,  
especially Mike Marino of Melrose Park, Illinois, and Postmaster  
Fred Bartholomew, of Bensenville, Illinois, but that [redacted] has  
been "greatly strapped" for money.

It is to be noted that [redacted] neither asked nor  
suggested that any money be paid [redacted] but inasmuch as [redacted] is unable  
to make the contacts believed necessary for productive results at  
this time, it is deemed advisable by this office to make available  
to [redacted] sufficient money for [redacted] to carry on [redacted] contacts with  
Marino and others.

It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau authorize  
a \$10.00 per week payment for a period of four weeks to [redacted]  
as it is believed that such payment will produce sub-  
stantial results in the near future.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:MG

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul

JUL 31 1935

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Glover*

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218 - et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

In response to the request contained in your  
letter dated July 23, 1935 in the above entitled case, you  
are authorized to pay to confidential informant [redacted]  
\$10 per week for a period not to exceed four weeks.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

*Alvin*  
BREKID. PRESS DISPATCHES REPORT KARPIS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THREE INDIVIDUALS  
ENGAGED IN GUN BATTLE FAIRBURY NEBRASKA WITH CHIEF POLICE DEPARTMENT JOE  
COOK AND OFFICER FOSTER HELVEY. ALSO SAME INDIVIDUALS ABDUCTED SHERIFF EMIL  
HECKMAN AND QUESTIONED HIM CONCERNING JESS DOYLE. IMMEDIATELY FURNISH BUREAU  
DETAILS.

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- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Keith .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. S. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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Dear Sirs:

Please send me your wanted circular of Alvin Karpis, if at all possible with his fingerprints.

Yours truly,  
John Hoffman  
91 Halsted St.  
East Orange, N.J.

*Ans. EIP 7-24-35*

*Ref. in ...*

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Mr. John Hoffman,  
91 Halsted Street,  
East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your undated postal card, there is transmitted herewith a copy of Identification Order No. 1218, issued on Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #239746

DISSECTION  
707 S 7024



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*Handwritten signature*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 24, 1935.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
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- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Hendon .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Scheidt .....
- Mr. E. Miller .....
- Mr. E. J. Connelley .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

11:05 A.M.

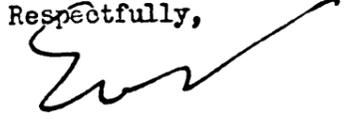
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: John Henry Foster alias  
William E. Meade.

Pursuant to your instructions, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge McKean of the Boston Office and instructed him to institute immediately a thorough and vigorous investigation of all the facts surrounding the participation of the lawyer in Boston and the lawyer in Northampton, Massachusetts, into the release of the above named individual, from the custody of the Northampton Police Department, with the idea of seeing if there are any facts which should be presented to the bar association concerning their activities. I informed Mr. McKean that there is to be no attempt at secrecy in connection with this investigation; that is, they should take no unusual steps to hide the fact that we are conducting this investigation.

Mr. McKean said that he would get this investigation under way at once.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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**IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1218**  
March 22, 1934.

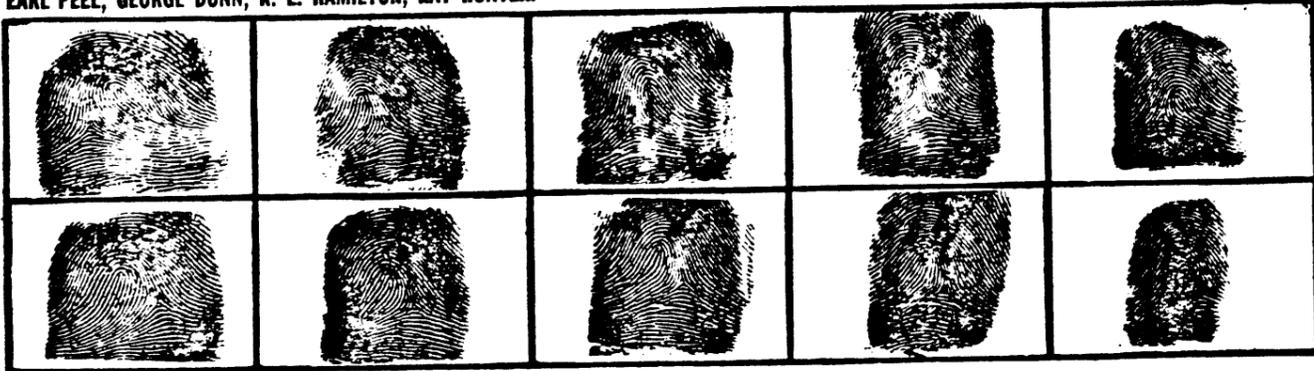
**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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**WANTED**

**ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
A. CARTER, RAYMOND HADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KORPIS,  
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.**

**KIDNAPING**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet, 9-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, fair; Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger.

**RELATIVES:**

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Robert (Clara) VeNute, sister, 1829 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Albert (Amelia) Grooms, sister, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Photograph taken May 19, 1930.



*Alvin Karpis*

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March 9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Hadley, #17902, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and safe blower; released to State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 - transferred from State Industrial Reformatory; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10 years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, investigation-burglary; delivered Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary; sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

Alvin Karpis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.  
Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.  
If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.  
(over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

N. Y. ADDRESS  
116 NASSAU STREET  
BEEKMAN 3 9620

CAMP PHONE  
HILLEDALE 2400

# COPAKE

THE ISLAND PARADISE, INC.  
LAKE COPAKE CRARYVILLE, N. Y.

July.24,1935.

Department of Justice.  
Wash.D.C.  
Dear Sir.

Kindly send to the above address one circular bullitin on Alvin.  
Karpis.

Thanking you in advance I remain

Charles O. Grab.

Special Deputy Sheriff, on duty.

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cc 74  
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August 2, 1935

Mr. Charles O. Grab,  
Deputy Sheriff,  
Craryville, New York.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24, 1935, requesting to be furnished with a circular bulletin on Alvin Karpis.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York City, who will see that you are furnished with the desired data in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC New York (incl. copies of letter from Mr. Grab)

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FBI  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 25, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR H. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype message from the New York Office dated July 25, 1935, in the above entitled case, and to telephone conversations between Messrs. Whitley and Hanson of the New York Office and Special Agent A. Schroeder of this office relative to James Felton, colored informant in the above entitled case.

It is Agent Schroeder's recollection that some time during the latter part of 1934 a negro, giving his name as James Felton, and claiming that he came from Petersburg, Va., called at the Philadelphia Office and advised that he had information concerning the then present whereabouts of Baby Face Nelson. Felton stated that he was not desirous of obtaining any monetary consideration for this information but stated that he had been in South Philadelphia, at which time he had observed a large Cadillac car bearing Ohio License Plates and containing two men and one woman, one of whom Felton recognized as Baby Face Nelson. Felton agreed to take Agent Schroeder and several other agents from the Philadelphia Office to South Philadelphia and locate the taproom at which he had seen this car. Felton was driven around South Philadelphia by Agent Schroeder and informant appeared to know little or nothing concerning directions and streets in South Philadelphia and finally, at the suggestion of Special Agent A. Schroeder, pointed out a taproom on the Northeast corner of 7th & Christian Sts., as being the location of the spot at which Baby Face Nelson had been observed. This particular location is an Italian Cafe and Taproom frequented by Italians in South Philadelphia.

Nothing further was heard from Felton in Philadelphia and no further investigation was conducted in Philadelphia in view of the fact it was thought at that time Felton was merely seeking money.

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Approximately two or three months later, while Special Agent A. Schroeder was in Washington, D.C., Felton appeared at the Washington Field Office and advised the Acting Agent in Charge at that time substantially the same as he had advised the agents in the Philadelphia Office, with the exception he stated that Baby Face Nelson had been seen in a car near Alexandria, Va. Agent Schroeder, recognizing Felton, and accompanied by Special Agent James L. Fallon, interrogated Felton at the Washington Field Office, at which time he finally admitted that the entire matter was a hoax; that he had never seen any of the individuals whom he described, and that he had conceived the idea from the Identification Orders appearing in the Post Office and also from pictures he had seen in detective magazines.

To the best of Agent Schroeder's recollection Felton is described as follows:

Age: 35 to 40  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 160 to 165  
Color: Dark  
Teeth: Several probably missing.  
Poorly dressed.

From the above, it is believed that the Felton, who furnished the New York Office information concerning Campbell, is identical with the Felton herein mentioned, and in accordance with Mr. Whitley's suggestion it is believed advisable to obtain photographs and fingerprints of Felton, in order that the same may be sent to all field offices in the event Felton appears with similar stories.

Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

AS:AG.

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cc: Bureau

cc: Wash. Field

cc: Trenton.

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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
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# Postal Telegraph

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof.

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Omaha, Nebraska,  
 July 22, 1935.

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 E E CONROY  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
 KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

*285,016*

BREKID MAY ANSWERING DESCRIPTION WILLIAM WEAVER ESCAPED DES MOINES POLICE LAST FRIDAY IN BUICK SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER TWENTYEIGHT FIVE NAUGHT SIXTEEN KANSAS LICENSE THREE ONE SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR STOP DES MOINES POLICE HAVE ASCERTAINED CAR REGISTERED UNDER NAME OF GEORGE E WEAVER JAYHAWK HOTEL TOPEKA KANSAS WITH PREVIOUS REGISTRATION IN SOUTHDAKOTA THIRTYTHREE TWENTYTWO THIRTYTWO STOP HANDWRITING TOURIST CAMP REGISTRATION COMPARES WITH WEAVERS STOP REQUESTING ABERDEEN OFFICE CHECK SOUTHDAKOTA LICENSE

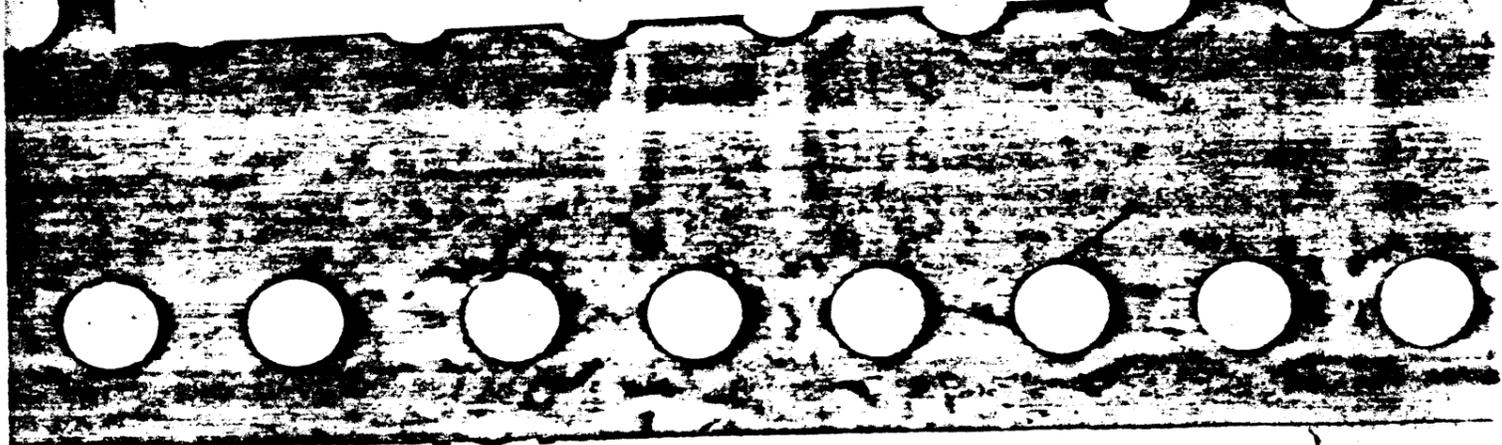
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THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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All America Cables

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to

Omaha, Nebraska,  
July 22, 1935.

Bureau Memphis

**WERNER HANNI**  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
610 ALONSO WARE HOTEL BUILDING  
ABERDEEN SOUTH DAKOTA

285,016

REPT. MAN ANSWERING DESCRIPTION WILLIAM WEAVER ESCAPED DESMOINES POLICE LAST FR DAY IN BLACK SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER TWO EIGHT FIVE NINE SIXTEEN KANSAS LICENSE THREE SIXTEEN FIVE EIGHT FOUR STOP DESMOINES POLICE HAVE ASCERTAINED CAR REGISTERED UNDER NAME OF GEORGE E WEAVER JAYHAWK HOTEL TOPEKA KANSAS WITH PREVIOUS REGISTRATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA THREE THREE TWENTYTWO THIRTYTWO STOP HANDWRITING TOURIST CAMP REGISTRATION COMPARES WITH WEAVERS STOP ASCERTAIN PERSON IN WHOSE NAME SOUTH DAKOTA LICENSE REGISTERED AND HANDLE

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P. O. Box #84  
Buffalo, N.Y.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 31, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218 et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30, 1935 with  
reference to circularizing the banks to locate the \$1000. bills  
issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, there is attached  
a copy of circular letter sent to all banks in the territory  
covered by this office.

This information will be incorporated in the next  
report submitted by this office.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

TNS:MS  
cc: Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
P. O. BOX #64  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

July 9, 1935

TO ALL BANKS

Gentlemen:

In connection with an investigation of major importance now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is urgent that the following one thousand dollar bills (\$1,000) issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank beginning with serial number F-00022451A and ending with serial number F-00022500A be located.

F-00022451A	F-00022461-A	F-00022471A	F-00022481A	F-00022491A
F-00022452A	F-00022462A	F-00022472A	F-00022482A	F-00022492A
F-00022453A	F-00022463A	F-00022473A	F-00022483A	F-00022493A
F-00022454A	F-00022464A	F-00022474A	F-00022484A	F-00022494A
F-00022455A	F-00022465A	F-00022475A	F-00022485A	F-00022495A
F-00022456A	F-00022466A	F-00022476A	F-00022486A	F-00022496A
F-00022457A	F-00022467A	F-00022477A	F-00022487A	F-00022497A
F-00022458A	F-00022468A	F-00022478A	F-00022488A	F-00022498A
F-00022459A	F-00022469A	F-00022479A	F-00022489A	F-00022499A
F-00022460A	F-00022470A	F-00022480A	F-00022490A	F-00022500A

It is requested that you examine all similar currency now in your possession with the view to locating the above bills. It is also requested that this letter be placed on file in order that all incoming similar currency can be compared with the above bills. In the event information is obtained concerning any of these bills it is requested that you immediately communicate with this office, address of which is 612 Marine Trust Building, Post Office Box 64, Buffalo, New York and telephone number Cleveland 2030.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

TNS:hwl

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 17, 1935

HN:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

4:25 P.M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schacht	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Conroy called on the telephone. He states that the informant still claims Karpis and Campbell are contemplating a kidnaping of either Mike Katz of Kansas City or one Kemper, the latter a former intended victim in an extortion case. The informant states there are two women with the men, one girl named Mamie, who is from the East and is with Alvin, and the girl with Harry is called Dot. The informant met Mamie at Wichita the night before last. He states the two men arrived at the farmhouse which is the hideout at 6:45 P.M. last night. This farmhouse is located between Topeka and Lawrence. It is also between U. S. Highway 40 and Kansas Highway 10. The informant went in there yesterday for a short time, and inasmuch as there were other persons there he came out and stayed in a tourist camp. Harry and Alvin, he thinks, have left the place, but they are expected back around 6 or 7 o'clock. The people who lived in the farmhouse have left. It is, of course, not certain that they will be back.

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Conroy is moving to the Eldridge Hotel at Lawrence, Kansas, which he states is the best available with regard to bringing the men in. He says he has about ten men ready to join him and they will be available today and tonight. He states his equipment is ample, that he expects to see his informant after reaching the Eldridge Hotel, which will be about 8:30. His informant states that, if possible, he will feed the parties "knock-out drops". In any event, whether this can be done or not he will endeavor to communicate as discreetly as possible with Conroy and Bryce.

I cautioned Conroy to use all precautions and to have his men use vests. Conroy and the men, as usual, do not care to use them. Conroy's plans are to hit the place about 4 o'clock tomorrow morning, provided, of course, word is received from the informant that the people are there. He states he will be careful not to flush the place, inasmuch as the information looks good. I told him, of course, that this was correct, but that if his informant definitely says the men were there the proper thing to do would be to hit it at once.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 23, 1935.

RE: ER

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Boardman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING.

John Karpovitz, father of Alvin Karpis, visited his daughter, Mrs. Albert Grooms, at Topeka, Kansas, and returned to Chicago. During his visit he was kept under surveillance by Special Agents of the Kansas City office.

Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy of the Kansas City office, together with Agents attached to that office, traveled through Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas during the past week, acting on information furnished by informant John Hagen relative to the possible location of Alvin Karpis. All investigation has been conducted with negative results.

The Cleveland office is maintaining contact with confidential informant Karbin and will probably develop productive leads through that source.

William E. Meade, who was wanted for questioning in connection with this case, was taken into custody by the Police Department at Northampton, Massachusetts, but was released before identification could be effected.

Respectfully,

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

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JUL 23 1935

TAMM

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
July 25, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
U. S. Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218;  
et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith a letter from Robert  
Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which was ad-  
dressed to Dolores Delaney.

The letter has been carefully scrutinized and  
contains nothing of value.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this  
matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 27 1935
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JUL 27 1935

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

July 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUG, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, regarding Minnesota license tag 151919, the Automobile Division of the Secretary of State has no record of any such number, as all Minnesota State license plates bear alphabetical designation depending upon the horse power of the car on which the plate is issued. 1934 Minnesota license B151919 was issued to EDWARD JENSEN, Route 2, Albert Lea, Minnesota on a 1935 model Terraplane Coach. The number under alphabetical designations A and C do not run this high. State Agent Jensen of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, who was formerly chief of police at Albert Lea, Minnesota, has advised that he is personally acquainted with EDWARD JENSEN, a farmer residing near Albert Lea, Minnesota, and is 40 years of age and otherwise does not fit the description of HARRY CAMPBELL. He advised that there is no record of the theft or loss of the license plates issued to EDWARD JENSEN.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JULY 24, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING

With further reference to my letter dated July 10, 1935,  
transmitting correspondence of Lloyd and Arthur Barker at the  
United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, please find  
enclosed the following:

The original of a letter from G. E. Barker,  
Joplin, Mo. to Arthur Barker, dated July 8, 1935.

The original of a letter to G. E. Barker,  
Joplin, Missouri from Arthur Barker, dated  
July 14, 1935.

The enclosures should be examined at the Technical  
Laboratory, as suggested in my previous letter dated July 3, 1935.

Copies of the enclosed letters are being attached for  
the Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul Offices, and a copy is being  
retained in the Kansas City File.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Chicago (Encls.)  
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Joplin, Mo.  
July 8, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Barker

Dear Son:

I'm feeling fairly well now still under the Dr's care. I wrote you some time ago about what you wanted me to do with the watch and ring and I guess you forgot to mention it I wondered if you wanted me to give it to your Brother or what to do with them. I hope I can get to see you right away if not I hope they will let you remain there so I can get to see you often. Oh yes what would be the value of the ring & watch as I have one and if you wanted me to sell them I thought I'd better know the value. Well, I'll close hoping to hear from you real soon.

As ever your father

G. E. Barker

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Envelope postmarked Neosho, Mo. July 8 10:30 A.M. 1935.

Addressed to "Mr. Arthur Barker  
Leavenworth, Kansas

P. O. Box 7"

Return address on back "G. E. Barker,  
P. O. Box 724,  
Joplin, Mo."

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POST OFFICE BOX 7

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS July 14th, 1935.

Mr. G. E. Barker  
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Dad I will anser your most welcome letter I received the other day this leave me feeling ok. Hope you are in Better health By now. I would like to see you. the next time you come up to see me. and they dont let you see me you get a court order to see me. I dont know what they are going to do with me. what has the attorney did about the money in Chicago. I was going to give that stuff to Bud and I wanted him to have it But if you need the money you can do as you please with it. I dont have no idea what it is worth did you ever hear from that party and what are you going to do about that stuff in Chicago. well dad I dont know much to write So will close for this time your son as ever

Arthur Barker

Letter addressed as follows:

If not delivered in ten days return to  
Post Office Box 7  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Place your register  
number here.

Mr G. E. Barker  
Joplin, Missouri  
P.O. Box 724.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 5239

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-6770

Specimens: 7-576-6770A. First of 2 page original letter written with pencil on one side of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear Son: I'm feeling fairley will" and ending "so I can get to".

7-576-6770B. Second ~~XXXXXX~~ page of letter beginning "see you often" and signed G. E. Barker.

7-576-6770C. Envelope addressed to Mr. Arthur Barker and postmarked  
Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 7-27-35

Examination requested: Code deciphering - indented writing

Result of examination:

5 4 7

Examination by: Appel

Neosho, Mo., Jul 8, 1935, 10:30 AM.

7-576-6770D. 1 page letter written in longhand with pencil on one side of white with blue lines with letter head "Post Office Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas", beginning "Dear Dad I will anser your most welcome letter" and signed Arthur Barker.

7-576-6770E. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, unpostmarked, with return register No. 46928.

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Cincinnati  
St. Paul

7/27 "indented" word "them" indented  
on second page of letter  
of father 6770B was made  
coming from 1st page  
no hidden messages found

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August 10, 1935

Mr. E. F. Conroy,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #239 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request, the following original specimens are returned herewith, photographic copies of same having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files:

Original two page letter from G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, to Arthur Barker, dated July 8, 1935.

Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Hosho, Missouri, July 8, 1935, 10:30 A.M."

Original one page letter from Arthur Barker, to G.E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, dated July 14, 1935.

Envelope in which above letter was mailed, addressed to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #589325

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Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Aberdeen South Dakota  
July 23 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
629 First National Bank Bldg  
Omaha Nebraska

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*George A. Bremer*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUL 23 1935

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 1, 1935, reflecting investigation conducted by Special Agent W. Stewart at Evanston, Illinois, in an effort to locate one Ernie La Salla (La Salle), who is wanted by the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office for murder.

For the purpose of ascertaining definitely whether or not the individual known as "Ernie" is Ernie La Salla, there is enclosed herewith, photograph of this individual as well as his fingerprints. It is respectfully requested that appropriate investigation be conducted in order to definitely establish whether this individual is Ernie La Salla.

The photograph of La Salla should be returned to the Cleveland Office when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUL 28 1935

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Recently information was received at this office that one Faby H. Horton, a barber employed by the Transient Bureau, 24th Street and 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, remarked while viewing pictures in the lobby of the Birmingham Post Office, that he had shaved subject Joseph P. Moran in the past.

Horton was interviewed by Special Agent A. J. Lemaire of this office at his barber shop. He advised that he recognized the picture of Moran on the Bureau's Identification Order as that of a man whom he had shaved on several occasions two or more years ago either at the Patton Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee, or at the Barbers Arcade in the same city. He stated that he did not know the name of this man, and was of the opinion that he was employed as a salesman. He advised that he has not seen Moran recently and promised to notify the Birmingham office should he receive any further information.

It was ascertained by Agent Lemaire through contact with Miss Alice E. Clyde of the Transient Bureau, that Horton's application indicated that he worked as a barber at the Patton Hotel until 1930, at the Barbers Arcade until 1932, and at 915 Main Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, until November 1934.

This information is furnished for such value as it may have. In this connection it should be noted that Horton also claims to have shaved Thomas H. Robinson Jr. in Chattanooga, and to have recognized the photograph of Frank Kishart, wanted by the postal authorities. It hardly seems likely that this man would have been acquainted with three fugitives.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

July 23, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM  
WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1239; MYRTLE KATON with aliases,  
I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OB-  
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Referring to Bureau letter dated July 17, 1935, making reference to a newspaper report of a gun battle between officers Boni and May of the Melrose Park Police Department with five hoodlums reputed to have been connected with the Karpis-Barker gang, please be advised that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed Chief of Police A. H. Leesberg of the Melrose Park Police Department, who stated that at 10:45 P.M. on Friday, July 5, 1935, officers Dan Boni and W. E. May, while cruising in a squad car, noted four or five men in a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, black in color with red wire wheels, bearing a trunk on the back and two tail lights. In view of the fact that these men looked suspicious, Officers Boni and May chased this car and finally stopped in an isolated section of Melrose Park at 23rd Avenue, where the occupants left the car and began firing at the two officers, who left their car and took cover. The unknown gangsters put twenty bullet holes in the squad car. They then made their escape.

Chief Leesberg stated that the identity of these assailants is not known, but that he believes they are identical with a gang of local hoodlums who have been robbing roadhouses and country clubs in the neighborhood of Melrose Park during the past few months; that members of this gang have been riding in an automobile of very much the same description as the above mentioned Ford sedan; that he has no information indicating that the above assault was perpetrated by members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but that the local newspaper men attempted

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to make a story out of it by stating that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were responsible for the assault on the two Melrose Park policemen.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Bureau laboratory and forwarded with it are two 12 gauge Kleanbore nitro long range express shotgun shells, a .30 calibre Luger Remington U.M.C. cartridge shell and eleven bullet fragments for comparison with exhibits on file at the laboratory. It is suggested that the laboratory make a comparison of the above mentioned exhibits with the shells, cartridges and bullets believed to have been fired from guns in the possession of members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Cincinnati

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 24th, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 6th, 1935, in which it is stated that 400 copies each of Identification Order #1218, issued on Alvin Karpis, and Identification Order #1238, issued on William Weaver, were being transmitted to this office, pursuant to the request contained in my letter to the Bureau of June 28th, 1935.

*and from Bremer  
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Please be advised that to date these Identification Orders have not been received.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-22-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-2 to 18-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. E. CONROY</b> <span style="float: right;">08</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			

John Hagan, Collins, Missouri, inquired Kansas City Office as to reward on Karpis and Campbell, stating he had informant who had been with Karpis and Campbell two days prior thereto. The informant, who was revealed to be Freddy O'Neal, ex-convict, reported having been in touch with Karpis and Campbell in Oklahoma and Kansas during course of investigation. Informant disappeared. Subsequent investigation discredited his activities.

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**DETAILS:** The investigation set forth herein is the result of joint inquiries made by the writer and Special Agent D. A. Bryce.

On July 2, 1935, a telephone call was received by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy from Mr. William H. Davenport, Operative in Charge of the United States Secret Service, Kansas City, Missouri, who stated that one John Hagan, of Collins, Missouri, who was thoroughly conversant with the activities of the underworld, had informed him that he had received information which might result in determining the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Davenport stated that he was referring Mr. Hagan to this office.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. E. Conroy</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7   576 - 6776</b>	<b>JUL 26 1935</b>
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Shortly after the receipt of the above telephone call, a long distance telephone call was received from former Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, of the Chicago Office, who stated he had received a long distance telephone call from John Hagan, at Kansas City, Missouri, inquiring as to what reward might be offered for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Purvis advised that he had informed Hagan that he knew of no reward which had been offered and suggested that Mr. Hagan get in touch with this office with reference thereto.

On the same date John Hagan, of Collins, Missouri, who is personally known to the writer, and who is known to have served a sentence at the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas, and is reported to have collected the reward of \$25,000. for the solution of the Jake Lingle murder at Chicago, Illinois, called at this office. He stated that he had an informant who had been in touch with both Karpis and Campbell two days previous and desired to know what reward might be offered for their apprehension. He inquired as to whether this reward would be split with any police officers who might aid in the arrest and whether the reward might be contingent upon successful prosecution. He was given indefinite replies with reference to the reward and was advised that information relative thereto would be furnished him at a later date.

Mr. Hagan also inquired as to whether any reward had been offered by Edward G. Bremer or his family for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. He was informed that the writer had no knowledge of such reward. He asked whether it might be appropriate for this office to make inquiries relative thereto of the Bremer family. He was advised that the Bureau would not solicit such rewards from private persons and would not be a party to the payment of such reward. Mr. Hagan then inquired as to whether the Bureau had any objection to some representative of his making inquiry of the Bremer family as to any reward which they might offer. He was informed that the Bureau would have no particular objection to any person making inquiry but that he was not to indicate in any way that the Bureau might be interested one way or another with reference thereto. He stated that such procedure would be entirely satisfactory with him.

On July 5, 1935, after other investigation with reference to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell had been completed in this district, and after inquiry had been made of Mr. Tamm, of the Bureau at Washington, D.C., Mr. Hagan was advised over long distance telephone at his home in Collins, Missouri, that the Bureau would pay, as a maximum, \$3500.00 for confidential information leading to the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and \$1000.00 for information leading to the whereabouts of Harry Campbell; that this money would be paid direct to the informant without being split with any arresting officers, and that it was not subject to successful prosecutive action. Mr. Hagan was also informed, in keeping with advice from Mr. Tamm, that a reasonable advance would be made to the informant through Mr. Hagan for the acquisition of an automobile which he might use during his travels in bringing about the possible apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. He was also informed that during the

period of investigation, which should not be extensive, the Bureau would assume the expenses of Mr. Hagan and of the informant. Mr. Hagan stated these terms would be satisfactory and that he would get in touch with the informant within the next day or two, and that he would then be ready to proceed with the informant immediately thereafter. He stated he would attempt to convince the informant it would be entirely satisfactory for him to make direct contact with representatives of this Bureau in order to simplify the subsequent investigation.

Mr. Harry Friedberg, Attorney-at-Law, Kansas City, Missouri, on July 5, 1935, also called at the Kansas City Office as a representative of John Hagan. He made inquiry regarding plans of Hagan, and stated that he had been requested by Mr. Hagan to have certain inquiries made at St. Paul, Minnesota with the Bremer family to determine whether any additional reward might be secured for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. He stated that he desired to keep the Government fully informed regarding his activities in order that no impression might be gained which would indicate that his activities were not entirely above board. It appears from correspondence received from the St. Paul Office that Mr. Friedberg communicated with another attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, with reference thereto.

On July 10, 1935, Special Agent D. A. Bryce proceeded to Collins, Missouri, after John Hagan had notified the office that he was ready to proceed. Agent Bryce remained at the Hagan farm for three days while Hagan was communicating with his informant and consummating arrangements for the acquisition of an automobile for the informant. Hagan also employed two men to take care of his farm during his absence. This information is noted herein inasmuch as it reflects that Hagan was sincere in his efforts to bring about the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell as he necessarily had to go to some expense to maintain the operation of his farm during his absence. In addition, the fact that Hagan was making every effort to secure as high a reward as possible, not only from the Bureau but also from the Bremer family, indicates that he was reasonably certain that his informant could deliver Karpis and Campbell.

On the night of July 12, 1935, John Hagan met his informant at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and arranged to have Agent Bryce personally meet him, at which time his identity became known. The name he was using at that time was Freddy O'Neal. He is an ex-convict, having served three prison terms. He stated that he had been a cell mate of Alvin Karpis at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, during 1931 or 1932. He served that term under the name of James J. Kelly, Oklahoma State Penitentiary Number 10072, having completed a twenty year sentence imposed upon him from Pittsburg County, Oklahoma for the larceny of an automobile. The informant stated that he had also known Campbell at the Oklahoma Penitentiary but was only a slight acquaintance of his.

O'Neal, at the time he was interviewed by Agent Bryce, stated that on July 11, 1935, he had driven to a farm house 15 miles from Sallisaw,

Oklahoma, where he met at a farm house a man and woman who were reputed to be relatives of Alvin Karpis. He stated they advised him Karpis had left instructions at that place for him to proceed to Ada, Oklahoma, where he would meet the son of this couple, and that this son would put him in touch with Karpis. O'Neal refused to divulge the names of this couple and their son, advising that he did not wish to cause them any embarrassment or any prosecution for the harboring of Karpis and Campbell. He stated he had gotten in touch with this boy at Ada, Oklahoma, as directed by his parents, and had given the boy \$5.00 for expenses to make a trip to see Karpis; that the boy drove south from Ada in a 1929 Ford Roadster, and that he, O'Neal, then returned to the home of the boy's parents at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, awaiting the return of their son after contacting Karpis and Campbell.

When the boy came to the home of his parents, on July 14, 1935, O'Neal was advised that Karpis and Campbell would meet him at Duncan, Oklahoma, in a tourist camp known as Hensley's Auto Camp, about 6 miles South of Duncan, on the highway. The informant later reported to Agent Bryce, on July 14, 1935, that he had met Karpis at the place designated and that Karpis was accompanied by some woman. He said that Karpis had stated that Campbell was not with him due to a sore foot. The informant reported that Karpis and Campbell were driving an Oldsmobile Sedan and a Buick Sedan, and each of them were supposed to be accompanied by a woman. He advised that at the time he saw Karpis, Karpis was driving the Oldsmobile Sedan. The informant stated that further arrangements might be effected whereby he would be able to secure the license numbers of the automobiles at a next meeting, which was to take place at Marlow, Oklahoma, about 10 A.M., July 15, 1935.

In view of these circumstances and as it appeared possible that the arrest of the two fugitives might be effected, Special Agent in Charge Conroy was notified at Kansas City, Missouri by Agent Bryce. Mr. Conroy informed Assistant Director Harold Nathan, of the Bureau, at Washington, D.C. Mr. Nathan authorized the writer to proceed immediately to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he was to join Agent Bryce and take charge of any investigation which might result in the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

On the morning of July 15, 1935, a long distance call was received from the informant at Marlow, Oklahoma, at which time he advised that the woman who had been associating with Karpis met him near Duncan, Oklahoma, and told him that Karpis and Campbell and the other woman had proceeded to a place about 15 miles from Topeka, Kansas, and that he, O'Neal, was to meet Karpis' woman the following morning at Wichita, Kansas, at the Missouri Pacific Railroad Station. The informant stated that from Wichita, Kansas he was to proceed with this woman to a point near Topeka, Kansas, and that the woman, who was to meet him, would take him to the place where Karpis and Campbell and their women were to remain for a few days. During this conversation the informant advised Agent Bryce that the Oldsmobile driven by the above mentioned woman, known to him as "Mamie", bore 1935 Oklahoma license tag 279 A 464.

Acting Special Agent in Charge John B. Little, of the Oklahoma

City Bureau Office, made inquiry at the Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol, Oklahoma City, and was advised that 1935 Oklahoma license 279 A 464, was issued for 1934 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor number 679058, property of Odis Gibbs, Frederick, Oklahoma. It will be noted that Frederick, Oklahoma is in the vicinity of the place where O'Neal had been engaged in his activities. No direct inquiry was made of Odis Gibbs in view of the fact that it was felt he may have possibly been engaged in activities with Karpis and Campbell, notwithstanding the fact that it might have been a stolen automobile plate.

In addition to the above, Acting Special Agent in Charge John B. Little, of the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma office, had Special Agent C. J. Endres confer with Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. Mr. Shackelford advised James J. Kelly had been received at the penitentiary December 17, 1919 for a term of twenty years for the charge of larceny of automobile. Mr. Shackelford stated that the penitentiary records did not reflect that Alvin Karpis had ever been received there. It is noted on the Identification Order, however, that Karpis, at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, had been sentenced to a term of four years for burglary but had been paroled. Inquiries indicated, however, that the trial judge could not have paroled an ex-convict before the serving of a sentence and that this would have necessitated a pardon. Inquiries by Mr. Little of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, does not reveal any record of Alvin Karpis. The Agents engaged in this investigation have been informed, in the past, that it has been possible to have the records "jerked" at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for the payment of specified sums of money. In view of these circumstances it would appear possible that Karpis may have served a term at the penitentiary without a record now being in existence at that institution.

On the evening of July 16, 1935 and the morning of July 17, 1935, Agents conferred with Freddy O'Neal, at Topeka, Kansas and vicinity. He took Agents to a place on Highway 40, about 14 miles from Topeka, Kansas, where he stated he had slept during the day of July 16, 1935, and pointed out cabins at a tourist camp, known as "Tom's Cabins", in the same vicinity, where he stated Karpis, Campbell and a woman had also slept during that same day. He informed Agents that he had gone to a farm house between U. S. Highway 40 and Kansas State Highway 10, about midway between Topeka, Kansas, and Lawrence, Kansas, which was to be used as a hideout, and that a family was moving out of that house; that in preparation of their moving various parties had slept in tourist camps during the day because they were tired, having driven all the night previously. The informant described the house as a two story frame building, painted brown, with a large barn with boards on the bottom nailed sideways. He gave other descriptive data which is apparently immaterial for this report.

The informant stated that he had discussed with both Karpis and Campbell a proposed kidnaping which was to take place. The victim of the kidnaping was to be either James T. Kemper, of the Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri, or Mike Katz, of the Katz Drug Company, Kansas City, Missouri. In the event that Mr. Kemper was to be kidnaped, an employee of

the Commerce Trust Company by the name of McLucas was to be the intermediary. O'Neal, according to the information given, was to make arrangements in Kansas City for the kidnaping. He was to "case the job" and secure information regarding the movements of either Mr. Kemper or Mr. Katz. He stated that the farm house at which he had been was to be used as the hideout.

O'Neal advised that Karpis' woman was named "Mamie" and that she was a girl from the East. He stated that Campbell's woman was called "Doc" and she was an Oklahoma girl. O'Neal stated that he supposedly had taken a trip to Kansas City for Karpis and Campbell and that he was due back at the farm about 2 P.M. on July 17, 1935. He advised Agents that should any difficulty be had regarding the location of the farm house hideout he would accompany Agents that evening after dark in a car in order that he might be able to point it out and allow a raid to take place subsequent thereto. He stated that he would probably be expected to return again to Kansas City the same night and requested Agents to transfer their place of operations from the Jayhawk Hotel, at Topeka, Kansas, to the Ellridge Hotel, at Lawrence, Kansas, so that he would be able to confer enroute to Kansas City. He advised that he would meet the Agents at Lawrence at about 8 P.M. the same date.

During the afternoon of July 17, 1935, after the conference with the informant, Agent Bryce and the writer, in a disheveled 1926 Chevrolet Sedan, covered all the back roads in the vicinity of the place where the informant stated the farm house was located. There was one house located in that vicinity which answered, in a measure, the description of the place described by O'Neal. Inasmuch as there were some discrepancies it was the intention of the Agents to take the informant that evening, in an automobile, to a place where he could definitely point out this farm house where Karpis, Campbell and the women were supposed to be staying.

On the evening of July 17, 1935, O'Neal, the informant, failed to report at the Hotel at Lawrence, Kansas, and on the following morning a letter was received from him postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri, 11:30 P.M. July 17, 1935. In this letter the informant advised that he had found the plans had all been changed; that he was enclosing a parking ticket for his automobile; that he did not know his destination, but would contact Agents at his first opportunity.

In view of these circumstances a check was immediately made of the tourist camps where Karpis, Campbell and the women were alleged to have stayed during the day of July 16, 1935, and it was found that they had not registered in and had not stayed at the places on the dates mentioned. At the place where the informant advised that he had stayed on the same date it was ascertained that these tourist cabins had not been rented to any person for some time past. It was also ascertained, through the Postmaster at Leecompton, Kansas, that one Harry F. Fulton resides at the farm house which the Agents had suspected. It was found Mr. Fulton was a substantial tenant farmer, of ordinary means and good reputation, and that no persons had been at that farm house during the period in question, and there had been no activities similar

to those described by the informant.

Subsequent to the above investigation Mr. John Hagan made inquiries at several places in Kansas City where O'Neal would ordinarily be found. These inquiries resulted in information which indicated that he had disappeared.

Mr. James T. Kemper, of the Commerce Trust Company, and his father have both been advised by the writer that Mr. Kemper's name was mentioned in connection with a suspected kidnaping, and that although investigation indicated that the information was false it might be advisable for Mr. Kemper to at least take ordinary precautions inasmuch as his name apparently has been discussed among underworld characters with regard to a proposed kidnaping.

Mr. Mike Katz will be interviewed in the near future by the writer and given similar information.

In view of the developments set forth above, it appearing that the informant has been thoroughly discredited, investigation along these lines was discontinued.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JULY 24, 1935.

F. G. Zerbst, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: Mr. E. H. Eckholdt

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of July 9 and 15, 1935, enclosing an original letter from G. L. Barker to his son, Arthur Barker, and an original letter written by Arthur Barker to his father, G. L. Barker, respectively.

Your cooperation in this case is very greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

F. F. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RFC:os

cc - Bureau

In Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fug.  
I.O. #1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-3 JV**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Ga.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-24-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-19-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT C. HENDON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236, FUGITIVE; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238, FUGITIVE; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239, FUGITIVE; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241, FUGITIVE; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

Ed Patterson left La Grange, Ga.,  
on July 1, 1935 for Birmingham, Ala.,  
where he was to seek hospitalization  
at the Veteran's Facility.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon a copy of the letter from the Director to Mr. E. Patterson, 1205 Juniper Street, La Grange, Georgia, dated June 27, 1935 and its inclosure, copies of which have been furnished to the interested offices.

AT LA GRANGE, GA.:

Mr. Clyde Patterson, 1205 Juniper Street, La Grange, Georgia, stated that he is the brother of E. Patterson, whose full name is Edward Patterson. He stated that Ed Patterson had left La Grange about July 1, 1935, saying that he was going to Birmingham in an effort to get in some hospital there. He stated that since his brother had left he had received no information from him and had no idea where he might be found. He stated that Ed had mentioned Weaver to him and had exhibited the letter from the Director. He then expressed the opinion that Ed was unreliable and that any information he might give would be a falsifica-

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tion. He would not state what Ed was suffering from, merely being evasive when asked and giving the impression that perhaps the latter was not mentally sound. He stated that Cason Callaway, President of the Callaway Mills where Ed had worked, had given Ed enough money to go to Birmingham.

Mr. Ab Perry, General Offices, Callaway Mills, La Grange, Ga., personal secretary to Mr. Cason Callaway, stated that his file indicated that \$15 had been given to Ed Patterson from the Callaway Relief Fund. Mr. Perry advised that Patterson was suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and had told him that if he could get to Birmingham, Ala., he believed that he could get hospitalization at the veteran's hospital there. Mr. Perry stated that Ed Patterson was not a veteran, being only 26 years old, but that he had been in the Navy in 1926. His file further revealed that Patterson had worked at Montgomery, Alabama, with the Alabama Relief Administration prior to coming to La Grange this spring. Mr. Perry stated that Patterson had lived with Mr. Andrew Moore 1104 Juniper Street, La Grange, prior to his leaving.

Mrs. Andrew Moore, 1104 Juniper Street, stated that Ed Patterson had left for Birmingham about July 1, 1935 and that neither she nor her husband had received a word from him since that time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Birmingham, Ala., will contact the Veteran's Administration Facility and other hospitals for information as to the whereabouts of Ed Patterson and upon his location will interview him concerning the information inclosed with the copy of the letter referred to previously.

At Montgomery, Ala., will contact the Relief Administration as to information of Patterson's whereabouts if not located in Birmingham.

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Room 1103  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

July 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. NO. 1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

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FUGITIVE ( )	
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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to teletype message from this office, dated July 25, 1935, setting forth information obtained from one James Felton, 2323 Eighth Avenue, New York City, who voluntarily appeared at the New York Bureau Office yesterday morning.

Further reference is made to the subsequent telephone conversation between Special Agent A. Schroeder of your office and Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, in which conversation Special Agent Schroeder advised Mr. Hanson that the informant James Felton might be the same person who had previously contacted the Philadelphia Office and conveyed information in regard to Baby-Face Nelson, which later developed to be unfounded. Agent Schroeder also advised Mr. Hanson that it is believed that this person had likewise furnished similar information to the Washington Field Office some time during last year, which also proved to be unfounded.

There is attached hereto a photograph of James Felton, and it is requested that Agent Schroeder inspect this photograph for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is that of the person who has contacted the Philadelphia Office.

For the information of the Trenton Bureau Office, it was ascertained that the apartment house which informant saw the persons mentioned in the teletype message enter, is 179 Palisades Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. Informant pointed out to Agents a Ford automobile which he believes is identical with the Ford car that contacted the Buick, and inspection of same disclosed that it was a 1935 Ford De Luxe Coupe, bearing New Jersey license number H 2230, 1935. However, it is desired that no investigation pertaining to this license

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SAC, Philadelphia

July 26, 1935

be made at this time, until word is received from the Philadelphia Office as to whether or not the informant of the New York Office, James Felton, is identical with the informant who has contacted the Philadelphia Office.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau ✓  
Trenton  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

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7-25-35

11.20 AM DST AAT

SAC TRENTON

PHONE COOY OF TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK OFFICE

11 AM THIS DATE. BREKID. JAMES FELTON COLORED 2828 8TH AVENUE NYC

ES THAT WHILE IN JERSEY CITY NEW JERSEY HE SAW FOUR MEN AND  
 A WOMAN IN NEW BUICK SEDAN BEARING OHIO PLATES, THE NUMBERS OF WHICH  
 HE WAS NOT CERTAIN OF, AND STATES THAT INSIDE CAR WERE ILLINOIS AND  
 MICHIGAN LICENSE PLATES AND MACHINE GUN, SHOT GUNS AND MACHINE GUN  
 CLIPS. FELTON STATED PEOVXX PEOPLE IN CAR PURCHASED FROM HIM FLOWERS  
 WHICH HE WAS SELLING AT THIS PLACE AND THAT A FORD SEDAN BEARING NEW  
 JERSEY PLATES DROVE UP TO THE BUICK AND FROM CONVERSATION HEARD MAN IN  
 FORD INVITED PEOPLE IN BUICK TO HIS APARTMENT. FETXX FELTON STATES HE  
 SAW PEOPLE IN BUICK AND FORD GO INTO AN APARTMENT IN THE VICINITY.  
 WILL BE ABLE TO LOCATE SAID APARTMENT IF BROUGHT TO PLACE.  
 INFORMANT IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF HARRY CAMPBELL AS DRIVER OF BUIK  
 AND ALSO POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF FRANKIE FOSTER AS PASSENGER  
 IN BACK SEAT OF BUICK. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HEARD NAME FRANKIE  
 MENTIONED IN CONVERSATION BETWEENXX BETWEEN PEOPLE IN BOTH CARS. TWO  
 FROM NY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE APARTMENT IN JERSEY CITY IN EFFORT TO LO  
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 16, 1935,  
regarding contacts of confidential informants.

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The Bureau's attention is respectfully directed to the fact that Albert Grooms, of Topeka, Kansas, a brother-in-law of Subject Alvin Karpis, had, prior to the submission of the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, of Kansas City, Missouri, dated July 5, 1935, always indicated a friendly spirit toward the Bureau. In view of these circumstances this office, at least in a measure, had expected his cooperation and the receipt of information when any activity took place at his home.

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The Bureau's attention is further directed to the fact that the informant who notified the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas, to the effect that John Karpovicz had arrived in Topeka, Kansas, was apparently not a neighbor of Grooms, but had seen Karpovicz riding around Ripley Park in Topeka, Kansas, and had advised the Sheriff's Office anonymously of his presence in Topeka. The Sheriff's Office is not even aware of her identity.

With regard to John Hagan, of Collins, Missouri, please be advised that detailed information regarding his activities in endeavoring to bring about the apprehension of Subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell for a reward is being set forth in a separate report. There is no indication whatsoever which would tend to indicate that he was insincere in his efforts.

For the information of the Bureau, it might be stated that Hagan resides on a farm about two miles East of Collins, Missouri. He appears to be operating a more or less modern farm at that place, which apparently is somewhat the envy of his neighbors, who generally cannot be considered as up to date farmers. He has one farmhand employed, an ex-convict, who was sent to the Missouri State Peni-

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tentiary for stealing chickens. He drives an Auburn Sedan which he has had for some time, and which he secured in Chicago, Illinois.

The files of the Bureau generally indicate that he has a wide underworld acquaintance. He served a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He operated a private detective agency in Kansas City, Missouri, and later was employed by the "Secret Six" and by the County Attorney's office in Chicago, Illinois, as a private detective. The farmers in the vicinity of Collins, Missouri, apparently do not associate with him and regard him as more or less of a Kansas City and Chicago gangster. Due to their lack of associations they know very little about his activities. The Postmaster at Collins, Missouri, from whom Hagan purchased his farm, appears to be somewhat of a garrulous individual from the information I have received. I would hesitate to use him as an informant.

In view of these circumstances, during the recent investigation in which John Hagan was aiding the Bureau, I had Special Agent D. A. Bryce reside at the Hagan farm for a period of about three days. During that period of time little information was secured which is not already in possession of the Bureau.

The Bureau may be assured that my personal attention will be given to the instructions contained in letter of reference.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Cincinnati

HAROLD M. STEPHENS  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice  
Washington

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Scheidt	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Smith	
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

July 12, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

*Handwritten initials*

Attached find letter which I have just received from Mr. Karl A. Crowley, Solicitor of the Post Office Department, in response to a letter written him by Mr. Stanley relative to the placing of a cover on the mail of Charles Wolinski, 306 1/2 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

*mail cover*

*Handwritten signature: Harold M. Stephens*

Harold M. Stephens  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Inclosure. *Handwritten initials*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

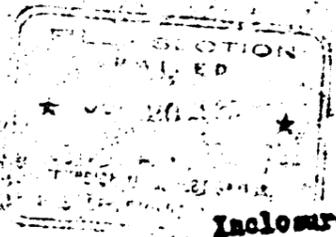
Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. C. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

For your information there are trans-  
mitted herewith copies of a letter dated July  
11, 1936, addressed to the Honorable Harold  
Stephens, the Assistant to the Attorney General,  
by Mr. Karl A. Crowley, Solicitor of the Post  
Office Department, setting forth information  
concerning a misunderstanding on the part of the  
Postmaster at Des Moines, Iowa, in placing a  
cover on the mail of Charles Volstead, 200  
Main Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Inclosure No. 319610

cc-Cincinnati (with copies of above mentioned letter)

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THE SOLICITOR OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1935.

Hon. Harold Stephens,  
Assistant to the Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stephens:

On June 25 I received a letter from your predecessor, Hon. William Stanley, inclosing a memorandum of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation, dated June 22, relating to the refusal of the postmaster at Des Moines, Iowa, to place a cover on mail at the request of a special agent of the Bureau of Investigation attached to the Omaha office.

An investigation has been made of this matter, and I am advised by the Chief Post Office Inspector that the postmaster at Des Moines failed to comply with the request of the special agent as a result of a misunderstanding at his office. The postmaster and his employees now understand what is required, and the Chief Inspector has been assured that the Des Moines office will cooperate fully hereafter.

Mr. Hoover is familiar with the cause leading up to such misunderstanding of instructions. The Department has instructed all postmasters to cooperate with agents of the Department of Justice, and to disregard General Letter No. 501 relating to the placing of mail covers. An applicable amendment to the Postal Laws and Regulations was issued and was re-published in the Postal Bulletin on May 14, 1935.

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It is the desire of this Department to fully cooperate with the Department of Justice, and it will be appreciated if you will bring to the attention of this office any cases similar to this, to the end that all post office employees may understand that they should cooperate with the Bureau of Investigation in the apprehension of criminals.

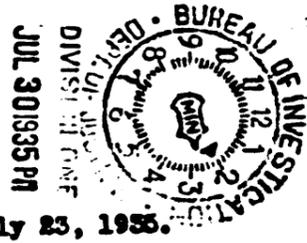
Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Karl A. Crowley  
Solicitor.

Division of Investigation

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July 23, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM  
WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases,  
I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Referring to Bureau letter dated July 17, 1935, please be  
advised that William Heehey resides at 1538 Austin Boulevard, Chicago,  
Illinois, at which address he has an unlisted telephone, number Cicero  
4596. Previous surveillance made of this neighborhood indicates that  
some little difficulty may be had in placing a tap on this telephone,  
but in case it is found possible to do so, the above mentioned tele-  
phone listed at the above address is the telephone desired to be tapped  
by the Chicago office.

With regard to the tap intended to have been placed on the  
telephone of Louis Alterie, please be advised that this necessity  
no longer exists, inasmuch as Louis Alterie was ambushed and shot  
down, presumably in a gang murder, in front of his residence at 928  
Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the morning of July 18, 1935.  
The Chicago Police Department has been unable to solve this murder,  
but newspaper reports indicate the possibility that Alterie may have  
been killed as a result of an effort on his part to muscle in on the  
affairs of the Motion Pictures Operators Union. It was reported by  
the newspapers that Alterie had been friendly with Thomas Maloy, former  
gangster, who before he was slain had been head of the Motion Pictures  
Operators Union in Chicago, and that Alterie had attempted to supplant  
Maloy as head of the local union.

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F. H. G.  
M. H.

Authorization is requested from the Bureau for a telephone tap  
to be placed on the above mentioned telephone of William Heeney.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

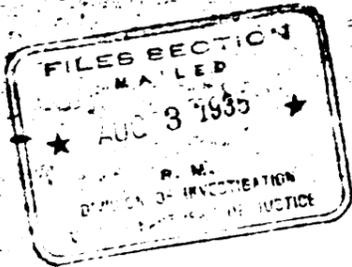
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

In accordance with the request contained in  
your letter of July 23, 1935, you are authorized  
to place a telephone tap on the unlisted telephone,  
Cicero 4596, of William Heeney, 1538 Austin Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois.

You are instructed to advise the Bureau  
immediately when the tap has been placed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		CINCINNATI, OHIO	St. Louis FILE NO.
REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 7/25/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/23 to 7/20/35	REPORT MADE BY D. S. HOEFTNER DSH:G
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; et al. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b> Jack Williams, known panderer, E. St. Louis, Illinois, driving 1935 Ford V-8 Coupe, bearing 1935 Georgia license 20-966C, is not identical with William Weaver. Williams has supposedly returned to Mountain View, Ark. Information received indicating Karpis' possible presence in Cairo, Illinois, is erroneous. Horace J. Gubberly, insane inmate, Illinois State Pen., Chester, Ill., is apparently unreliable and plan suggested by him for the purpose of locating Karpis not feasible.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent E. P. Shanahan, Little Rock, Ark., dated 6/27/35 and letter from the Little Rock Bureau Office, dated 6/20/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> At East St. Louis, Illinois.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> At approximately 11:00 A. M. on June 25, 1935, a black Ford V-8 Coupe, bearing 1935 Georgia license plates 20-966C was observed parked and unoccupied near the intersection of Broadway and Main Streets in E. St. Louis, Illinois. After locating the abovementioned car, it was deemed advisable to contact local police, rather than maintain a surveillance of this automobile, inasmuch as the letter of reference reflected that there was a possibility that Jack Williams, the alleged owner of the abovementioned automobile, was a known character in E. St. Louis, Illinois.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. C. Vetter</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Detectives T. J. Logan and Gus Manns of the East St. Louis Police Department advised that the mother of Jack Williams formerly operated a house of prostitution at 805 St. Louis Avenue, that she now operates an apartment house at 707 Pennsylvania Avenue, which is commonly known as a "call house" and which is occupied by prostitutes. They further advised that they were also acquainted with Jack Williams; that he had lived in East St. Louis most of his life and was considered nothing more than a common pimp, who lived on the earnings of his mother and other women whom she employed to practice prostitution.

An examination of the East St. Louis, Illinois police records reflected that Jack Williams had been arrested on 4/28/35 on a charge made by Ray Riechel, Assistant Superintendent of Paroles at Springfield, Illinois. Jack Williams was at that time charged with pandering and was subsequently released upon a \$2000.00 bond. These records further indicated that at the time of his arrest, Williams was driving a black 1935 Ford V-8 Coupe, bearing 1935 Georgia license plates 209-663. In this connection, it should be noted that, in all probability, the East St. Louis Police were at that time mistaken as to the number appearing on the license plates which were on this automobile. They undoubtedly reported a "5" for a "6".

The above records contained a photograph of Jack Williams, which was taken a few years ago, exact date unknown, and same was obtained and is being attached to the copies of this report designated for the Little Rock Bureau Office, for their information.

An examination of the photograph of Jack Williams clearly indicated that there was no resemblance between that individual and Wm. Weaver, with aliases, I. O. 1238. Detectives T. J. Logan and Gus Manns, both of whom as stated above are well acquainted with Jack Williams, examined the photograph of William Weaver, with aliases, and advised that they did not recall having seen an individual in East St. Louis with Jack Williams who resembled Weavers.

Upon receipt of the above information, the reporting agent, accompanied by the abovementioned detectives, proceeded to the intersection of Broadway and Main Streets and there ascertained that the automobile in question had disappeared and a subsequent investigation, conducted for the purpose of locating the automobile in question, proved unproductive.

Mr. Jake Snyder, Proprietor, Mecca Cigar Store, 410 Missouri Avenue, advised that Jack Williams had been visiting his mother in East St. Louis, Illinois for the past few days, but recently departed for his farm near Mountain View, Arkansas. He further stated

that it was Williams' practice to have mail forwarded to him in care of the Mecca Cigar Store, E. St. Louis, Illinois. Mr. Snyder advised that Jack Williams was unaccompanied at the time of his arrival and departure from East St. Louis, Illinois.

A description of Jack Williams, as obtained from the East St. Louis, Illinois Police Department, is as follows:

Name	Jack Williams
Age	35
Height	5' 11"
Weight	155 to 160
Hair	black
Eyes	brown
Complexion	dark
Occupation	panderer; carnival wrestler
Residence	707 Pennsylvania Ave., E. St. Louis, Illinois, Mountain View, Arkansas
Criminal record	As obtained from E. St. Louis, Ill. Police Dept.:

arrested 4/28/36; charge -  
pandering; released on \$2000  
bond, case pending

Reference is now made to the Cincinnati Bureau Office letter, dated June 21, 1935, wherein it is suggested that all Field Offices circularize all banks in their district with serial numbers of thousand dollar bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, beginning with F00022451A and ending with F00022500A. In compliance with the above request, a mimeograph letter was forwarded to each bank in the St. Louis Bureau Office district, requesting them to immediately notify the St. Louis Office in the event a bill of the above series is now in their possession and furnish all information available with reference to the identity of the person from whom such bill was received. In addition, these banks were requested to place a stop order against any of the aforementioned bills, which may be received in the future. They were further advised that it was essential that this information be considered strictly confidential.

On June 27, 1935, Mr. Walter F. Carroll, Investigator in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, St. Louis, Missouri, transmitted to this Office a communication which he had received from Mrs. E. B. Baker, 1508 Poplar Street, Cairo, Illinois and which reflected that an individual was now residing in the vicinity of Cairo who might possibly be identical with Alvin Karpis, with aliases, fugitive, I. O. #1218.

At Cairo, Illinois

Mrs. E. P. Baker, 1508 Poplar Street, Cairo, Illinois, advised that she had compared Julius J. Becker, a sab driver who lived at 1506 Poplar Street, with a photograph of Alvin Karpis which she had obtained from a detective magazine and that it was her opinion that there was a possibility that this sab driver was identical with Karpis. During this conversation, Mrs. Baker observed Julius J. Becker leave the house at 1506 Poplar Street, and it was evident from observation that this individual was not subject Karpis. However, Becker was approached and he subsequently voluntarily submitted his fingerprints, which when compared with the fingerprints of Karpis, as appearing on I. O. 1218, clearly indicated that Julius J. Becker was not identical with Fugitive Karpis. Under the above circumstances, further investigation was deemed unnecessary. The fingerprints of Julius J. Becker are being retained in the files of the St. Louis Bureau Office.

Reference is made to Chicago Bureau Office letter, dated June 1, 1935, transmitting to the St. Louis Bureau Office a copy of a letter which had been received by Mr. Jack Callaghan, representative of the U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, from Mr. A. L. Wantis, Shelbyville, Illinois. This last mentioned letter reflects that an inmate at the Menard Penitentiary, Chester, Illinois, named Horace J. Cubberly, claims to have recently learned from a new inmate where Alvin Karpis and Dr. Moran are located.

At Chester, Illinois

Dr. David P. Phillips, in charge of the Psychiatric Division for the Insane, Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Illinois, advised upon review of the penitentiary records that Horace J. Cubberly, Inmate #12445, had been received on July 16, 1930 at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois from Cook County, Illinois, after being sentenced from one to ten years for practicing a confidence game. Dr. Phillips further advised that Cubberly had been transferred from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois to the Chester State Hospital for the Insane on 9/3/31 and that he had been transferred to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Chester, Illinois from the Chester State Hospital on January 22, 1935 and was now an inmate of the Psychiatric Division.

An examination of this convict's file reflected that he has, at the time of each medical examination, indicated that he was in receipt of information which would solve one of the major crimes in the United States. It was noted that the information which he claimed to possess was entirely different on each occasion and pertained to a different case.

Horace J. Cumberly advised that he had been an inmate at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois at the same time that Dr. Joseph P. Moran had been an inmate. He then proposed a plan in which he desired the Government to make certain recommendations concerning his release from the penitentiary, after which he would secure information from an individual who he refused to name, but who he contended was in a position to locate Alvin Karpis and Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Although Cumberly was interviewed at length, the contents of his conversation is not included in this report, inasmuch as it appeared to be of no value and further because of his above mentioned mental condition. It should be noted, however, that the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntyre, Chicago, Illinois, dated 6/20/34 reflects that Dr. Joseph P. Moran was paroled on April 7, 1930; that his parole was revoked and Moran was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet on January 25, 1931 and re-paroled on December 15, 1931. It would, therefore, appear that Horace J. Cumberly was an inmate of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois for approximately eight months during the time that Dr. Moran was committed in that institution.

For the information of offices receiving copies of this report, it is stated that Babs Moran has disappeared from St. Louis, Missouri and that his present whereabouts are unknown. The St. Louis Bureau Office has, with the assistance of Detective George Upton of the St. Louis Police Department, developed an informant who is a member of the Theatrical Brotherhood, located at 4 S. Eighth Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at which place Moran spent the principal part of his time while in St. Louis, Missouri. A report will be submitted with the near future containing all available information concerning Babs Moran and his connection with the abovementioned organizations.

PENDING

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska

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July 24, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218: et al. Edward George  
Bremer, Victim. Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully invite your attention to my report in the above entitled matter, dated July 24, 1935, which is based upon a memorandum received from Special Agent W. P. Ellwood, of the Omaha Office, stationed at Des Moines, Iowa.

You will find attached hereto the registrations of "G. H. Weaver, Topeka, Kansas" and "G. E. Weaver and wife, Topeka, Kansas", which were secured from the owners of the Four Mile Cabins and the Webb H. Smith Tourist Camp, on the outskirts of Des Moines, Iowa, where this man "Weaver" and a woman, purporting to be his wife, stopped.

Please refer these signatures to the Bureau's Technical Laboratory for comparison with any known handwriting of Subject WILLIAM WEAVER and particularly with Subject Weaver's signature and advise this office if, in the opinion of the Bureau's examiner, the handwriting appearing on the registrations of "G. H. Weaver" and "G. E. Weaver" is that of Subject William Weaver.

Such other articles found by Agent Ellwood in the cabin abandoned by these persons, as are thought to have latent fingerprints, are being forwarded to this office. Upon their receipt, they will be further considered and if considered warranted, they will be sent to the Bureau for fingerprint examination, for the purpose of determining if Subjects WEAVER and EATON were the persons involved.

It is the wish of the proprietors of the two tourist camps, that the registrations enclosed herein, be returned to them after they have served their purpose and I will be pleased if you will keep this in mind and have these handwriting specimens returned to me promptly.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge

JUL 29 1935

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 5251

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-6785

Specimens: Two small pieces of paper taken from the register of a tourist camp one of which bears the signature "G. E. Weaver" and the other the signature "G. E. Weaver & Wife".

Examination requested by: Omaha Bureau Office.

Date received: 7-27-35

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

7/29

Examination by: Appel  
Kohn

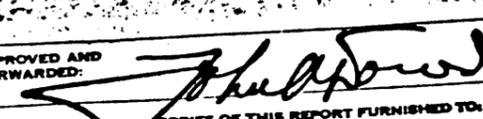
RETURN ORIGINALS.

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W. G. Weaver  
Weaver

Weaver  
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G. E. Weaver & wife, Topeka, Kansas, could easily  
have been written by ~~anyone~~ <sup>anyone available</sup> Weaver IOI -  
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positive identification  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1		CINCINNATI, OHIO		FILE NO. 7-576-6786
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT				
REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/24/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/22/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN A. DOND</b>	
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. NO. 1218: et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, ..... VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>G. E. Weaver and wife and E. L. Black and wife stopped at Riney's Place on outskirts of Des Moines, Iowa from 6/29/35 to 7/1/35 and same parties stopped at Four Mile Cabins, east of Des Moines, until 7/19/35, on which night E. L. Black, while in act of escaping from automobile, was shot and killed by Detective Loren Miller, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department, who pursued him. G. E. Weaver and woman, purportedly his wife, escaped. E. L. Black is Des Moines PD #9925 and a resident of Sioux City, Iowa. Persons at Four Mile Cabins shown photograph of Subject Weaver and express opinion photograph of Subject WEAVER resembles that of G. E. Weaver. Registrations of G. E. Weaver secured. Automobile in which G. E. Weaver and his supposed wife escaped is Buick sedan, carrying Kansas 1935 license #3-16584, registered in the name of George H. Weaver, Jay Hawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas. This automobile previously registered under 1935 South Dakota license 33-2232.</p>				
DETAILS: <p>On July 22, 1935, a telegram was received from Special Agent W. P. Kilwood, of the Omaha Bureau Office, making known that a man, answering the description of Subject WILLIAM WEAVER, escaped from the Des Moines, Iowa, Police on the night of July 19, 1935, in a Buick Sedan, motor #285,016, bearing Kansas 1935 license #3-16584; that the Des Moines, Iowa Police had</p>				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Bureau; 2-Aberdeen; 1-Chicago; 2-Omaha		2-Cincinnati 2-Kansas City; 1-St. Paul		7-576-6786 JUL 27 1935 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SEC. PMT
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ascertained this automobile was registered under the name of "George E. Weaver, Jay Hawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas" and it was previously registered in South Dakota, during 1935, under number 35-2232. Agent Ellwood stated that the handwriting of "George E. Weaver" as found on tourist camp registrations, compared with the handwriting of Subject WILLIAM WEAVER.

The above information was immediately telegraphed to the Kansas City Bureau Office for attention at Topeka, Kansas and was forwarded to the Aberdeen, South Dakota, Office for the purpose of determining to whom 1935 South Dakota license #35-2232 was issued.

On July 24, 1935, a memorandum dated July 22, 1935, reading as follows, was received from Agent Ellwood, Des Moines, Iowa:

"This morning I received a call from Sherman Delmege, Captain of Detectives of the Des Moines Police Department, advising me that he had some information. Upon arriving at his office, Mr. Delmege advised that Loren Miller, a detective of the Des Moines Police Department had received information Friday, July 19, that gangsters were in Des Moines, who were planning to pull some sort of holdup or bank robbery. Mr. Miller is on the night shift and he was cruising alone in a police car about 10:00 o'clock that evening, when he discovered a Buick sedan, with Kansas license plates, parked near a tourist camp about four miles out of Des Moines on Highway No. 6. Mr. Miller parked his car in back of this car and soon two men and a woman emerged from one of the cabins in the tourist camp and got in the car. At this point, Miller walked up to the car and ordered the occupants to drive to the police station. Miller seated himself in the back seat with one of the men and the woman and the other man sat in the front. While driving slowly through the business section of Des Moines, the man in the back seat suddenly leaped out of the car to make a dash for freedom. Miller pursued him and shot and fatally wounded him. In the meantime, the man and woman drove off at top speed and escaped. The wounded man died about two hours later, without revealing the identity of his companions. He was found to be Elmer Black, of Sioux City, Iowa, #9925 PD, Des Moines, Iowa. Black is believed to possess an extensive criminal record.

"Later that night, police from Des Moines called at the Four Mile Cabins, on Highway #6, east of Des Moines, and found that Black had been staying there for eleven days with his wife and another man and woman. Black's wife was brought to the Police Station and questioned as to the identity of the other man and woman, whom she said had left hurriedly about 11:30 the evening of July 19. This appears to be directly after Black was killed. Black's widow apparently had little knowledge of the character of her husband's activities and knew nothing of the man and woman, who were accompanying them. She was released to take her husband's body to Sioux City, before I arrived in Des Moines.

"Also, before I arrived in Des Moines, the Des Moines Police had made some investigation at the Four Mile Tourist Cabins, and had found that the man, who escaped, had registered there as "G. H. WEAVER, of Topeka, Kansas". He was driving a 1934 model Buick Sedan with Kansas license 3-16584. Upon obtaining these license numbers, a wire had been dispatched to the Kansas State Motor Vehicle Bureau and it was found that this license number had been issued to "George E. Weaver, Jay Hawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas." The communication also disclosed that the car had previously been registered in the State of South Dakota, with license number 33-2232.

"I made a further investigation at the Four Mile Cabins, interviewing Trafton Morris, proprietor, who stated that two men and two women had registered at his tourist cabins on July 9th. He said one couple was Elmer Black, the man who was killed, and his wife, and the other was a man, who registered as "G. H. Weaver of Topeka, Kansas" and a woman, who was presumably his wife. Agent displayed photographs of WILLIAM WEAVER to Morris, Lois Cartmill and W. A. Cartmill, employees of the Camp, and they stated that his photograph resembled closely the man going by the name of "G. H. Weaver". I also compared the signature of "G. H. Weaver" with that of WILLIAM WEAVER, as shown on his Identification Order and they are very similar. A photograph of Myrtle Eaton was also proclaimed by these parties to be a fair likeness of the woman who accompanied G. H. Weaver. However, further investigation did not bring forth any other clues as to the identity of these parties.

"R. O. Rinehart, proprietor of Riney's Place, which is a tourist camp about a quarter of a mile up the road, was also

interviewed and he found that 'G. H. Weaver' and the unknown woman and Elmer Black and wife had stayed at his tourist cabins from June 29 to July 1, 1935. There was no registration handwriting at Rinsy's Place for signature comparison and Rinehart and his wife were not sure that these parties had any resemblance to WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON. However, they did say that 'G. H. Weaver' and the unknown woman acted very peculiarly and appeared to be under the influence of dope. Rinehart and his wife said that these parties were in and out of the camp a good deal at night, appeared to be furtive in their actions and seemed to have plenty of money. They left behind them several articles, among which was a pair of ladies' shoes; also, bottles of zinc sulphate and boric acid.

"Another tourist camp, that of Webb H. Smith, which is very close to the other two, was also visited by Agent and it was found that 'G. E. Weaver and wife' and E. L. Black and wife, both of Topeka, Kansas, stayed there the night of July 7. None of the employees of this camp observed WEAVER and his wife closely, so they could not pass an opinion as to the resemblance of photographs of WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON; however, their registration at the camp was secured and I am forwarding it to the Omaha Office.

"Further investigation at filling stations and beer shacks along this road revealed nothing further. I am forwarding the registrations to the Omaha Office for examination at your discretion. Please return them, however, as I made out receipts for them. I am retaining the material found in the cabin of these parties until further word from you.

"Loren Miller also viewed the photographs of MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER but could not make any identification because he saw these persons entirely in the dark."

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The registrations of the man Weaver, referred to above as having been secured from the camp registers of the Four Mile Cabins and the Webb H. Smith Tourist Cabin, on the outskirts of Des Moines, Iowa, written under the names of "G. E. Weaver" and "G. H. Weaver", are being forwarded to the Bureau's Technical Laboratory, under separate cover, for the purpose of having the handwriting thereon compared with any known handwriting of Subject WILLIAM WEAVER.

Agent Kilwood is being instructed to forward to this office, such articles as may have been found in the cabin occupied by these parties, upon which latent fingerprints may appear, for transmission to the Bureau's Technical Laboratory for fingerprint examination, to determine if this man Weaver and the woman with him are Subjects WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE KATON.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

**KANSAS CITY OFFICE:** At Topeka, Kansas, make such investigation as is necessary for the purpose of determining the true identity of George E. Weaver and the woman who lived with him at the tourist cabins, near Des Moines, Iowa, and who escaped from the police on the night of July 19, 1935; determine if this man was WILLIAM WEAVER, and if his woman companion was Subject MYRTLE KATON.

**SPRINGFIELD OFFICE:** Through the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, determine the name and address and identity of the person to whom 1935 South Dakota license 33-2232 was issued.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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WHO KIDNAPPED SHERIFF ACKMAN FAIRBURY NEBRASKA JULY SIXTEENTH

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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July 26, 1935.

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to my communication dated  
May 27, 1935, and the reply from your Department dated  
June 5, 1935, reference file FA 102.5/1074, containing  
advice that the matter of tracing the automatic pistol,  
bearing serial number 140007, manufactured by the  
Deutsche Werke, A. G., Erfurt, Germany, had been re-  
ferred to the American Consul at Leipzig, Germany.

It is respectfully requested that this Depart-  
ment be advised relative to the results of the inquiries  
conducted in Germany.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Homer Cummings

Attorney General.

*Edward G. Brill*

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ENCLOSURE

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EDWARD DONAVAN



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~~young man~~  
Apr. 30 1933

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| 2. Edward Donovan - 28  |     | 5-5 3/4 |

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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JULY 27, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - victim  
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram to this office from the Omaha office dated July 22, 1935, wherein it is noted that one George E. Weaver is residing at the Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

Inquiry at the Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas, on July 24, 1935, by Special Agent A. J. Norstrum of this office, revealed that no George E. Weaver has ever resided there.

At the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State House, Topeka, Kansas, Agent Norstrum discovered a registration for a 1933 Buick Sedan, motor number 2850161, 1935 Kansas license number 3-16584, registered in the name of George E. Weaver, Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka.

In that the signature appearing on the original registration certificate resembles somewhat that of Subject William Weaver, a photostatic copy of the original was secured. This photostatic copy is herewith being transmitted to the Bureau for comparison in the Technical Laboratory with the known handwriting of Subject William Weaver.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
JUL 29 1935

EDWARD BREMER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 5265

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-6790

Specimens: 7-576-6790A. Photostatic copy of Automobile Registration Ctf. of the State of Kansas for Buick Serial No. 2695631 and Engine No. 2,850,161, and which bears the signature of Geo. E. Weaver.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 7-29-35

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

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Examination by: Appel

cc- St. Paul  
Chicago  
Omaha

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*from Geo E Weaver*

*FP 10.*

*W. F. Weaver*

*8/1/35  
CAA*

*Probably not but could be.  
would not suspect from  
handwriting alone.*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
July 25, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1218,  
et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim. Kidnaping.

I respectfully invite your attention to my letter to you, dated July 24th, 1935, in this matter, making known to you that a man and woman, under the name of G. E. Weaver and wife, Topeka, Kansas, and G. H. Weaver, Topeka, Kansas, escaped from the Des Moines, Iowa, Police on the night of July 19th, 1935. I sent to you for reference to the Laboratory, with my letter of July 24th, signatures of G. E. Weaver and G. H. Weaver, for comparison with the known signature of Fugitive William Weaver in this case.

I am forwarding to the Bureau, under separate cover, one pair of lady's black slippers, three small tins of Impalpable Boracic Acid, several magazines and one small bottle containing white crystals, which may be zinc sulphate, although I do not know much about it. I am suggesting what it may be because an unattached label was found in the cabin near the bottle, covering zinc sulphate, which apparently was purchased through the Crown Drug Company, 22nd and Prospect, Store #6, Kansas City, Missouri.

The treatment at the Laboratory that is being requested is a fingerprint analysis, for the purpose of determining if there are any latent fingerprints on any of the articles being sent you, and if there are, if they are the fingerprints of Fugitive William Weaver and Fugitive Myrtle Eaton.

Agent W. P. Ellwood, of this office, whose fingerprints are on file at the Bureau, handled these articles, as did Sol Goldenson, E. O. Rinehart and Myrtle Gerrish. The fingerprints of these persons are being included in the package which is being directed to the Laboratory.

Upon the conclusion of the Technical Laboratory's examination, I will be pleased to learn whether or not the fingerprints of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton appear on these articles.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the various specimens which were found in a tourist camp and were received in the Bureau on July 29, 1935, together with the fingerprints of Sol Goldenson, E. O. Kinehart and Myrtle Gerrish submitted for elimination purposes in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Please be advised that the specimens submitted have been examined but no latent fingerprints could be developed.

The following specimens are being returned to your office under separate cover:

- A. One pamphlet entitled "Key to Gilbertson System - 1935".
- B. One Spaulding Spring and Summer 1935 catalogue.
- C. One Hearst's International Cosmopolitan, June 1935.
- D. One Picture Play Magazine, July 1935.
- E. One Breezy Stories Magazine, July 1935.
- F. One Clue Detective Stories Magazine, May 1935.
- G. One Real Detective Magazine, May 1935.
- H. One pair of lady's black slippers.
- I. Three small tins of McKesson's Impalpable Boracic Acid.
- J. One small bottle containing white crystals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
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~~Division of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,

El Paso, Texas,

July 26, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. C. No. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

In response to your communication of July 22, 1935, advising that the Bureau desires whenever an investigation is conducted respecting one of the fugitives in this matter that consideration be given to all of the remaining fugitives, you are informed that Special Agent Winstead has been instructed in this matter in accordance with your letter and informs me that as a matter of fact he did, while talking to persons interviewed, as set out in his report of July 8, 1935, display the photographs of Karpis, Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison and Dr. Moran; that, however, inasmuch as none of the persons interviewed intimated that they even believed they had ever seen any of the other subjects, their statements concerning only the fugitive William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were referred to in his report.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*

R. H. Colvin, *Special Agent in Charge.*

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cc - Cincinnati.  
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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING. HARBORING OF FUGITIVES. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

BRYAN BOLTON was interviewed relative to names of possible contacts of subjects, during the course of which the names of participants in the AMERICAN EXPRESS robbery in Toledo in 1928; the murder of FRANK UALE in 1928; the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929; the names of members of the CAPONE Syndicate and other information of possible interest and value to the Bureau obtained.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., 7-12-35.

**DETAILS:**

Agent had periodical interviews with BRYAN BOLTON, who is being held in the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul pending his testimony in this case and disposition on his plea of guilty heretofore entered, during which conversations were had relating to persons who are members or associated with the Capone Syndicate in Chicago, many of whom originated in St. Louis and with whom both BOLTON and Agent are acquainted. When certain bits of information related during these conversations were pieced together and it became apparent to BOLTON that it was believed he had knowledge of certain offenses perpetrated by persons with whom he had formerly been associated, if he was not an actual participant in these offenses, he stated that in order to clarify his position and to be of such assistance as he might be able to be in leading to the location of KARPIS, CAMPBELL, WEAVER, HARRISON, and others, who might make contact with certain individuals associated with the Syndicate, that

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he would relate all he knew about these individuals. He stated that shortly after he went to Chicago, upon the solicitation of FRED GOETZ, and obtained employment in the garage owned by LOUIS LIPSCHULTZ, the American Express robbery in Toledo occurred. (This was on April 16, 1928.) He stated that the following persons participated in this robbery:

FRED GOETZ  
GUS WINKLER  
FRED BURKE  
RAY NUGENT  
ROCCO DeGRAZIA  
"BOB" CONROY ("BOB" CAREY)

In discussing these individuals with BOLTON, it was agreed that GOETZ and WINKLER were the victims of gang assassination in Chicago; FRED BURKE is serving life in the Michigan State Penitentiary; NUGENT, who was known to Agent in St. Louis as "CRANE NECK" NUGENT, has disappeared and is probably dead; and that "BOB" CONROY, as referred to by BOLTON, was actually known as "BOB" CAREY, otherwise known as "GIMP" who was found dead in a New York apartment about three years ago. BOLTON stated that ZEIGLER had made arrangements with SAM GOLAN, a Chicago attorney, who was recently appointed to the State Supreme Court of Illinois and who, incidentally, sent word to ELMER FARLER that he would get him a good job while in Leavenworth, and who was at the time referred to as a Syndicate lawyer, and probably still is; that when he, GOETZ, sent a telegram to SAM that SAM was to either go to Toledo himself or send somebody to go after GOETZ when GOETZ was ready to return to Chicago. It will be recalled that after the robbery, the bandits were unable to open the trunk in which the money was contained and took it to NUGENT's garage in Toledo, where Patrolman ZIMMERMAN, of the Toledo Police Department, was killed in endeavoring to apprehend them. According to BOLTON, FRED BURKE killed this patrolman. BOLTON related that after the holdup, the bandits obtained a truck and drove to Hamilton, Ohio, and GOETZ sent the telegram to SAM GOLAN in Chicago from Hamilton, or a day or so after the robbery, and that this telegram might possibly be located at the Hamilton, Ohio telegraph office if records that old are still maintained. BOLTON stated that SAM GOLAN came out to the garage where BOLTON was working and told LOUIS LIPSCHULTZ, who was running the garage, that he wanted BOLTON to go to Hamilton and pick up GEORGE, but that LIPSCHULTZ said he did not know BOLTON very well and had better send someone else over. A day or so later, GEORGE returned to Chicago and told BOLTON about this holdup.

LOUIS LIPSCHULTZ, referred to above, is a partner in the Syndicate and handles the business end for Capone. He has a brother "SOL", a bookkeeper named ELLIS, and is generally regarded as a man of means. He is now operating a liquor store on Ogden Avenue with ED KONVALENKA and has a summer home in Michigan City, Indiana. It is recalled that KARPIS stayed at KONVALENKA's home after the kidnaping. LIPSCHULTZ had some trouble with his income tax and settled it through a man named HOUSTON. The Intelligence Unit in Chicago probably have a record of

him, although he is not known to have any criminal record.

BOLTON stated that SAM GOLAN was ZEIGER's attorney at the time of the holdup and knew the ins and outs of the Syndicate. He stated that GEORGE lost some papers in Toledo giving his address in Cicero, and that LOUIS COHEN, who published some sort of a newspaper in Cicero, knew about the loss of these papers and when two officers of the Toledo Police Department came to Chicago, COHEN purchased these papers from these two officers for \$800.00. COHEN was subsequently killed and was the victim of gang warfare. Incidentally, when MRS. BOLTON visited her husband in St. Paul on July 19, 1935, Agent inquired of her, in the presence of BOLTON, as to whether or not she was ever known as "DUMB DORA". She admitted this and BOLTON stated that he was the person that had ordered a coat she had left at a cleaners in Cicero shipped to her near Springfield, Illinois, when they were hiding out as a result of GOETZ' being sought on this holdup.

It is noted in the report of reference that reference is made to a teletype message from the St. Paul office, which is in response to an inquiry made by the Chicago office concerning the identity of a person referred to as JIMMY "the Swede", as well as one "PETEY", in which it is stated that BOLTON did not know these individuals, but that he did know a man called "SWEDE", who played golf with WILLIE HARRISON and WILLIE HEENEY.

Agent, in discussing the St. Valentine's Day Massacre with BOLTON, inquired of him as to whether or not JIMMY "the Swede" MORAN was with him in the apartment across the street from the garage at 2127 North Clark Street on February 14, 1929, when they were watching for the appearance of "BUGS" MORAN. BOLTON stated that he was not with JIMMY "the SWEDE", but knew him and when he was asked as to why he denied knowledge of his identity as related above, he stated that he was interviewed by some Agent of the St. Paul office, who asked him about JIMMY, "the Swede" but that he told him he did know him, but did not know PETEY, although he now is of the opinion that PETEY is a brother of JIMMY MORAN. Agent informed BOLTON that some information had been developed indicating that a medicine bottle had been found in the apartment containing a prescription filled for him, and that the woman who rented the apartment identified his picture as the person who rented it. BOLTON stated that JIMMY "the SWEDE" MORAN rented the apartment and that he was accompanied by JIMMY McCROSSEN (correct spelling not certain) who was an ex-convict and ex-confidence man, from 36 to 38 years of age, wears glasses and is a good dresser, and if a photograph of "JIMMY "the Swede" MORAN were shown to the woman who rented the apartment to him she would, no doubt, identify JIMMY MORAN's picture, particularly if his teeth were visible, as they were noticeably decayed in front.

He stated that those participating in the actual massacre in the garage were:

FRED GOETZ  
GUS WINKLER  
FRED BURKE  
RAY NUGENT and  
BOB CAREY.

CLAUDE MADDOCK of St. Louis, TONY CAPEZIA, a Syndicate member, and a man called "SHOCKER", who is also from St. Louis, burned the car after the massacre.

Concerning the purchase of the Cadillac Touring Car similar to that used by the Chicago Police Department, which was used by the Syndicate in this massacre, BOLTON admitted that he was taken to the Cadillac Company on Michigan Avenue by LOUIS LIPSCHULTZ, who gave him the money and he went in and purchased this car, but stated that this was sometime before the massacre happened and he assumed the car was to be used in hauling alcohol; that he believes he used the name of JAMES MARTIN in purchasing the car. He stated that the Syndicate held their meetings in LIPSCHULTZ' office in the old Olympic Building, where he had the two front rooms, but does not know the name LIPSCHULTZ used in renting the office, but the object of the massacre was to eliminate "BUGS" MORAN, and that they had the place a long time before the massacre occurred. The plot was "hatched" at a place on Cranberry Lake, six miles north of Couderay, Wisconsin where GEORGE had a resort, which he originally built to sell, but afterwards decided to keep; that at the time the killing of MORAN was first discussed, AL CAPONE, GUS WINKLER, GEORGE ZIEGLER, LOUIS CAMPAGNA, FRED BURKE, BILL PACELLI (now an Illinois State Senator), DAN SARATELLA (who did time with the City Sealer of Chicago) were present at ZEIGLER's resort above referred to; that this was in October or November of 1928, because at that time GEORGE came to the garage where BOLTON was working and had BOLTON take a load of spaghetti and food stuffs to his resort; that this party remained at GEORGE's place for two or three weeks, and that this can be verified by FRANK GRANDALL and EDDY ANDERSON, guides who took them hunting and fishing and who live in the vicinity, and by CHARLES ALLISON, the care-taker; that at this time Chief of Detectives STEGE of the Chicago Police Department was on the Syndicate payroll at \$5,000 per week and kept the mob informed as to the whereabouts of MORAN, so that McCROSSIN and "JIMMY", the "SWEDK" MORAN were selected to watch "BUGS" MORAN's garage, as both were from the north side and knew "BUGS" MORAN by sight. FRANK NITTI, who is now the actual head of the Syndicate in the absence of AL CAPONE, was left in charge of the operation and CAPONE went to Florida and STEGE was also in Florida at the time the massacre took place.

BOLTON suggested that if "JIMMY", the "SWEDK" MORAN is located in or around Cicero and a fire is built under him, he might be induced to verify the information given by BOLTON. He also stated that FRANKIE REO, now dead, was NITTI's assistant in this transaction. He stated that none of the participants wore police uniforms, but did wear police badges, and that those who did the job

did not know who was who, but rather than risk the possibility of missing MORAN killed all of those found in the garage; that the operations were carried on from CLAUDE MADDOCK's Circus Cafe on the north side of Chicago.

BOLTON stated that GEORGE ZEIGLER told him that he, LEFTY LOUIS CAMPAGNA alias "LITTLE NEW YORK" and GUS WINKLER were sent to New York by AL CAPOE to rub out FRANKIE UALE. (UALE was murdered in New York City on 7-1-28, apparently because UALE is alleged to have killed "BIG JIM" COLOSIMO and DION O'BANION in Chicago).

BOLTON stated that the following named make up the personage of the Capone Syndicate:

ALPHONSE CAPOE;  
LOUIS LIPSCHULTZ, business manager;  
JOHNNY HATTON, Mayor of Burnham and political connection;  
FRANK NITTI, acting head in the absence of Capone;  
JACK CUSICK, serving time at Lewisberg,

among whom 80% of the income is divided:

JACK MCGURN; (JACK GEBARDI)  
JIMMY "the SWEDS" MORAN;  
PHILIP ANDREA;  
FRANK DIAMOND;  
CHARLES FICCHETTI;  
SAM HUNT;  
CHARLES AMBERGIA;  
ROCCO DeGRAZIA;  
"TOUGH" TONY CAPEZIO;  
WILLIE BRENEY;  
\*PAUL (last name unknown, but who may be identified as the person who was sought at the time the mob blasted the Hawthorne Hotel;)  
\*BEAF, a big dago;  
\*BANJO, a big dago;

and a few other lesser members of the Syndicate, among whom is divided 20% of the income.

BOLTON stated that a number of this group hang out at a hotel on 22nd and Wabash, which is run by BENNY COONEY, whose hobby is the running houses of prostitution and gambling joints and they play golf at the Indian Hills

Golf Course on Route 66, between Chicago and Joliet, and also on the Harlem Course. He stated that LOUIS ALTERIE, true name VERAIN, (who was killed while agent was talking to BOLTON) is not a member of the Syndicate but operates a Labor Union racket and pays the Syndicate; that ALTERIE was a friend of WILLIE HARRISON. BOLTON stated that GEORGE ZEIGLER told him that FRISCO DUTCH, FRANK REO and PHIL D'ANDREA got \$150,000.00 in \$5.00 bills in a train robbery and that SOL LIPSCHULTZ took care of the split.

In discussing BRUNO AUSTIN, who was released at St. Paul due to insufficient evidence, and who is now in custody of the Chicago police held for the murder of a customer in a grocery store holdup in Chicago, BOLTON stated he felt some responsibility for this in that he had a conversation with AUSTIN while AUSTIN was held in St. Paul, in which AUSTIN told BOLTON that he had recently married and intended to get a job and support his wife, whereas had he known that AUSTIN would engage in further criminal activities, he could have informed agent that he knew that AUSTIN was one of the participants in a bank robbery in Chicago in 1934, which bank is located on a street behind Pine Grove Avenue in about the 3600 block, as WHITEY AUSTIN got a machine gun from SLIM GIBSON for the purpose of sticking up this bank and AUSTIN at that time was running around with a fellow named MARTY, last name unknown. In referring to photographs agent previously exhibited to BOLTON of SAM MANO, JOE and FRANK GALLICCHIO, who were alleged to have supplied the Barker-Karpis outfit with artillery, BOLTON stated that he knew SAM MANO, and JOE GALLICCHIO as "MIBS", but did not know FRANK, but that SAM, "MIBS" and "MIBS'" brother and several other young Jews were responsible for the Saturday payroll robbery in Chicago, and that ED ROSENBERG, brother of MOE ROSENBERG, is the fellow that "cases" jewelry robberies, and that there is another person involved with this gang known only as "the old man", but that bunch did not supply the Karpis-Barker gang with machine guns; that the persons who did were BOBBY and JOEY O'BRIEN.

At this point BOLTON stated that, of course, Agent knew that JOHN HAMILTON is dead and when Agent agreed, he stated that when he went out to get some money from DOC BARKER at Volney Davis' place in Aurora, which money was for IRENE DORSEY, "widow" of GEORGE GOETZ, this was just after the Little Bohemia affair and that he found both VOLNEY DAVIS and DOC BARKER at DAVIS' place in Aurora and that at that time DOC asked BOLTON if he could get in touch with BOBBY and JOEY O'BRIEN, and that he told DOC he did not know them very well, and that DOC told him he wanted to get some machine guns from them for DILLINGER and another fellow whom he called WAYNE. (This evidently is WAYNE HUTNER alias HOMER VAN METER.) DOC and CURLEY DAVIS got another fellow to get in touch with BOBBY and JOEY and when BOBBY and JOEY appeared they said they had DILLINGER, WAYNE and HAMILTON, and that HAMILTON was badly wounded and they wanted to take him where he could get a doctor's care; that DAVIS and DOC told them they would take care of him and they

brought HAMILTON to DAVIS' place in Aurora, and that after they brought HAMILTON out to DAVIS', DILLINGER wanted them to get two machine gun drums and BOBBY and JOEY got them and took them to DAVIS' place in Aurora, where DILLINGER and WAYNE stayed for several days. ELMER FARMER, who is now in Leavenworth Penitentiary, was present at DAVIS' place when they brought Hamilton there and DOC told FARMER Hamilton died in DAVIS' place in Aurora and DAVIS and DOC buried him. BOLTON stated that he does not know where HAMILTON was buried but that JESS DOYLE told him that VOLNEY DAVIS had stated to DOYLE down in Missouri prior to their apprehension that DAVIS had buried HAMILTON and ELMER FARMER told BOLTON while held in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul prior to the trial that HAMILTON had died at DAVIS' place in Aurora and that DAVIS and DOC BARKER had buried him. In this connection, JOHN DeCOURCY, attorney who represented DOC BARKER in his trial, informed Agent confidentially that DOC BARKER told him that he, BARKER, had taken care of HAMILTON in his place near Chicago where HAMILTON had died, but DeCOURCY did not know where BARKER was staying at the time. JOEY O'BRIEN is a short heavy set dago and BOBBY is the ugliest wop he has ever seen - short and very bowlegged. Both have been working for the syndicate for years.

In discussing the mail robbery which occurred in Chicago, September 22, 1933, in which MILES CUNNINGHAM, patrolman of the Chicago Police Department, was killed, BOLTON stated that this holdup was committed by GEORGE ZEIGLER, FRED and DOC BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER; that HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were visiting GEORGE at this time in Chicago. He further stated that the post office robbery on Clark Street in Chicago, where a smoke screen was used, and for which job McLAUGHLIN is indicted for handling the proceeds, was committed by ROCCO DeGRAZIA, GUS STONE, CHARLES (CHUCK) FITZGERALD and GUS WINKLER; that his information in this regard came from GEORGE but as GEORGE was not a participant, the information may not be entirely correct.

BOLTON stated that GEORGE ZEIGLER told him that GUS STONE and "CHUCK" FITZGERALD killed GUS WINKLER because they had financed WINKLER in his various enterprises and that WINKLER had failed to compensate them. He further stated that the syndicate paid \$25,000 for the bonds stolen by HARVEY BAILEY, "BIG HOMER" and others in the Lincoln National Bank robbery in order to compensate the participants who refused to kick back their share in order to secure the liberation of WINKLER, who was charged with this robbery, but who was not actually a participant. He further stated that JOE ROSCOE, BERT and TED ANGUS of Toledo took care of DOC and old CHARLEY FITZGERALD while they were in Toledo last year. He stated that while the possibility exists that KARPIS and others may make contact with members of the Syndicate, that they were not themselves members and he was somewhat doubtful that the Syndicate would take care of them.

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Again referring to report of reference and particularly to that portion relating to information obtained from [redacted] a discussion was had with BOLTON concerning his acquaintance with FRANK MANGUN (who is in the real estate business in Bensenville) and MIKE MARINO, but this conversation was had in such a way that these names were casually mentioned with many others, whereby BOLTON would not be able to ascertain in what connection they might be involved, if at all, in any information supplied this office. He stated that he had not seen MARINO for about a year and when asked if he hadn't seen him in JACK OLSON's place near Bensenville, he stated that this was true and later a discussion was had with him concerning an interview alleged to have been had between MRS. BOLTON and MANGUN, in which BOLTON reached the conclusion that FRANK MANGUN himself had supplied the information. He stated that while incarcerated in the County Jail in St. Paul, he had sent MRS. BOLTON to MANGUN with a letter asking that MANGUN repay \$80.00 which MANGUN owed BOLTON, and that MANGUN had given her the \$80.00, and further stated that he had stayed at BARTHOLOMEW's place in Bensenville with his wife last year.

He was asked as to whether or not the ransom money was held at FARMER's place in Bensenville and stated that so far as he knew it had not been; that there was one thing that had happened and that he had not previously related for the reason that he did not think anyone would believe it, and that was that after he had delivered GEORGE GOETZ' car to GOETZ at the time BREMER was released, and he and GOETZ had met DAVIS and FRED BARKER at ELMERS and took them to GOETZ' house, that he had been instructed by GOETZ to trail DOC BARKER's Buick containing BREMER out of Bensenville to some point one hundred miles or so away where it was intended that they would transfer BREMER into the car he was driving, while they replenished the gasoline supply in the Buick; that he did trail this car to McHenry, Illinois and there deliberately lost it, and upon returning to GOETZ', told GOETZ that they had become separated.

It has been noted in numerous conversations agent has had with BOLTON that when a statement is made to him concerning his alleged participation in some crime which investigation has verified that he has had little or no connection, that at the time the statement is made to him he will vehemently deny it; that when statements are made to him of his participation in some event which subsequent investigation determines he has had some connection with, if it does not involve him more than prior to the investigation, he will not deny it, but will remain silent. In this respect when it was stated that according to his own admissions, he had been on the Syndicate payroll for six years at \$50.00 per week, and had, according to himself, done little or nothing to earn it, he stated that he was only relating such matters as he considered would be useful to the Government in the solution of any case in which the Government might be interested; that he did not care to involve himself in any manner which might result in a prosecution in a State Court in Chicago or elsewhere, and in reference to the inference which might be drawn, he stated that he knew that he did not deserve any consideration

whatsoever and, in fact, his only concern was the safety and welfare of his wife and children. He consistently, stoutly maintained that the only part that he played with reference to the BREMER kidnaping was as heretofore related by him, and that anything that anyone else says which will indicate that his participation was to any greater extent was a deliberate falsification on the part of those seeking to retaliate for his testimony against the actual participants.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Kansas City Office

It is suggested that ELMER FARBER and VOLNEY DAVIS may be interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth possibly using the statements made by them regarding BOLTON's participation in the Bremer kidnaping as against BOLTON's statements about them as a basis for the interview, during the course of which endeavor might be made to ascertain details in corroboration of the statements made by BOLTON concerning the disposition of the body of JOHN HAMILTON.

Chicago Office

It is suggested that the identities of BOBBY and JOEY O'BRIEN, who are alleged to have supplied machine guns to the Karpis-Barker mob, as well as the DILLINGER gang, and who operate a saloon or joint in Cicero, Illinois, be established and by such means as may be available to the Chicago office, ascertain whether or not this statement is true. It is also suggested that JIMMY "the SWED" MORAN may be located and the information above given regarding his participation in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre be related to him and some information regarding the whereabouts of WILLIE HARRISON might be obtained.

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ADDENDUM:

Since dictating the above, BOLTON further informed agent that GEORGE ZIEGLER told him that he was involved in an attempt to kidnap a Peoria, Illinois gambler named GARRISON several years ago. Agent is acquainted with CLYDE GARRISON, of Peoria, whose wife was shot and killed in an attempt to kidnap GARRISON at Peoria four or five years ago. It is recalled that the Illinois Highway Police attributed this crime to JACK KLUTAS, et al, though GARRISON was unable to identify photos of KLUTAS and his associates.

In further reference to McCRUSSEN referred to in this report, BOLTON stated that McCRUSSEN, "SWEDD" MORAN and ZIEGLER were detailed to put the TOUHYS on the spot for the Syndicate and in this connection, McCRUSSEN purchased a bungalow in the west side of Chicago near TOUHY's residence and that these three jumped up TOUHY near this place though the assassination was unsuccessful and they lost a Syndicate armored car in the getaway, which car was recovered by the Chicago Police; and the fact that the Government charged the TOUHYS with the HALLM kidnaping was the source of much amusement to ZIEGLER who was one of the actual participants.

Review of the file discloses that JOEY O'BRIEN is one of the operators of the HY-HO CLUB, 22nd and Cicero Avenues, Cicero, Illinois.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 612

Chicago, Illinois

July 26th, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that at the time of the original apprehension of Volney Davis in Kansas City, Missouri, there was obtained from his person \$1143.47 and a \$100.00 counterfeit bill.

Today a representative of the United States Secret Service in Chicago called at this Office inquiring concerning this \$100.00 counterfeit bill, they having received information from Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy of the Kansas City Office to the effect that this \$100.00 bill had been transmitted to the Chicago Bureau Office.

The entire sum above mentioned is still being retained in the safe in the Chicago Bureau Office and it is requested that the Bureau advise what disposition should be made of these funds.

Authority is requested specifically from the Bureau to turn this \$100.00 counterfeit bill over to the Secret Service in Chicago and to obtain from them an appropriate receipt.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*

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Special Agent in Charge

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July 31, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 26, 1935, advising of a request made of you by an operative of the United States Secret Service for the \$10.00 counterfeit bill recovered from the possession of Volney Davis at the time of his apprehension in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 6, 1935.

You are authorized to surrender the counterfeit bill to the Operative in Charge of the United States Secret Service at Chicago, Illinois, and obtain from him an appropriate receipt.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati  
Kansas City

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

July 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MOYAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1234; WILLIAM BRAVER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE KATCH, with  
aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated July 25, 1935, I am  
attaching hereto a copy of a letter from the Chicago office to  
the Bureau dated July 11, 1935. A copy of this letter is  
likewise being forwarded to the Kansas City office for its  
information in interviewing Elmer Farmer.

In interviewing Elmer Farmer care should be taken  
not to divulge the fact that information in the above letter  
was obtained from [redacted]

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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July 27, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype dated July 26,  
1935, requesting information concerning New York license  
3 N - 8162.

Confirming teletypes dated July 26 and July 27,  
1935, from the New York Office, you are advised that the Traffic  
Bureau of the New York Police Department informed this office that  
the above described license had not yet been recorded in their  
records; that it had probably been issued within the last few  
days, and that it was probably issued in the vicinity of Carmel,  
New York.

It was also determined that the license in question is  
registered under the name of Norman G. Klinek, 121, Rohr Avenue,  
(or possibly street) Buffalo, N. Y., for Auburn 1935 Speedster,  
motor number 6H 1415.

Very truly yours,

E. WHITNEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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NIGHT LETTER	CABLE LETTER
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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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St. Louis, Missouri, July 30, 1935, 7:15 P.M., CAS:A

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R. A. Alt,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
412 U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-25-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7-24/25-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. S. Hostetter</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1212 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232. HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1256. WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238. WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239. MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241. et al. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping, Harboring, and Obstruction of Justice, National Firearms Act,</b>
<p><b>[REDACTED] reports Willie Harrison's presence in St. Louis on two occasions since 6-1-35, exact dates unknown.</b></p> <p><b>[REDACTED] was recently contacted by Clarence Coff, admitted personal friend of Willie Harrison, and information obtained indicates that there is a probability that mentioned contact was made upon suggestion of Willie Harrison. Clarence Coff to recontact [REDACTED] within next few days, after which she promised to report details to this office.</b></p>			
<p>Report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri, 7-25-35.</p> <p><b>AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.</b></p> <p>Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, dated May 4, 1935, and particularly to paragraph 2, page 12, wherein it is mentioned that <b>[REDACTED]</b> reliable informant of the St. Louis Bureau Office who lives <b>[REDACTED]</b> on one occasion was introduced to Willie Harrison, and further that <b>[REDACTED]</b> was residing at this address</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. C. Vetterli</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-576-6796</b> <b>JUL 28 1935</b>	
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prior to instant kidnaping. In this connection it should be noted further that [redacted] was formerly and is now employed by the [redacted] however, during the months of May and June, 1935 he was temporarily furloughed. At that time the St. Louis Bureau Office made arrangements for [redacted] to continue living at [redacted] during the month of May, 1935, but during the month of June, 1935 he resided at the home of his parents in [redacted] returning to St. Louis and to the above mentioned address during the first of July, 1935.

On the afternoon of July 24, 1935 [redacted] called the St. Louis Bureau Office and informed the reporting agent that while conversing with George Daskalos on that date he ascertained that Willie Harrison had visited St. Louis, Missouri on two occasions since his [redacted] departure on June 1, 1935. He further stated that Daskalos informed him that the Harrison family was suspicious of several individuals who were, in their opinion, residing in the community under a pretext similar to that previously employed by Special Agent W. L. Buchanan, and that consequently Willie Harrison did not visit at 4539 Gibson Avenue. However, he did contact his brother, Elmer Harrison, on each occasion.

[redacted] further stated that George Daskalos did not volunteer to furnish additional information concerning the exact date and location of these meetings, and not desiring to arouse suspicion he did not question Daskalos specifically in that regard.

[redacted] advised, however, that in his opinion Willie Harrison contacted his brother at the Algonquin Country Club near St. Louis, Missouri.

In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. L. Buchanan, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 1-18-35, and particularly to paragraph 1, page 2, wherein it appears that Willie Harrison has three brothers, Elmer, Donald and Walter, who are golf professionals and proprietors of the supply store at the above mentioned club. Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, dated 2-2-35, wherein statements made by Elmer and Donald Harrison concerning their brother, Willie Harrison, are set out at length.

In connection with the present circumstances, it should be noted that Special Agent W. L. Buchanan has heretofore orally informed the reporting agent that George Daskalos has a reputation for talking freely when not prompted by questions, and inasmuch as he is apparently more careful about his conversation since Special Agent Buchanan was there, it was deemed advisable to have [redacted] engage Daskalos in conversation whenever possible, but to refrain from asking direct questions concerning Willie Harrison.

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██████████ agreed to telephonically transmit, upon receipt, any additional information obtained, and further agreed to visit the St. Louis Bureau Office within the next few days, and personally report any information which had been obtained.

██████████ informant, who now lives at ██████████ St. Louis, was contacted telephonically in an effort to ascertain whether she had received any information concerning Harrison. At the beginning of this conversation she was not informed as to the above mentioned information which had previously been furnished ██████████. She advised that she had not received information of any consequence, but that within the next few days she would, in all probability, be in a position to report an interesting conversation. She stated that on July 21, 1935 she received a telephone call from Clarence Coff, 4373 E. Papin Street, St. Louis, requesting her to meet him in the lobby of the Lennox Hotel, located at 825 Washington Avenue, St. Louis. She stated that he did not discuss the purpose of this meeting, and that she did not inquire, but presumed that it concerned Willie Harrison.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent E. L. Shivers, St. Louis, dated 2-2-35, and particularly to paragraph 5 on page 5, wherein Clarence Coff admitted being one of Willie Harrison's closest friends, and further that he associated with the remaining Harrison brothers who now live in St. Louis.

██████████ further stated that due to her present employment as ██████████ she was possibly twenty minutes late for the above mentioned appointment with Clarence Coff; that upon her arrival at the Lennox Hotel she waited for possibly twenty minutes and departed thereafter upon failure of Mr. Coff to appear.

██████████ agreed to immediately telephone Clarence Coff and inform him concerning the circumstances which prevented her from meeting him at the agreed place and time mentioned above. It was deemed advisable to inform her that in the event Clarence Coff questioned her she was to admit that Government agents had, sometime ago, located and interviewed her, ██████████ but furnished very little additional information. She was further instructed to admit that she recently visited in Chicago on her vacation, but did not see Harrison, but did engage in conversation with several of his former friends, all of whom were not apparently aware of his present whereabouts.

In this connection it was believed that Harrison probably persuaded Coff to contact ██████████ in order to ascertain the purpose of her recent visit to Chicago, Illinois, and further to ascertain, if possible, whether she was assisting agents of this Bureau in attempting to effect his apprehension.

In this connection also it was believed that Harrison in all probability was aware of the facts which [redacted] was directed to admit.

At 11:00 P. M. on July 24, 1935 [redacted] telephonically advised that she contacted Clarence Coff by telephone and he admitted that he desired to see her concerning Willie Harrison. She further advised that Coff questioned her as expected, and she answered as directed, and he informed her that he had also been questioned by Government agents concerning Harrison.

[redacted] further stated that Clarence Coff, after conversing about postcards received from Harrison postmarked Cuba and South America, then informed her that Harrison was now in Chicago, Illinois, but failed to mention his having been in St. Louis recently. She advised that he insinuated that he had received this information from one of Harrison's friends, and when she questioned him as to what the friend was doing in St. Louis he again was indefinite in his answers, conveying the impression that he, Clarence Coff, had also recently taken a trip to Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] advised that Clarence Coff informed her that he intended to contact her either Friday or Saturday of this week. She further stated that judging from Clarence Coff's conversation it was possible that Harrison had recently visited in St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] agreed to contact the St. Louis Bureau Office immediately after her conversation with Clarence Coff.

This report is being submitted at this time for the particular information of the Chicago Bureau Office.

A report containing the details as personally furnished by the above mentioned two informants will be submitted within the near future.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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July 24, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William E. Meade alias  
Charles E. Carter;  
Mutilation of Fingerprints.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scheidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

According to the memorandum addressed to you by Mr. J. J. Edwards, under date of July 16, 1935, a set of fingerprints of one Charles E. Carter was received from the Police Department, Northampton, Massachusetts, on Saturday afternoon, July 13, 1935. The fingerprint card reflected that this individual was arrested for investigation. The prints were badly mutilated, and searches conducted through every conceivable group in the Technical Section of the Identification Division were without result.

Mr. Tamm was then furnished with information relative to the mutilated prints and he thereupon communicated with the Boston Office, instructing that an agent immediately interview Carter.

According to the letter of the Boston Office, addressed to you under date of July 15, 1935, Special Agent P. M. Plunkett called upon Sergeant Kelly of the Northampton Police Department at Northampton, Massachusetts on the evening of July 13, 1935. The agent was unable to contact Chief of Police Bresnahan. Sergeant Kelly advised the agent that he was an expert in fingerprinting and recognized after taking Carter's fingerprints that they probably could not be classified. The agent, in company with Sergeant Kelly, interviewed Carter, in the Hampshire County Jail. Carter maintained an attitude of ignorance concerning his fingers, stating that he was surprised that they were in that condition, and that perhaps it had occurred when he had burned himself on a camping trip. Agent Plunkett personally examined Carter's finger tips and saw the scars. Agent Plunkett advised that the scars appeared to have been made by a knife and were apparently several months old. The agent was unable to state whether the scars are of a permanent

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character, but was inclined to think that they are. The interview with Carter lasted several hours, during which Carter steadfastly maintained his innocence, and refused to name anyone with whom he was acquainted. The agent noticed that Carter was apparently well versed in real estate law, and discussed the subject rather fluently. Agent Plunkett further advised that Carter appeared to be a typical "confidence man" who has probably been involved in real estate deals.

The letter of the Boston Office reflects that James P. Mahoney, lawyer, of Springfield, Massachusetts, appeared at the jail with the bond for Carter's release, and upon being questioned by Agent Plunkett, stated that he had never seen Carter or Herbert Callahan, of Boston, Massachusetts, the latter being an attorney who had requested Mahoney by long distance telephone, to place the bond for Carter. Before Carter was released, Agent Plunkett requested Albert G. Beckman, Sheriff, Hampden County, to take Carter's photograph. Sheriff Beckman advised that copies of the photograph would be forwarded to the Bureau together with a set of the fingerprints which he had taken, bearing #8669. Carter was released at 1 o'clock a.m., July 14, 1935, and proceeded from Northampton, Massachusetts, in company with Attorney Mahoney. Carter's bond, in the amount of \$200, was made returnable on Thursday, July 18, 1935. Later advice received from the Boston Office was to the effect that Carter did not appear.

At the time of Carter's arrest, he was negotiating with one John H. Dunn, of 20 Fork Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, a building contractor. Carter had approached Dunn several times, ostensibly for the purpose of entering into a contract to construct a set of homes in Northampton. Dunn suspected the fraudulent character of Carter, and reported him to the local police. There was found in the possession of Carter a Ford V-8 sedan, 1934 Model, #18-763-750, bearing 1935 Georgia license plates #26499C. The registration card contained the name C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, and bore motor #673750.

On Monday, July 15, 1935, Mr. R. N. Franke telephoned the writer and requested an arrest number on Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is being sought by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the Bremer case. Identification Division jacket #95780 was furnished to Mr. Franke, and the writer requested information as to why an identifying number was being sought. Mr. Franke stated that there had been received a mutilated set of fingerprints which he thought were possibly the prints

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of Fitzgerald, and furnished the description appearing on the fingerprint card. The undersigned advised Mr. Pranke that the description did not fit the description of Fitzgerald, but that it approximated the description of William E. Meade. Mr. Pranke was then furnished with Identification Division jacket #271926. About an hour later, Mr. Pranke reported that the mutilated prints had been compared with the fingerprints of Charles J. Fitzgerald and Meade without establishing an identification.

Around 5 o'clock p.m., Mr. Tamm was advised that the Identification Division had effected an identification of the mutilated prints, and had determined that they were the prints of William E. Meade. Mr. Nathan was then consulted, and instructed that the Boston Office be communicated with, by telephone, with a view to instituting an immediate search for Carter, being furnished with the information that Carter was identical with William E. Meade, who is wanted by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, and that he is also wanted by the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, for bond forfeiture in connection with a case involving a violation of the Postal laws.

The memorandum of Mr. Edwards, dated July 16, 1935, states that on Monday afternoon, a new set of prints of Carter was received from the Sheriff's Office, Northampton, Massachusetts, together with Carter's photograph. Mr. Cayton, of the Technical Section, upon the receipt of the new set of prints, re-checked the impressions against the prints contained in the mutilated file and effected an identification through the comparison of the left little finger.

Respectfully,

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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The attached memorandum by Mr. Newby, relating to the handling of the mutilated fingerprints of William E. Meade, with alias, is entirely accurate.

You will note that the mutilation in this case was so bad that identification of Meade through the first fingerprints submitted by the Northampton Police Department was impossible.

A letter is attached hereto, addressed to the Chief of Police at Northampton, Massachusetts, predicated upon the newspaper statements attributed to him, together with a letter to Mr. McKean, pointing out the lack of vigor with which this investigation was handled in his district.

Respectfully,

*E.A.T.*

E. A. Tamm.

*Edward (1) 10/10/35*

*We must get all facts re this man's release & any participation therein of any lawyer.*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC: OMAHA, NEBRASKA

REKID YOUR LETTER JULY 21, SIGNATURES G. E. WEAVER, TOPEKA, KANSAS,  
AND G. E. WEAVER AND WIFE, TOPEKA, KANSAS COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN  
WRITTEN BY WILLIAM WEAVER, I. O. 1238. STANDARD WRITINGS AVAILABLE  
INSUFFICIENT FOR DEFINITE CONCLUSION.

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*Edmond G. Bremer*

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Post Office Box 1118  
Detroit, Michigan  
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John J. Ryan, Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Returned herewith are two letters, one from  
Mrs. Helen Delaney, 265 Marie Avenue, St. Paul,  
Minnesota, mother of Dolores Delaney, to Dolores  
Delaney, and the other from Wynona Burdette addressed  
to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Arondale, Oklahoma,  
Box 41.

These letters have been carefully scrutinized  
by this office and have been found to contain no  
information of value.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,  
I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

*Ed. Delaney  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218 - FUGITIVE, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a copy of your letter dated July 23, 1935, addressed to John J. Ryan, Superintendent, United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, returning letters furnished you by Mr. Ryan, one from Mrs. Helen Delaney, 365 Marie Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, to Dolores Delaney, and the other from Wynona Burdette addressed to her sister, Mrs. E. D. Wilson, Arondale, Oklahoma, Box 41. Similar letters have been furnished to you by Mr. Ryan in the past, and in each instance your letter indicates that the letters have been carefully scrutinized and have been found to contain no information of value.

The Bureau desires that hereafter copies of the letters be made and furnished to the Bureau and to each of the offices indicated below, inasmuch as the letters may contain information upon which to predicate investigation looking to the location and apprehension of the remaining fugitives in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with als. FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with als. I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with als. I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER with als. I. O. 2138; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with als. I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with als. I. O. 2141; et al. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Attorney M. H. Myerson, Jacksonville, Florida, represented William E. Meade in Jacksonville, during the early part of 1934. At this time Meade was to appear in Federal Court to answer an indictment charging mail fraud but instead he left the City without notifying his attorney and his whereabouts since has been unknown to Myerson.

**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agents J. M. Jones, Chicago, Illinois, 7-18-35, and P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., 7-20-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:**  
53 W. Adams Street, is the Carling Hotel, which is considered among the four leading hotels in the City. This hotel is managed by a Mr. Myerson, who is a brother of Attorney M. H. Myerson. The latter is somewhat of a pseudo criminal lawyer in Jacksonville, however, at all times he has been considered friendly and co-operative with the Jacksonville Office.

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Attorney Myerson informed that in late 1933, or the early part of 1934, when William E. Meade was in Jacksonville, at least a part of the time he lived at the Carling Hotel. At this time Meade was indicted in Federal Court in Jacksonville for violation of the Mail Fraud Statute, and Attorney Myerson represented him. According to Myerson it had been arranged that Meade was to plead guilty to a conspiracy charge, after which the other indictments against him were to be dismissed. This arrangement appeared to be satisfactory to all parties concerned, and when Myerson expected Meade to appear in Court it was learned that he had left the City and his whereabouts was unknown. Myerson stated that at that time Meade was driving a large Lincoln Sedan.

Myerson also stated that Meade had paid him a retainer fee in full; that he never knew Meade to have used the name of C. C. Chase, nor has he ever known a woman at the Carling Hotel associated with Meade using the name of Mrs. C. C. Chase; that in Jacksonville Meade kept to himself, rarely ever associating with anyone.

Attorney Myerson informed that he has no information whatsoever concerning Meade's present whereabouts, nor could he refer the writer to anyone who could furnish such information. He also stated that he did not believe that Meade would ever contact him again and in the event he did, since the Government is interested in him he will immediately advise the Jacksonville Office.

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THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Miami, Florida, will conduct the investigation requested in the Boston report of reference.

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PHONE BREKID ABOUT TWELVE THIRTY MORNING JULY 23 CHIEF OF POLICE JOE  
 COOK FAIRBURY NEBRASKA RECEIVED REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF CHESTER NEBRASKA  
 THAT A FILLING STATION HAD BEEN HELD UP AND ROBBED BY THREE MEN DRIVING  
 A CHEVROLET COACH WITH IOWA LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN AND THAT THEY WERE  
 HEADED TOWARD FAIRBURY. THAT THESE THREE MEN HAD BEEN IN AND [REDACTED]  
 ABOUT CHESTER NEBRASKA FROM THREE PM UNTIL TEN THIRTY PM JULY 23.  
 CHIEF COOK AND OFFICER HELVEY DROVE OUT TOWARD THE HIGHWAY MET THE MEN  
 AND ENGAGED IN GUN BATTLE BUT MEN ESCAPED. CHIEF COOK STATED HE HAS  
 PHOTOGRAPHS OF KARPIS AND THAT KARPIS NOT ONE OF MEN. CHIEF COOK  
 INTERVIEWED FIFTEEN PERSONS AT CHESTER WHO HAD SEEN THESE MEN AND SHOWED  
 THEM PHOTOGRAPHS OF A NUMBER OF PERSONS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF KARPIS  
 AND DAINARD OF WEYNAP CASE BUT KARPIS AND DAINARD NOT IDENTIFIED. CHIEF  
 COOK STATES HIS [REDACTED] OPINION THESE MEN NOT SAME MEN WHO KIDNAPED  
 SHERIFF ACKMAN OF FAIRBURY NEBRASKA BUT PROBABLY THE MEN WHO KIDNAPED

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NIGHT MARSHAL MACK OF HOOPER NEBRASKA. AT TWO FORTY FIVE AM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JULY 18 NIGHT MARSHAL MACK WHILE PATROLLING  
STREETS OF HOOPER NEBRASKA WAS FORCED INTO BROWN DODGE BY THREE MEN AND  
DRIVEN TO A BRIDGE NEAR HOOPER. THEREAFTER THEY DROVE HIM INTO TOWN  
AND WHILE ONE OF THE MEN COVERED HIM [REDACTED] WITH A GUN THE OTHER  
TWO STOLE TWO NEW CHEVROLETS FROM AN AGENCY AND THEREAFTER DROVE MACK

BACK TO THE BRIDGE AND TIED HIM WITH CLOTHES LINE. ABOUT TEN FORTY  
FIVE NIGHT JULY SIXTEENTH SHERIFF ACKMAN WHILE HOLDING CARD PARTY IN  
HIS HOME WAS CALLED TO THE DOOR BY A MAN WHO COVERED HIM WITH GUN AND  
HAD HIM ENTER A BROWN DODGE STYLE OF CAR UNKNOWN CONTAINING TWO MEN  
AND DROVE HIM AROUND FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND INQUIRED OF HIM IF THERE  
WAS A MACHINE GUN IN THE COUNTY AND IF JESS DOYLE WAS IN THE COUNTY  
JAIL. ONE OF THESE MEN WHEN ADDRESSING ANOTHER ONE OF THE MEN CALLED  
HIM ALVIN. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED ACKMAN NEAR HIS HOME. ACKMAN  
AND OTHER PERSONS INTERVIEWED FAILED TO IDENTIFY KARPIS OR DAINARD AS  
BEING ANY OF THESE MEN. ACKMAN GAVE STORY TO PRESS BUT DENIES HE  
INVOLVED KARPIS. THE KIDNAPING OF ACKMAN AND MACK INVESTIGATED BY  
AGENTS THIS BUREAU AND CONCLUSION IS THAT NEITHER KARPIS NOR DAINARD  
INVOLVED. THE PRESS IN THIS TERRITORY IS CONNECTING KARPIS AND DAINARD  
WITH EVERY [REDACTED] KIDNAPING AND SPECTACULAR CRIMINAL  
ACTIVITY OCCURRING HERE APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY BASIS IN FACT. KIDNAPINGS  
OF OFFICERS REFERRED TO NOT VIOLATIONS FEDERAL LAW. REPORT COVERING  
INVESTIGATION KIDNAPING ACKMAN AND MACK [REDACTED] GOING FORWARD

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Mr. Bartholomew Bresnahan.

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identified himself to you as Charles E. Carter, he had been released by your Department upon a bond of \$200, conditioned upon his appearance to answer a charge of false registration of an automobile. Certainly, the fact that this criminal had such marked mutilation of his fingertips should have, of itself, been sufficient to have warned you that this man was a criminal of a dangerous character, who desired to defeat any efforts toward possible identification.

I can see no justification for the release of an individual of this type, who bears the indelible brands of a criminal, until a reasonable time had been allowed this Bureau in which to effect his proper identification. I desire to point out in this regard that the period necessary to effect an identification of Neade was but slightly in excess of 48 hours from the time his fingerprints were received in the Bureau and, certainly, when due consideration is given to the mutilated condition of the fingerprints and the tremendous number of fingerprints on file in the Bureau's Identification Division, the time required to effect an identification was not excessive.

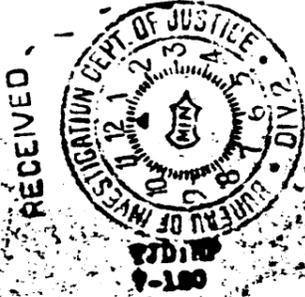
Believing that you would desire to be fully informed of the true facts in this situation, I know you will be interested in receiving this information.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone conversation between Special Agent A. Schroeder of the Philadelphia office and Special Agent T. J. Donegan of the New York office on this date.

Special Agent Schroeder stated that he received the photograph of James Felton, 2528 Eighth Avenue, New York City, which had been forwarded by the New York office in connection with the information furnished by James Felton to the effect that he had noticed a large car in Jersey City, New Jersey, on or about July 24th containing four men and a young girl who appeared to him to be gangsters, and that this car contained a large number of guns, including sawed off shot guns and machine guns. He also stated that the car bore Ohio license plates and that he noticed Illinois and Michigan plates on the floor of the car.

Agent Schroeder stated that this was the same man who had contacted the Philadelphia office and conveyed information with regard to Baby Face Nelson, which later developed to be unfounded, and that he had also previously contacted the Washington Field Office furnishing information which also proved to be unfounded. Agent Schroeder also stated that this Negro is unreliable and that there are no indications that he has any information of value.

Accordingly, no further effort is being made to contact James Felton by the New York office or to investigate information furnished by him.

Very truly yours,

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Trenton  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

July 26, 1935.

Mr. E. B. Williams, Advertising Manager,  
Williams & Wilkins, Publishers,  
Mt. Royal at Guilford Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this occasion to thank  
you for your cooperation in having placed in your  
magazine data relative to Alvin Karpis. I also  
wish to thank you for your cooperation in address-  
ing and mailing identification orders No. 1218  
concerning Alvin Karpis.

In the near future an Agent of this  
office will call upon you in order to obtain a  
copy of this magazine, which you so kindly stated  
would be accessible to this office.

If this office can be of assistance to  
you, I hope you will feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. 1218, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Post Office Inspectors, Rochester, N.Y. advise William R. Day and John H. Porter believed associated with Cassius McDonald but no definite information as to activities procured. Names and addresses of friends and associates of Day secured from P.O. Inspectors and same set forth. Day and Porter interviewed, admit knowing Cash McDonald but declined to furnish any information concerning their association with him. Both now under sentence of 8 years from W.D.N.Y. on Mail Fraud charge.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, Detroit, Michigan dated 5/13/35.  
Report of Special Agent F. W. Allen, Boston, Mass., dated 7/8/35.

**AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Post Office Inspector G. L. Booth was contacted by the writer and ascertained there was no individual by the name of Dale being prosecuted in connection with any confidence schemes, however, there was in custody one William R. Day and one John H. Porter confidence men whose trial was at that time in progress. P.O. Inspector Booth at the time advised that due to pressure of other matters requiring more expeditious attention it was impossible for him to review his knowledge of the activity of Day and Porter, and stated that Inspector Graham was more familiar with

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the entire facts and suggested that writer contact him but before contacting either Day or Porter suggested that the writer confer with Assistant U. S. Attorney J. J. Doran.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Doran stated he would appreciate it if Day and Porter would not be contacted until after instant case was disposed of, subsequently informing the writer on 6/14/35 that both subjects were found Guilty of using the Mail to defraud and on this same date were sentenced to serve eight years each in the Federal penitentiary, the exact place to be designated by the Attorney General. Mr. Doran stated that he would appreciate it if both Day and Porter would not be immediately interviewed in view of the fact that it was expected they would be able to secure more information from them relative to other confidence schemes which they had engaged in possibly involving other individuals. He, however, subsequently informed the writer they had been unable to secure any information from either Day or Porter after conviction.

Post Office Inspector Herbert M. Graham of the New York Office was interviewed at Rochester, N.Y. at which time he informed the writer that he devotes the greater portion of his time to confidence men; that he has been watching the activities of Day and Porter for a considerable period of time and while he has associated them with innumerable schemes has never been able to get any definite information.

Inspector Graham stated as far as Day and Porter being associated with Cassius McDonald it is reasonable to believe they were in fact so associated because in the present case which was being tried approximately \$50,000 in bonds were involved and that he, through his investigator, ascertained that said bonds were disposed of through one Bert Moss, a Detroit gambler, in New York City and that Bert Moss is and always has been closely affiliated with Cassius McDonald.

Inspector Graham stated that while he has no positive information it is common knowledge that confidence men cannot work in the City of Detroit without communicating with Cassius McDonald and that McDonald on innumerable occasions furnishes them with the necessary cash in order for them to perpetrate the frauds; that they subsequently have to dispose of their stocks and bonds through Cash McDonald or his representative.

Inspector Graham continuing advised that a few years ago some confidence men, names unknown, attempted to work the city of Detroit without

securing the permission of Cash McDonald and while it was never proven a short time thereafter said individuals' bodies were found on the road outside of Detroit.

Inspector Graham continuing stated that in his estimation Day and Porter were not exceedingly clever operators and although contacted other confidence men he personally believed they did not have the finesse that many of the other confidence men who worked in conjunction with Cash McDonald had in the perpetration of the various fraudulent schemes.

Lt. W. L. Robinson of the Los Angeles, California Police subpoenaed as a witness in the trial of Day and Porter was present during the interview with Inspector Graham and advised at the time of apprehension of Day in California in connection with instant case papers were found in his pockets containing several names; that same were unquestionably his confidence notations and their examination of same indicated that many were confidence workers, in view of which they furnished to the writer names and addresses of these individuals which are being set forth at this time for possible future reference. No leads are being set out at this time this being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

R "Phone Lenox 2258 Cash"  
Len 2258 Cash at home  
2128 Jr. (John R) St.

(Unquestionably Cash McDonald)

Sam Hessler Toledo  
564a Adams

(Friend of McDonald)

John Bawldin Detroit, Mich.  
2128 J

(Believed associate of Cash McDonald)

Margaret Heim  
64 Watson Ave. Apt. 204C  
c/o Deis See Detroit  
Wm. Dace

(Unknown)

Vanderjac  
Reliable Cartage Co.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

(Unknown)

Myron Reynolds  
Reynolds Gas Regulator Co.  
San Antonio

(Unknown)

290 No. Harrison, Kankakee,  
Ill. Verna

(Sister of Bob Day)

2458 No. High St. Apt. 6 Betty  
Phone Londale 8648

(Believed Chicago, Ill.  
Unknown)

704 Francis St. Houston, Texas  
Leland

(Brother)

4N 8113 - 33

(Unknown)

Fuiliand Garcia  
Montserrat #75  
Havana, Cuba  
La Zuragozana

(Believed contact for con-  
fidence man)

Fred Leitz  
San Francisco, Calif.

(Confidence man)

115 St. East 3rd  
Piccardy Apt. 409  
Paris - Fred

(Unknown)

"Attie" Randolph  
Office 3234  
San Fran

(Believed San Francisco  
contact confidence worker)

Mission 2126 - 147 Isabel St.  
San Antonio Frank

(Unknown)

W. M. Dehn & Co.  
616 So. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles

(Tailor)

3823 W. 65th St. Los Angeles  
Fred Pitts

(Pickpocket)

Mr. Barnett (StP) in jail  
910 Penn Ave. North  
Hyland 3513 Phone  
Minneapolis

(Los Angeles con man.  
Believed recently received  
20 yrs. St. Paul Court  
St. Paul, Minn.)

Mrs. H. S. Craft  
214 West 8th Ave., Homestead, Pa.

(Day's mother-in-law)

1228 - 11th St. Roy Grant & Willard Portsmouth, Ohio	(Relatives of Mrs. Day)
208 West 9th Ave. Huntington, W. Va. Verna	(Wife's people)
Lee 814 Anita Houston	(Brother)
Bert Cole 16 Alewife Ave., Cream Beach New London Ct.	(Believed confidence man)
Della Marie 416 Ingleside Lake Charles, La.	(Known associate of confidence workers.)
Mrs. Belle Hecht 2167 Cruger Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 2102 Aqueduct Ave. Bronx, N.Y.	(Unknown)
S. W. Day, R.F.D. #7 Huntington, Ind.	(Father)
Sam Whitney, Rte. #3 Box 241 Phoenix, Calif.	(Fresno confidence man - has ranch)
439 Golden Ave. c/o Wertz Apt. 407 Marguerite Heim	(Unknown) (Believed Detroit - unknown)
1128 St. Point View Roy Huntsman Phone Drexel 9357 Los Angeles, Calif.	(Ex-confidence man)
Hotel Brant C. R. Campbell 80th & Bdwy. New York City	(C. R. Campbell unknown but hotel frequented by confid- ence men)
7108 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood Erin Strong - Teresa	(Mail address for Day)

Stanley ~~Ross~~  
8661 1/2 Hollywood Blvd.  
1625 Vine St.  
Hollywood Phone HE 4300 (Fixer mailing connection)  
(Bookstore)

Ben ~~Karag~~  
Croydon Hotel  
Rush & Ontario Sts.  
Chicago, Ill. (Confidence man)

Wm. Day, 7108 Sunset Blvd. (Address used by Day in Calif)  
Hollywood, Calif.  
Lic. 9A6557 Buick Sed. 8  
Motor 2825368  
Serial 2673264

Juan R. ~~Jimenez~~  
Havana, Cuba (Understood to be a procurer)

Frank ~~Cantwell~~  
4109 Gilford (Believed Detroit, Mich.)

MH-64 ~~Watson #204C~~  
Detroit, Mich. (Believed a meeting place of  
confidence men)

Mary ~~Collins~~  
5338 Ascot Ave., Los Angeles  
Phone Axridge 6673 (Unknown)

Leland S. Day, Anita St. (Brother of Wm. Day)  
704 Francis  
Houston, Texas

3823 W. 65th St., Los Angeles (Place known to be frequented  
by confidence men)  
Red Pitts Tel.

7850 Sunset Blvd. Apt. 303 (Associate of confidence man)  
L. A. ~~Harry~~

1825 No. Cahuanga, Apt. 403  
Hollywood, Calif.

(Mail address used by Day  
and Porter and others in  
confidence racket.)

The notations appearing in parentheses opposite the above names and addresses were furnished by Inspector Graham and Lt. W. L. Robinson and both stated that the notations of Phone Lenox 2258 definitely ties Day and Porter with Cash McDonald; that although both of them interrogated Day and Porter relative to their associations with Cash they declined to furnish them any information. Inspector Graham was unable to furnish any additional information concerning Cash McDonald and stated that while innumerable other papers were found amongst the effects of both Day and Porter the above notations were the only ones which he considered of any importance.

Inspector Booth was again interviewed and advised that his activity in the Glick case which was now on trial covered only the Rochester angle and that he had no additional information other than that furnished by Inspector Graham. Inspector Booth furnished the writer with the complete criminal record of Wm. R. Day FBI 9049 and John E. Porter FBI 86034 but due to the length of same it is not being incorporated herein but is being retained in the Buffalo Bureau Office files for future reference.

The writer called at the Monroe County Jail in an effort to interview Day and Porter and they declined to see anyone except their attorney at the first visit. They were, however, subsequently interviewed.

Wm. R. Day informed the writer that he has had no steady employment over a great period of years; that he devoted the greater portion of his time to investments. Day was very reticent to furnish any information concerning himself or his activities or associates, however, he did state he knew a person by the name of Cash McDonald but that he had never had any contact with him or any business dealings with him; that the last time he saw Cash McDonald was either during December of 1933 or the early part of 1934 at which time he was in Miami; that he believed on one or two occasions Cash McDonald rode on the same plane with him and that he believed Cash McDonald stayed at the same hotel with him in Havana, Cuba. Day was unable to recall the name of the hotel in Miami or Havana but did

state the hotel in Havana was situated approximately 6 to 8 miles outside of the city and was one commonly frequented by "the boys". The writer mentioned the names of several hotels in Miami and in Cuba but Day declined to definitely state that he stopped at any particular hotel. He also stated his trips to Havana were merely for pleasure and that he did no business while in Havana; that he was in no way associated with McDonald in Havana or elsewhere; that he knew that McDonald was an influential person in Detroit but that he has never had any occasion to come in contact with him in said city. It was quite apparent that Day would not furnish any information which he might possess concerning McDonald or his contact with him due to the fact that he is appealing his present case and it is anticipated other criminal actions are pending against him.

John H. Porter was interviewed and advised he has spent the greater portion of his life on the West coast and that only occasionally he has made trips to the East; that Cash McDonald is known to him but the last time he saw said individual was approximately two or three years ago; that same was in the City of Detroit; that he never met Cash McDonald on the West coast and that he has made very few visits to Florida. Mr. Porter stated he did not know whether or not Day was friendly with Cash McDonald but felt quite sure that if Day operated in the city of Detroit he unquestionably must have come in contact with him; that while he had no positive information concerning the activities of McDonald he knew him to be a friend of "the boys" and did hear that some individuals attempted to operate in Detroit two or three years ago without the permission of Cash McDonald, and it was understood their bodies were subsequently found outside of the city. Mr. Porter was unable to furnish any information as to McDonald's activities in Detroit or elsewhere.

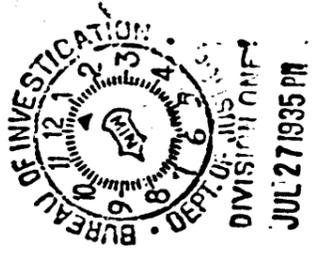
The writer subsequently interviewed Assistant U. S. Attorney J. J. Doran who stated while he is positive Day and Porter were associated with Cash McDonald in connection with the Glick case he was unable to secure sufficient proof to warrant his taking prosecutive action against him. He personally has no information concerning Day or Porter's associations with McDonald and in the event he learned anything he would be only too glad to furnish same to the writer at the Buffalo Bureau Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE BUFFALO OFFICE at BUFFALO, NEW YORK, will complete lead set out in reference report of Special Agent F. W. Allen, Boston, Mass., dated 7/8/35 and at NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONT. complete lead set out in report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty dated 5/24/35.

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 OPERATORS CLEVELAND REPORTED TO POLICE HERE THAT THEY SAY KARPIS IN  
 BLACK COLORED AUBURN ROADSTER NEW YORK THIRTY FIVE TAG NUMBER 8462  
 NEW YORK OFFICE REPORTS INABILITY TO TRACE TONIGHT DUE TO RECENT  
 ISSUE OF PLATES INVESTIGATION INDICATES WILLARD AND OTTO PROBABLY  
 INTOXICATED APPEARS INFORMATION NOT RELIABLE. INFORMATION  
 BROADCASTED BY CLEVELAND POLICE OVER TRI-STATE HOOKUP FURTHER  
 INVESTIGATION BEING MADE.

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Post Office Box 525,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, a copy of which was forwarded to your office, which letter refers to a letter from the Chicago office to the Bureau dated July 11, 1935, which is in response to Bureau letter dated July 6, 1935.

The Bureau desires that Bryan Bolton be interviewed concerning the identity of individuals mentioned in the letters referred to. Examination of the file in this office discloses that a copy of the letter from the Chicago office to the Bureau under date of July 11, 1935, setting forth information concerning the identity of [redacted] and her associates, was not received here. Will you kindly forward a copy of this letter to the St. Paul office?

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Special Agent John E. Brennan informs us that in a conversation with ELMER FARMER, while held in the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul pending trial, FARMER stated that [redacted]

It is requested that the Kansas City office interview ELMER FARMER at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, concerning the identity of [redacted] For the information of the Kansas City office, [redacted] is alleged to have participated in the kidnaping of THOMAS CAYNE in Chicago in October, 1930, and his bullet-riddled car was later found in a Chicago drainage canal but his body was not found.

Very truly yours,

F. E. ANDERSEE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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