

2846 N. Francisco Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Sept 10, 1935

Dear Dolores:

We are dropping you a few lines just to let you know how things are going here. We sent you some pictures and \$5.00 last month but haven't heard yet whether or not you received them. We received your letter but we had already written. Perhaps the best arrangement would be for you to await our letter before writing yours to us.

The things which you said were supposed to be sent here haven't come and we don't know any thing about them. Both of your sisters were here one day last month and promised to come back in a day or so but haven't been back so far.

I think my daughter, Emily, wrote you a letter. However, we don't know what or when she wrote. The best idea is not to pay to much attention to what she writes. I don't think that she is supposed to be writing at all.

Now about Raymond: he is getting bigger and fatter every day, and stronger every day too. He started to sit alone about a month ago. He had a little trouble cutting some teeth. He will soon have six teeth. We had him to the doctor for his toxoid injection (diphtheria prevention). He weighs about 20 lbs. All the things you bought for him are too small. As he is getting bigger he also is becoming smarter and meaner. He spends most all day out-of-doors.

He will soon be sending you \$5.00 again.

We hope you are well and that everything is alright with you.

Yours truly,

( Signed ) John Karpavicz

Envelope addressed to Dolores DeLaney at Milan, Michigan.

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Turley, Okla.  
Box 111,  
Sept 7, 1935

Dearest little Sis:

Well here I am just now ans your letter after so long a time. I am very sorry to have been so long writing, forgive me, little dear? I'll never neglect you again, realy, I have been so busy sewing and getting the kiddies ready for school. You see I've got five to send this year. We'll just have the baby at home, and is he a dandy, talks just as big as the rest now. Wish you could see him. I'll get his pitchure made as soon as I can and send you one. I'm sending one of Jimmie and Ruth and one of Kathlein, and Eunice is sending you one of herself and I.

We four girls went to town and stayed all afternoon. Wish you had been with us. We had a jolly good time. I'll send the children in to Ruth's one at a time and let her take them and get their's made and send you.

Honey, girl, I think of you every hour of the day. I pity myself sometime, never getting to go any place and then I think of my baby sis, bless your heart, Nonie. God knows down deep in your heart you are a good and sweet little girl. I'll never believe that there is anything but kindness in that great big heart of your little sis.

Yes, Jimmie is with me but I don't know how long she will be. She is trying to find work so she can get Ellen in school. I wish it was so I could send her but its hard to keep up mine and feed them on twenty dollars a month, it keeps me thinking and pinching pennies, three dollars of that goes to pay the children's insurance each mounth.

I got right at three hundred qts of, first thing and then another up 54 qts of that is B berries.

Oh, yes, honey girl, if you were here I'd make you that berrie cobbler with pleasure and the hot biscuits to. Yes, Nonie, dear, it will be quite a day of rejoicing when we all get together by and by. Oh, how I would love to you little dear, honey, your letter hurt me so and made me feel so blue and neglectful to my own little baby sis.

No, Jim isn't going with Mr. Raffenspurger, he is one fine man and as for me, Nonie, your old sis doesn't want a man or not at the time. I don't feel like it even though they tell me if I would get out of this bottom once in awhile someone would steal me.

Got a card from Art today. He will be coming home soon. Will sure be glad to see him.

Yes, Mr. Hansen has been coming out to see us. All so Mr. Kitchen. Have you ever met him? Nice fellow, both of them. When they were here they are so nice to me, it was like telling home folks goodby when they left. They seem to have taken a great liking to the kiddies.

Homer and his new wife isn't geting along so well. He doesn't get to come out very often now. He goes to see Ruth, he told her that he gets awfull blue to come out. Poor kid.

Esther and R.D. doesn't get down very often. They get down to Lula and Floyd. Did Eunice or Essie tell you that we were all together awhile back? All but you and Art. May, poor girl, sure lookes bad.

Yes, Aaron was out to see me, he is geting more like papa every day. You are not the only one thats gaining weight.

Honey girl, we are all fine andeat like pigs. Will close for this time. Ans soon

Forever your Sis

with love

Millie

Envelope addressed to

Wynona Burdette at Milan, Michigan.

Lewistown, Penna.  
Sept. 11/1935/

Dear Sis

Received your sweet letter just before leaving Erie. How do you think I enjoyed setting out of Erie - huh - Helen came up Sat. night and got me - We left there at 10 a.m. and got here at 6 p.m.. Were starting life over a new again - and are both happy - for the third time - Helen was working in Pottstown, Pa. - But we decided to stay here. Were not doing any thing at present but will be soon. We are staying at Helens bro's place and Helen & Edna are washing and scrubbing. Edna is Helens bro's wife. They are surely nice to us and I never saw them but once before at Altoona when Helen and me met for the 2nd time - We went out to tell them we were going to get married and talk it over with them - Helen and me are writing together. I am not going to write very much baby sis for I am pretty tierd am helping Merel paint a car thats Helen's bro.

But you write often.

Your loving bro & sis

Art & Helen     x x x x x  
(x's have circles drawn  
around them)

P.S.     Yes Lena was so nice to me I came home with Helen - ha.

Sept. 11, 35  
Lewistown, Pa.

Dear Sisters

Just a few lines in with Arts letter but pardon all mistakes I may makes as Art is using the good pen, this one I have is a pain.

I guess you will be very much surprised to hear of Art and I going back together in fact we surprised our selves as I went up to have divorce papers signed, but as is came back with him in place of the papers and I have no regrets for we are both verynhappy and more in love then when we were married.

Art has stoped so I have to finish but I really don(t know much more to say except we are all thinking of you and hope to hear from you soon.

Your loving bro & sis

Art & Helen

Address: Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Burdette, 536 Valley St., Lewistown, Pa.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 17, 1935

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

O  
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG.  
I. O. # 1218; et al.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received by Dennis H. Stoltz, 607 Thirteenth Street, Altoona, Pennsylvania, received September 14, 1935.

The letter, as you will note, again refers to the fact that KARPIS is in Cleveland, Ohio; that CAMPBELL is in Chicago, Illinois; that WILLIE HARRISON is in Toledo, Ohio; that DR. JOSEPH MORAN is in New York City; that EDNA MURRAY is in Chicago, and that WILLIAM MAHAN is in Butte, Montana.

It may be stated that also on September 14, 1935 Dennis H. Stoltz personally called at the Pittsburgh Bureau Office when he requested to be furnished with a letter indicating that he was engaged in the investigation of the case and that he be permitted to carry a revolver.

As indicated in my letter of September 10, 1935 the informant is somewhat erratic and that he is acquainted with the location of these much sought fugitives through mental concentration. While it is believed that the information given by Stoltz cannot be relied upon his letter is being forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices. His future communications, however, or his future calls to this office will not be seriously taken into consideration, unless, of course, the Pittsburgh Office is advised that he may be correct in some of his predictions.

Very truly yours,

*C. K. Fierstone*

C. K. FIERSTONE  
Special Agent in Charge

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Sept 13th 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
620 New Federal Bldg.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

In regards to our conversation Sunday Sept. 1st 8 P.M also my letter to you Sept. 7th 1935 and my message & conversation this afternoon about 2.30 P.M E. S. In regards to Bremer and Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping cases. The following additional information and same is what I believe at this writing.

Harry Campbell lives on L avenue South Chicago near 99th St. I wish to correct the name of the station I used and make same read East Side station N. Y. C. RR instead of Englewood Sta. He lives in a three story gray brick house with a stone steps no porch. same is located on left side of the avenue going north about two or three squares from this East Side Station. The rest the same as my letter to you Sept. 7th, 1935.

I believe Karpis and Mead are making arrangements to leave Cleveland O. this evening after midnight for South Chicago Ill. instead of Sept. 15th as I mentioned in letter Sept. 7th This on account of Indiana Harbor Ind works payday tomorrow and Hershey Ill payday Monday.

I believe Willie Harrison lives at 2460 3rd ave. frame house Toledo, O. rooms and boards there, he wears a wig and has dark curly hair.

I believe Dr. Joseph Moran Plastic Surgeon lives at an apartment 5th floor in building at 177th St. and Broadway New York N. Y. (Bronx) He stays with an Italian named Joe, very dark 5 ft 2 inches weight about 130 Dr Moran does not go out much.

I believe Edna Murray lives in Chicago Ill. Lake Side Hotel has been there three or four months. She goes by name of Edna Kollick and has changed her hair to blonde.

I believe the man who is working for Wm. Mahan at Bute Mont. is driving an eight cylinder Packard roadster with rumble seat, the car is blue in color. This in addition to my conversation Sept 1st about 8 P.M.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Sept. 16, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-14-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. F. Fitzsimons.</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:** Joseph Peter Dowling, with aliases, arrested Miami, Florida, 4-30-35, and released on 5-1-35. Dowling known as small time gambler and card shark.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A. B. Leckie, Charlotte, North Carolina, 9/10/35.

**DETAILS:** **AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:**  
Through inquiry of J. O. Barker, Bureau of Identification, Miami, Police Department, it was ascertained that Joseph Peter Dowling, under the alias of J. P. Donahue, was arrested at Miami on April 30, 1935, on a charge of investigation in connection with his activities as a "card shark". No prosecution was instituted and Dowling was released on May 1, 1935.

Concerning Dowling, and for the information of interested offices, it may be stated that on June 15, 1935, the local resident agent at Miami was called upon to investigate an entanglement involving a passenger aboard the Clyde-Mallory steamship "Algonquin" enroute from Galveston, Texas, to New York City. Upon boarding the boat and interviewing the officers, members of the crew and the alleged victim, it was ascertained that the victim had become engaged in a card game, voluntarily, during the course of which he lost approximately one hundred dollars. One of the individuals with whom the victim had engaged in the card game was Dowling, and when interviewed on that occasion Dowling claimed that he was born at Jackson, Michigan, and that he had spent considerable time in and about

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Detroit. However, it was ascertained, through inquiry of the Police at Miami, that Dowling has been engaged in petty gambling, principally as a card shark, aboard steamers catering to middle class of passengers. At the time of the occurrence mentioned there did not appear to be any violation of a Federal statute within the jurisdiction of the Bureau and the local police at Miami claimed they could not take jurisdiction inasmuch as no local ordinance had been violated and neither the victim nor officials of the Clyde-Mallory Lines would prefer charges against Dowling and his two companions. It may likewise be stated that because of the complaint made by the victim, after he had lost his money, the entire amount was returned to him by the individuals with whom he engaged in the card game.

The report of reference does not indicate Dowling's possible connection in this matter. However, one copy of this report is being furnished to the Atlanta and Boston offices for such assistance as it may offer in connection with the investigations of Dowling in those districts.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1935

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- Mr. Nathan .....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

12:15 P.M.

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Mr. Connelley called on the telephone from Chicago and states the situation with regard to the Bremer case is that in the case expects to meet the woman in Elkhart, Indiana. [redacted] instructions from the woman are that he is to go to Elkhart where she will contact him. This is to occur Sunday night or Monday. Connelley states, of course, that he does not know what is to happen there, but what he has in mind is that Karpis and Campbell may be and probably are in touch with the Leoncavally mob in Toledo and he is figuring on about five men in the house, rather than two. I stated that he could have any men he wanted. He states his present intention is to send McKee over to Toledo to cover the telephone of Edith Barry and that he wants Fortenberry and Muzzey to join McKee there tomorrow morning. I told him to call Detroit and have Fortenberry and Muzzey join McKee in Toledo tomorrow morning. He also stated that by Sunday he thought he could use Barber and Walsh of the Milwaukee Office and Wynn of the Indianapolis Office. I told him to immediately make arrangements to have Barber, Walsh and Wynn be with him by Sunday night, providing, of course, they are not at Camp Perry, although this will be over, I am told, by Saturday. I reminded him that the contact in Elkhart, Indiana might consist of [redacted] being placed in an automobile and being driven about 500 miles away to another place. He said he had this contingency in mind and knew that almost anything might happen, and that he would endeavor to meet it in the best manner possible.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota  
September 16, 1935

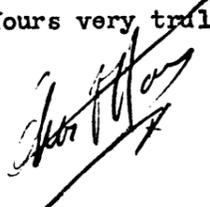
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many of us wonder what has happened to Mr. Harry Sawyer, whom the Department of Justice decided to prosecute in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. No one seems to know about him and it seems he is immune from prosecution.

I would be glad to have you give me the information.

Yours very truly,



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*Ch Horn*  
*2300 Johnson tower*  
*9/22/35*  
*cc - at Paul*

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September 20, 1935

Mr. C. L. Horn,  
2300 Foshay Tower,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

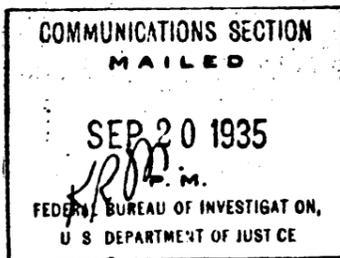
Reference is made to your letter of September 16, 1935 in which you inquire as to the disposition which the Government has made with regard to Harry Sawyer.

This will advise that Harry Sawyer is now incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota awaiting trial, having been charged with participation in the abduction of Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC\*St. Paul



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SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Etal.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that at the request of Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office, a cover has been placed on all communications sent and received by Elmer Farmer, register number 47103, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Typewritten copies of all communications will be transmitted to the Kansas City Office, which, in turn, will transmit copies to the Bureau and to those offices designated below.

This action was deemed advisable in that Farmer had been informed during recent interview had with him by Special Agent John Madala of the Chicago office, that he had been suspected of having participated in the alleged killing of Willie Harrison; and it was felt that through correspondence he might endeavor to prove an alibi to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
WAS.

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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SEPTEMBER 16, 1935

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Dear Sir: letter dated the 7th, advised to notify me, agent will call here.

I am not registered here at the present time. I will notify you change of address - as soon as I am permanently located here. Letters here for the time being - Mr. Campbell informed me -

He and his companion were managing a night club - near the Convention Hall.

Airport - they were met at the Miami Airport - by his mother, wife & child. They left for Havana - the following day, I did not get in touch, with either - in Havana as I was compelled to return the evening of the day of my arrival.

My daughter and I returned on the morning of the 13th.

Letter Denton, cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul + Chicago.  
9/23/35. KRM



Lafayette  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

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Please advise further details.  
oblige.

Yours truly,

Mrs. A. M. Wolff.

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LAFAYETTE  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Sept. 13th '35.

Mr. H. Nathan:

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter dated the 7th, please be advised to notify me, date & time your agent will call here.

I am not registered here at the present time. I will notify you change of address - as soon as I am permanently located here. Please address letters here for the time being.

Mr. Campbell informed me - he and his companion were managing a night club - near the Convention Hall.

They were not at the Miami Airport - by (?) his mother, wife & child. They left for Havana - the following day. I did not get in touch, with either - in Havana - as I was compelled to return the evening of the day of my arrival.

My daughter and I returned on the Morro Castle.

Please advise further details, & oblige.

Yours truly

(Signed) Mrs. A. M. Wolff.

(Envelope addressed to "Mr. Harold Nathan -  
Asst. Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Washington - D. C."  
and postmarked at Atlantic City, N. J., 9/16/35)

KRM:BN

September 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

There is herewith transmitted to you a memorandum prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire, which will reflect the personal history of William J. Harrison and will show his association with the members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the part he played with regard to the abduction of Edward George Bremer.

Respectfully,

Harold Nathan.

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September 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

William J. Harrison has been known to Agents of this Bureau as a golf professional and in such capacity has associated on the golf courses with such persons as W. W. O'Brien, a well known criminal attorney of Chicago, Illinois, who acted as defense counsel in the trial of John Paul Chase.

From 1926 to 1933, Harrison was engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. He is known to have operated saloons in Calumet City, Indiana, and during the above mentioned years to have been associated with the notorious Gus Winkler and other members of the Capone syndicate in Chicago, Illinois. Harrison frequently made trips to Florida, where he operated beer taverns and worked around dog race tracks.

The manner in which Harrison became acquainted with members of the Karpis-Barker gang is unknown to this Bureau, but it is known that during the month of September, 1933, Harrison introduced Kate Barker to Julius Heyne, a well known Hammond business man, through whose acquaintance she obtained a letter of reference to be used in renting apartments in Chicago. During the latter part of September, 1933, Harrison arranged for the meeting of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana. Fred and Doc Barker were present during this meeting and all parties, to the exclusion of Harrison, then departed for St. Paul, Minnesota, where they contacted other members of the gang, then proceeding to Reno, Nevada, where they remained from approximately October 8, 1933, to December 5, 1933, when they returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, and made plans for Bremer's abduction.

Harrison was arrested in Hammond, Indiana, in November, 1933, on the charge of assault with intent to commit rape. After being released from the county jail at Crown Point, Indiana, on said charge, Harrison went to live with Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Zeigler, now deceased, in an apartment at 1957 West Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. It is understood that Goetz arranged for the dismissal of the indictment against Harrison.

During the time that Edward G. Bremer was held at the hide-out in Bensenville, Illinois, Harrison frequently visited the hide-out and also visited Elmer Farmer's tavern in Bensenville, and is reported to have been an outside contact man for the Karpis-Barker gang during the kidnaping.

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September 6, 1935.

On or about January 17, 1934, the date of Bremer's abduction, Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon, and Edna Murray were ordered by their male companions to leave St. Paul and to proceed to Chicago, where they should contact William J. Harrison. This contact was made and Harrison arranged for apartments for the said women on Chicago's South Side. Harrison is known to have frequently visited these women at the said apartment, which was located in the Biltmore Apartment House, 6247 University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

During the month of February, 1934, after Bremer's release, Harrison proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, with Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, and frequented the Casino Club with members of the Karpis-Barker gang. He also lived with Harry Campbell, Karpis, and Fred and Doc Barker in Huron and Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

In September, 1934, Harrison is known to have been in Miami, Florida, and in Cuba. In Cuba he was active in exchanging Bremer ransom money with the assistance of Cassius McDonald. Harrison was also seen in Florida in company with Harry Sawyer and was apparently very friendly with Sawyer.

On or about November 20, 1934, Harrison returned to Chicago, where he rented an apartment for the gang at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue in the name of J. B. Bolton, using the name W. W. O'Brien as a reference. This apartment was later occupied by Doc Barker and Russell and Clara Gibson. On January 8, 1935, you will recall, Russell Gibson was killed at this apartment while resisting arrest on the part of Special Agents of this Bureau.

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Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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7-576 - 7413

September 6, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Suite 1107,  
Traymore Hotel,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith twelve copies  
of the press release on William J. Harrison, twelve  
copies of the photograph of Harrison and twelve copies  
of Identification Order number 1239 which was issued  
on Harrison on February 12, 1935.

I am also enclosing herewith a memorandum  
prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire concerning the  
background of Harrison and his association with mem-  
bers of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Enclosure #288392

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ENCLOSURE

7-576-7413

September 6, 1935.

*Conf.*MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

William J. Harrison has been known to Agents of this Bureau as a golf professional and in such capacity has associated on the golf courses with such persons as W. W. O'Brien, a well known criminal attorney of Chicago, Illinois, who acted as defense counsel in the trial of John Paul Chase.

From 1926 to 1933, Harrison was engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. He is known to have operated saloons in Calumet City, Indiana, and during the above mentioned years to have been associated with the notorious Gus Winkler and other members of the Capone syndicate in Chicago, Illinois. Harrison frequently made trips to Florida, where he operated beer taverns and worked around dog race tracks.

The manner in which Harrison became acquainted with members of the Karpis-Barker gang is unknown to this Bureau, but it is known that during the month of September, 1933, Harrison introduced Kate Barker to Julius Meyne, a well known Hammond business man, through whose acquaintance she obtained a letter of reference to be used in renting apartments in Chicago. During the latter part of September, 1933, Harrison arranged for the meeting of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana. Fred and Doc Barker were present during this meeting and all parties, to the exclusion of Harrison, then departed for St. Paul, Minnesota, where they contacted other members of the gang, then proceeding to Reno, Nevada, where they remained from approximately October 8, 1933, to December 5, 1933, when they returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, and made plans for Bremer's abduction.

Harrison was arrested in Hammond, Indiana, in November, 1933, on the charge of assault with intent to commit rape. After being released from the county jail at Crown Point, Indiana, on said charge, Harrison went to live with Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Zeigler, now deceased, in an apartment at 1957 West Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. It is understood that Goetz arranged for the dismissal of the indictment against Harrison.

During the time that Edward G. Bremer was held at the hide-out in Bensenville, Illinois, Harrison frequently visited the hide-out and also visited Elmer Farmer's tavern in Bensenville, and is reported to have been an outside contact man for the Karpis-Barker gang during the kidnaping.

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On or about January 17, 1934, the date of Bremer's abduction, Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon, and Edna Murray were ordered by their male companions to leave St. Paul and to proceed to Chicago, where they should contact William J. Harrison. This contact was made and Harrison arranged for apartments for the said women on Chicago's South Side. Harrison is known to have frequently visited these women at the said apartment, which was located in the Biltmore Apartment House, 6247 University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

During the month of February, 1934, after Bremer's release, Harrison proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, with Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, and frequented the Casino Club with members of the Karpis-Barker gang. He also lived with Harry Campbell, Karpis, and Fred and Doc Barker in Huron and Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

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Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire.*

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September 23, 1935

MEMORANDUM

Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped on January 17, 1934 immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School in St. Paul and was taken to a hide-out at Bensenville, Illinois. A ransom of \$200,000 was demanded and, upon payment, Bremer was released on February 7, 1934 near Rochester, Minnesota.

The Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935 returned an indictment charging certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang with conspiracy to violate the Federal Kidnaping Statute in connection with the kidnaping of Bremer. William J. Harrison was named as one of the defendants in the indictment.

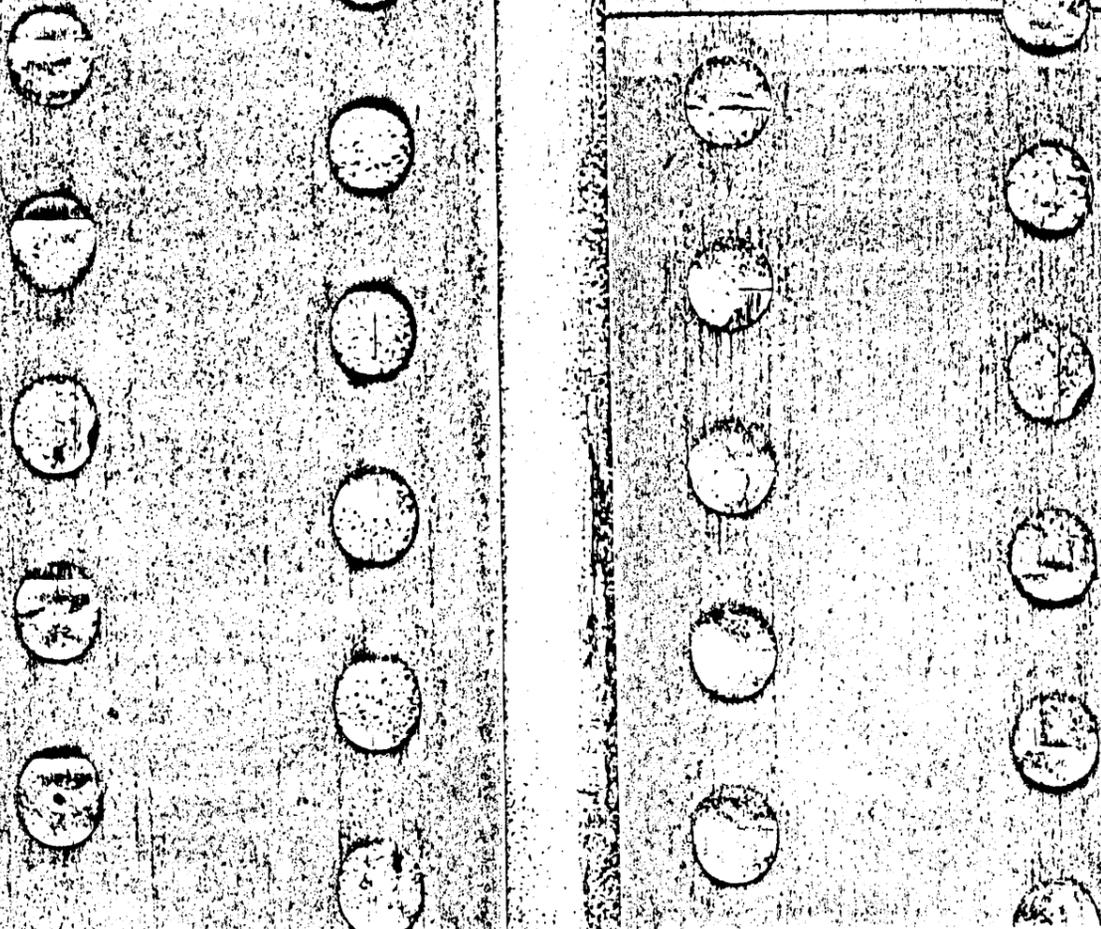
Harrison, a native of St. Louis, Missouri and later Calumet City, Illinois and Hammond, Indiana, has been identified as an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang since early in 1933. He is a professional golfer and has also been engaged in bootlegging activities, having operated at one time a saloon in Hammond, Indiana. Harrison was formerly associated with the principal members of the Al Capone Syndicate, in Chicago and frequently played golf at the Burnham Woods Golf Club.

According to the fingerprint records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Harrison as No. 5232 was arrested by the Police Department, Calumet City, Illinois on April 14, 1933 on charges of carrying concealed weapons. This case was dismissed on the same date. He was next arrested as William J. Harrison, #1829, by the Police Department, Hammond, Indiana, on November 4, 1933, on charges of assault and battery with intent to commit rape, and as William J. Harrison, #14225, he was turned over to the State Bureau of Identification at Crown Point, Indiana on the same charge and was released under \$5,000 bond. On September 25, 1934 this case was dismissed.

On September 6, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, positively identified the body of William J. Harrison which had been previously located in Ontarioville, Illinois. Harrison had been shot and an attempt made to defeat identification by partial destruction of his body in a fire of incendiary origin.



William J. Harrison



**IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1239**  
February 12, 1935.

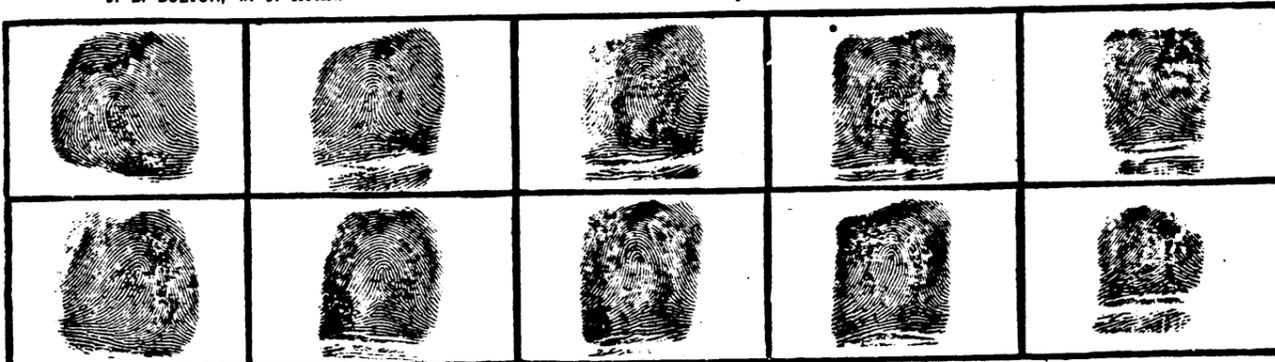
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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**WANTED**

**WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases:  
WILLIE HARRISON, W. J. HARRISON,  
J. B. BOLTON, W. J. RYAN.**

**KIDNAPING**



Photograph taken November 16, 1933.

**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 34 years (born St. Louis, Mo., September 27, 1900); Height, 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight, 155 pounds; Build, medium; Hair, light brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, ruddy; Occupation, golf professional.

**RELATIVES:**

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harrison, Sr., parents,  
4539 Gibson Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.  
Walter Harrison and Elmer Harrison, brothers,  
4539 Gibson Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.  
Donald Harrison, brother,  
1115 Lawn Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.  
Ben Harrison, brother,  
6164 Crescent Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.



**CRIMINAL RECORD**

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*William J. Harrison*

William J. Harrison is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging William J. Harrison and others with the kidnaping.

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.

(over)

Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) ✓
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) ✓
- Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Patterson \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
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- Mrs. Kelley \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sept. 17, 1935.

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RECORDED

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

7-576-7415

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SEP 18 1935

TAMM ONE FILE

Dear Sir:

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

United States Attorney, George F. Sullivan, informed me on Saturday, September 14, 1935, that this case will not be presented to the Grand Jury on September 16, 1935, as originally contemplated. He stated that his office now intends to present the matter on September 26, 1935.

In connection with the Grand Jury inquiry, Mr. Sullivan has requested that Assistant Special Agent in Charge, J. H. Hanson, Special Agent S. K. McKee, and Special Agent R. B. Donaldson, be present in St. Paul on September 26, 1935.

Mr. Sullivan has requested that the Bureau arrange to have Cassius McDonald taken into custody a day or two before an indictment is returned against him. He stated that he would advise me definitely at a later date just when he would like to have McDonald apprehended.

The Bureau is requested to give this information consideration and to advise me whether it will be feasible to have Cassius McDonald taken into custody prior to the returning of an indictment.

The Bureau is also requested to advise whether the Special Agents heretofore mentioned will be available in St. Paul on September 26, 1935 to testify before the Grand Jury in this case.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HRA:SEC  
CC-SAC R J Connelley, Chgo.  
Cincinnati

AIR MAIL

*Handwritten notes:*  
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11/17/35  
K.A.M.

*Handwritten note:*  
O.K. as planned

September 21, 1935.

KRM:ER

RECORDED 7-576 - 7415

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

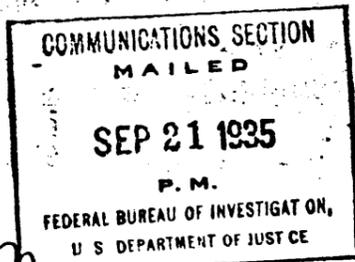
The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has requested that Cassius McDonald be taken into custody a day or two before an indictment is returned against him in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is anticipated that an indictment will be returned on or about September 26, 1935. The United States Attorney will advise definitely just when he desires to have Cassius McDonald apprehended.

The Bureau feels there is no objection to the apprehension of McDonald provided a complaint is filed. The Cleveland office should immediately endeavor to locate McDonald so that he can be taken into custody at the proper time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley (Chicago)



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-4 EC

REPORT MADE AT Trenton, N. J.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-18-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-13-35	REPORT MADE BY J. E. CLEGG
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. I.O. 1232, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., I.O. 1236, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, w.a., I.O. 1239, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM WEAVER, w.a.; MYRTLE EATON, w.a.; Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Mrs. A. M. Wolff has checked out of Lafayette Hotel and left no forwarding address. Present whereabouts unknown.			
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REFERENCE:		Bureau letter dated September 7, 1935.	
DETAILS:		AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY	
Agent interviewed Mr. F. M. Saville, clerk, Lafayette Hotel, who advised that Mrs. A. M. Wolff has checked out of this hotel and left no forwarding address. Mr. Saville further advised that she usually checks in this hotel several times each year, and if she returns he will advise her to get in touch with the Trenton Office.			
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September 23, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

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 J. E. Clegg, dated at Trenton, New Jersey, September 18, 1935, which discloses that Mrs. A. M. Wolff has departed from the Lafayette Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and has left no forwarding address.

I am forwarding to you herewith a copy of a letter directed to the Bureau by Mrs. Wolff, dated September 13, 1935, in which she advises that she will notify the Bureau of her permanent address as soon as possible. When the Bureau has been so advised, the Trenton Office will be informed of the address of Mrs. Wolff, and the necessary investigation should then be conducted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure No. 286493

cc Cincinnati (with copy of letter from Mrs. Wolff)

St. Paul  
Chicago

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MAILED SEP 23 1935 P. M. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
September 15, 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; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I. O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I. O. 1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
I. O. 1239, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of September 3, 1935, this is to advise you that ten copies of the photographs of the following individuals should be furnished the Atlanta Office: Alvin Karpis; Harry Campbell; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William J. Harrison; William Elmer Mead.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Photos sent 11/4/35*

cc. Connelley  
H Paul  
Cincinnati

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7-576 - 7417

November 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

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Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
KIDNAPING.

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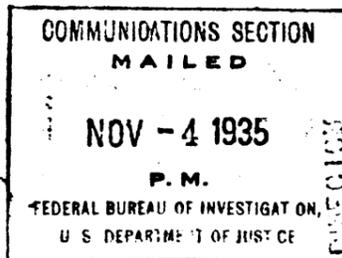
In compliance with your request of recent  
date, I am transmitting herewith ten photographs each  
of the following individuals: Alvin Karpis, Harry Camp-  
bell, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William J. Harrison and  
William Elmer Meade.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure No. 283208.

cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati.



POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

September 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to the report of Special Agent M. W. Mookins, dated September 9, 1935, page 4, in which interview is set out as to Lawrence Johnson, Andy Hamie and John B. Newson, it is my understanding that Lawrence Johnson has stated that one Jack London who had seen Weaver, under the name of J. W. Osborne, around the sporting goods store of Johnson, is supposed to have seen the identification order on Weaver in the Post Office at Daytona Beach, Florida, and thereafter called the attention of Johnson to this identification order, saying that he believed that it was the picture of the party they knew as J. W. Osborne.

It is also my understanding that thereafter Johnson is supposed to have observed this picture himself in the Post Office, and discounted the idea that it was one and the same person as Osborne, also referring to the fact that the lack of interest was probably promoted by the idea that no reward was offered.

It is requested that Lawrence Johnson be requested to make a signed statement as to the circumstances in connection with this identification order as being one and the same as J. W. Osborne, and that thereafter he be questioned as to the sale of the guns by him to Weaver, with particular reference to the day they were sold and the day he observed this picture in the Post Office.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
RJC:JMS

CC Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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September 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS wa I.O. #1218  
FUGITIVE - et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping, Obstruction of Justice,  
Harboring Fugitive, National Firearms Act

Dear Sir:

On September 12, 1935, Detective Harry Hanson of the Lucas County Prosecutor's office, Toledo, reported that he had observed a Cadillac sedan, bearing 1935 Ohio license plates 1068 N stop in front of Edith Barry's home, at 524 Southard Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and one of the occupants go in the house.

He drove around the block and upon his return the car was gone.

The above number is listed out of Custer in Woods County, and it is requested that the Cincinnati office ascertain at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, to whom this number is issued.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
JPM:h

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FILE

ONE

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 16, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the following letters, the contents of which have been carefully scrutinized by this office and appear to contain no information of value.

- (1) Letter addressed to Mr. Robert DeLaney from Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution.
- (2) Letter addressed to Miss Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution from J. Karpeviz.
- (3) Letter addressed to Miss Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution from Millie.
- (4) Letter addressed to Miss Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution from Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Burdette.

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

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1935

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Mr. A. J. Barrett, Postmaster,  
Topeka, Kansas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
FUGITIVE. I.O. #1218, Et al.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent A. S. Reeder, of this office, has advised me of his recent conversation with you relative to the information which we had received to the effect that Alvin Karpis had some time ago called for mail in the Post Office at Topeka. Pursuant to arrangements made by Mr. Reeder with you, there are being transmitted herewith ten copies of the Identification Order No. 1218 on Karpis in order that the same may be posted at appropriate windows in your Post Office for the information of the employees serving such windows.

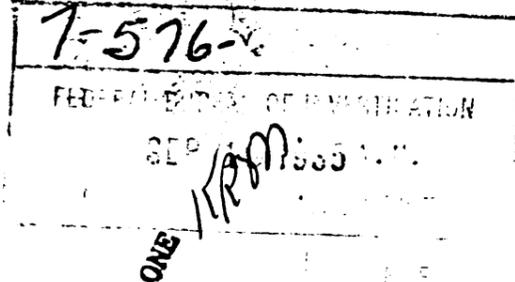
In the event Karpis calls there or you receive any information as to his possible whereabouts I would appreciate it if you would advise me immediately. Please be advised that the telephone number of this office is Victor 3113. Do not hesitate to use the telephone or telegraph, collect, in the event you receive any information of the present whereabouts of Karpis.

Assuring you that your cooperation with this Bureau in bringing about the apprehension of Karpis will be greatly appreciated, I am,

Very truly yours,

*WAS*  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc-Bureau ✓



Post Office Box 312  
Chicago, Illinois

September 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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.

Mrs. Byron Bolton called at this office for assistance in cashing a check issued by the Treasurer of the United States and payable to Byron Bolton, in the sum of approximately \$600.00, which check was endorsed by him to be paid to her. In the absence of any person who could positively identify the signature of Byron Bolton, she was advised by Mr. Koeller, Assistant Cashier of the American National Bank, Chicago, where she has an account, that it would be necessary for her to have such a person endorse it and in turn the endorser would have to have his signature identified by an officer of a bank where the endorser had an account.

Mrs. Bolton was advised to mail the check to her husband at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that you would contact Bolton with a view to having the check cashed and a cashier's draft for the money forwarded to her.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Bureau ✓

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D. M. LADD, Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

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

The Bureau is forwarding to this office a Summary Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935.

You are instructed to familiarize yourselves with the details of this report, so that you will have a complete understanding of the background of this case.

*DB*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau  
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Endres  
Giddens  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

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

In keeping with your request, I am transmitting  
herewith a handwriting specimen of William E. Meade, which  
was obtained from Post Office Inspector Graham by an Agent  
of your office.

Very truly yours,  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/12/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/16 to 9/9/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. D. BROWN</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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Chicago, Ill.</div> <p>advises he was contacted on three occasions during latter part of April and first part of May, 1935, by Edith Barry, Toledo, Ohio, who suggested [REDACTED] refused at this time but has had further communications with Edith Barry during the period from 8/20/35 to 9/4/35; [REDACTED] now awaiting advice from Edith Barry concerning [REDACTED] advised by Edith Barry he is to proceed to Elkhart, Indiana, in two weeks, [REDACTED] where he will call Edith Barry's Toledo residence before proceeding to Toledo. [REDACTED] now installed with radiophone and Agents keeping surveillance awaiting any word from Edith Barry. Subjects Weaver and Eaton failed to make direct admissions implicating themselves in instant kidnaping, but Weaver made indefinite remarks indicating he was present at Bremer hideout.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. J. Cassidy, Chicago, dated 6/15/35; teletype Chicago office to Bureau dated 8/17/35; reports of Special Agents C. E. Smith, Cleveland, dated 9/5/35 and R. C. Suran, St. Paul, dated 9/7/35 and letter from St. Paul office to Bureau dated 9/7/35.			
DETAILS: Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. J. Cassidy, dated 6/15/35, which records an interview with [REDACTED] by Special Agent Cassidy concerning an attempt on the part of Edith Barry, 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio, to induce [REDACTED]			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>7   5767419</b>		
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Investigation by the Cleveland Bureau office has indicated that Edith Barry operates a "call house" at 524 Southard Street, Toledo, and has enjoyed police and political protection in that city for a number of years; that she is intimately acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus, operators of the New Casino Club, Toledo, and that Mildred Kuhlman, former paramour of Doc Barker, is supposed to have first met Doc Barker while answering a call at the house of Edith Barry. The Cleveland Bureau office learned that the address 524 Southard Street is located in the colored district of Toledo and that a surveillance of this house proved to be very difficult. Information was further obtained that Edith Barry either has relatives or at one time lived at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Due to failure to obtain any direct information to indicate that Edith Barry was directly connected with Alvin Karpis and other subjects of this case, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley believed it advisable that [REDACTED] be again interviewed and an attempt be made to induce her to take this matter up directly with [REDACTED] and suggest that he cooperate with this Bureau in effecting the apprehension of the remaining fugitives.

On the night of August 16, 1935, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents M. J. Cassidy, who had previously interviewed her, R. D. Brown and J. L. Madala, [REDACTED] who is twenty-four years of age, and who has been [REDACTED] apparently being greatly infatuated with [REDACTED] furnished much the same information concerning the associations between Edith Barry and [REDACTED] as is set forth in the report of reference of Special Agent Cassidy. After some discussion, [REDACTED] agreed to advise [REDACTED] that she had taken this matter up with the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to attempt to induce him to cooperate.

At 10:00 A.M. on 8/17/35, [REDACTED] telephoned the writer and advised she had taken this matter up with [REDACTED], who, after some hesitancy, agreed to furnish the whole story regarding his contacts with Edith Barry to an Agent of the Chicago Bureau office, and to cooperate in any way Agents might desire.

At 4:00 P.M. on the afternoon of 8/17/35, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were met at a point in Jackson Park where [REDACTED] left his 1934 model Ford V-8 coupe and entered a Chicago Bureau office car occupied by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan [REDACTED] and the writer. The conversation with [REDACTED] took place at a point in Jackson Park where the meeting would not be disturbed.

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[redacted] was informed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not make any attempt to have the narcotic charges now pending against him in Chicago, Illinois, dropped or altered in any manner, but he was advised that should he be successful in causing the apprehension of subject Alvin Karpis or any of the outstanding fugitives in this case, this information will be confidentially conveyed to the Federal Judge who hears his case, but that no recommendation for leniency will be given. [redacted] inquired as to any outstanding rewards against subjects, and he was advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would pay him an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for information resulting in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and \$1,000 for the same information as to subject Harry Campbell and \$500 for William J. Harrison. It was pointed out to [redacted] that subjects Karpis and Campbell were undoubtedly implicated in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934; that they were involved in numerous bank and payroll holdups, murders, and other criminal activity. He then stated that he was not especially interested in the rewards or assistance in connection with the narcotic case now pending against him, but that after thinking the matter over, he decided he would be glad to assist the Government in the apprehension of these fugitives; that he was sorry that he had not taken the matter up directly with the Chicago Bureau office at the time of the first contact between Edith Barry and himself, which was sometime during the latter part of April of 1935.

Concerning the narcotic case now pending against him, [redacted] stated that the charge is purely a technical one; that his

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[redacted] was then asked to relate in detail his association with Edith Barry from the beginning.

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He stated that some time in 1927 while in New York City,

[REDACTED] he met Edith Barry who appeared to be greatly interested in his line of work. He stated he again met her in 1929 in Chicago when she called at his loop office, reminded him that she had been introduced to him in New York [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at this point stated that he has been married and has a son eighteen years of age; that he is divorced from his wife and as a result of the divorce action he lost the major portion of his property, which included among other things his Chicago home and a large apartment building worth approximately \$80,000. He stated that for two or three years subsequent to 1929 Edith Barry made frequent visits to Chicago and often stayed at his home; that she was intimately acquainted with [REDACTED]. From the conversation Agent gathered that [REDACTED] was probably had clandestine relations with Edith Barry and that she is undoubtedly extremely fond of him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has on several occasions visited Toledo, Ohio, both professionally and socially and usually spends considerable time with Edith Barry; that he has been at her house located at 524 Southard Street and knows that the same is a high class "call house", which important business and political figures in the city of Toledo frequent for the purpose of drinking and having their so-called "good times". He stated that Edith Barry is intimately associated with a man named "Joe". He was unable to recall the last name of this man but stated this man was formerly connected with an important railroad and was at one time an important political figure at Columbus, Ohio; that he is a Republican and practically dictates the political and police platforms of the city of Toledo and county of Lucas, Ohio; that this Joe is also the undisclosed dictator as to any criminal activity in northern Ohio; that Toledo for a number of years has been known as a "cooling off place", but that criminals must get permission of this Joe before they are allowed to come into Toledo. He described Joe as being a man about fifty to fifty-five years of age, hair dark sprinkled with white, rather tall, with a very ruddy complexion. He stated that Joe has a suite in the Commodore Perry Hotel where he resides when not in Columbus, Ohio. It was first thought that

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this "Joe" might be Joe Roscoe, an important political and criminal figure in Toledo. [redacted] stated he did not believe this man's last name was Roscoe.

[redacted] stated that some time during the latter part of April, 1935, Edith Barry called him by long distance telephone from Toledo, advising she wanted to come to Chicago for a conference with him and wanted him to be in his office. He stated on the following day Edith Barry arrived in Chicago and advised [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he did not go into the matter very seriously, but indicated to Edith Barry that he would be glad to get the work, after which Edith Barry returned to Toledo, advising him that she would get in touch with him later concerning [redacted]

He stated that two weeks later Edith Barry again contacted him in his office, at which time she had with her a detective story magazine. She stated she wanted to talk with him in confidence and began by reminding him that they had been friends of long standing and that she considered him entirely trustworthy. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he immediately became apprehensive and started "hedging" with Edith Barry [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

He stated that Edith Barry objected to having [REDACTED] in on the proposition and stated that she, Edith Barry, could act as assistant and suggested that [REDACTED] take place at a point near Lakeside Inn, located in Canada near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; that she would arrange for a plane to fly [REDACTED] to Sault Ste. Marie, where he would be met by a motor boat and taken to the "place", where several small cottages were available. She further suggested her own home in Toledo, and later, after [REDACTED] protested against [REDACTED] suggested that [REDACTED] might take place in his office in Chicago. He stated she also mentioned Cleveland, Ohio, as a place where [REDACTED] could take place. [REDACTED] advised that Edith pulled from her purse a large roll of bills which she stated amounted to \$2,500, which she wanted him to take as a retainer fee for expenses. [REDACTED] stated he refused to take this money and is unable to recall as to whether or not the bills were in small or large denominations, but is of the opinion that the money was in \$100.00 bills.

He stated that after he continuously protested against [REDACTED] Edith Barry suggested that he [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the question of money then again came up, at which time Edith Barry told him that there would be \$10,000 in it for him and that the money would be good money.

[REDACTED] stated that he told Edith Barry he would consider the matter further. [REDACTED] stated that he was "hedging" for time, as he could not decide just how he could gracefully refuse to [REDACTED] and that two days later Edith Barry again called his office, at which time he [REDACTED] made it a point to be absent from the office and told [REDACTED] to tell Edith Barry that he was in trouble with the Government himself on a narcotic charge and could not go through with this deal.

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[redacted] state [redacted] did not know of Edith Barry's first call at his office with reference to this matter and that [redacted] was mistaken as to the identity of the second party, this party being Harry Campbell instead of John Hamilton, as [redacted] had first reported to Government Agents [redacted] was shown photographs of the various members of this gang and he immediately picked out the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell as being photographs identical with the pictures of these two men shown him by Edith Barry from a detective magazine.

[redacted] stated that Edith Barry was related in some way to Jackie Osterman, well known orchestra leader and master of ceremonies, who is now opening a new show in New York City; that Jackie Osterman and Edith Barry are also related to a young man in Toledo who owns either one or two airplanes and who often flies Edith Barry to whatever point she desires to go. He was unable to recall the name of this man, but said that he believes this man is a nephew of Jackie Osterman, but does not know the relationship between this pilot and Edith Barry. He further stated that Edith Barry is related in some way to a young man whom he thought to be employed by the United Air Lines and who sold United Air Lines tickets in the Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, and that Edith Barry frequently visited the Palmer House when in Chicago, presumably for the purpose of seeing this relative. He stated that he recalls that Edith Barry made further mention of Dr. Moran and advised that "the boys", meaning Karpis and Campbell, were out to get him as Dr. Moran had \$20,000 of their money and that Moran is presently hiding out at Guadalapaia, Mexico, which place is located in the mountains near Mexico City; that he [redacted] has been at this place in Mexico and recalls it as being a place where "roses grow in the middle of the streets" and that a great many hoodlums and politicians who become wanted for one reason or another flee to this place for the purpose of "cooling off".

He further stated that Edith Barry has a very close friend, a big blonde girl, who formerly worked in her house and who is now in St. Louis, Missouri, and whose first name is "Bobby"; that Edith Barry frequently visits "Bobby" in St. Louis, Missouri, where she is now residing. He stated he will attempt to recall "Bobby's" true name. He also stated he will attempt to recall the true name of the "Joe" above mentioned.

At the conclusion of this interview with [redacted] he stated he was anxious to cooperate in any way suggested by Agents; that he realizes that it may be necessary, in making the proper contact, [redacted] and in so doing he realizes that his life may be in danger, but that he will do so if other plans to ascertain the whereabouts of these two men fail. He went on to state that he believes Edith Barry trusts him implicitly and indicated that it is his opinion that she

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is still fond of him; that on the occasion of one of Edith Barry's visits to Chicago in regard to this matter, she made the remark that every other [redacted] in the United States was being watched [redacted] He further stated that Edith Barry gave every indication of being extremely cautious and made remarks indicating that she thought she was being followed wherever she went. He stated that during a conversation with her on one of the occasions of her visits, she made the remark that during the first month or six weeks that she knew "the boys", she was unable to sleep or eat, but that now her acquaintance with them had become quite matter of fact.

[redacted] and [redacted] then advised that on the occasion of Edith Barry's last visit to Chicago, at which time she did not see [redacted] she informed [redacted] that should [redacted] be able to "fix" his case and get "straightened around", she should be called by long distance telephone in Toledo and be advised that "everything is all right [redacted] now"; and that a phone booth should be used in making such calls. It was then suggested to [redacted] that [redacted] immediately call Edith Barry and advise that "everything is all right with him". He immediately agreed and suggested that the writer accompany [redacted] to a phone booth where the conversation could be overheard. In this connection he stated that he realized that the Government might think his story rather fantastic and might be unwilling to trust and believe in him, and that he wanted all transactions in connection with his attempt to locate these fugitives to be entirely above board.

At approximately 6:00 P.M. on 8/17/35, [redacted] and the writer proceeded to a telephone booth located in a drug store at the corner of 60th Street and Stony Island Avenue, where [redacted] called Toledo telephone number Adams 4612, which is the telephone listed to Edith Barry at 524 Southard Street. The writer accompanied [redacted] into the telephone booth and was able to hear the entire conversation between [redacted] and Edith Barry. Agent noted that [redacted] called Edith Barry "Edith" and Edith Barry called [redacted]. After greetings were exchanged, [redacted] asked Edith Barry how she was, after which Edith Barry replied that she was fine and had just returned from her vacation in Sault Ste. Marie. Edith Barry then asked [redacted] how [redacted] was, to which [redacted] replied [redacted] is all right and everything is fine now [redacted]. Agent noted a distinct raising of the voice of Edith Barry when she said "That's fine. I am certainly glad to hear about it". [redacted] then asked Edith Barry, "When are you coming over?" after which Edith Barry stated that she would be over in a few days. [redacted] then asked Edith Barry to call [redacted] when she arrived in the city, upon which Edith Barry agreed to do so and ended the conversation by saying, "I'll be seeing you".

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[redacted] and the writer then returned to the Bureau automobile where Special Agent Sullivan and [redacted] were waiting. When the results of the conversation were conveyed to [redacted] he stated that he considered the conversation successful and stated he believed Edith Barry would come to visit him very shortly.

Special Agents Brown and Sullivan then obtained a room at [redacted] and furnished [redacted] with their telephone and room number in order that [redacted] or [redacted] might call immediately should anything of interest take place. On the following day, 8/18/35, Special Agents J. L. Madala and J. M. Jones obtained apartment [redacted]

The briefcase radio transmitter was then placed in [redacted] where conversation between Edith Barry and [redacted] had previously taken place. The receiver was placed in apartment [redacted] being the apartment occupied by Agents Madala and Jones. The instrument, upon adjustment, operated very well except on occasions when elevated trains would pass [redacted] at which time very little conversation could be received.

[redacted] Believing that this address should be covered, Special Agents A. Dickstein and R. M. Austin obtained [redacted] stated that Edith Barry did not know the location of his present address nor his telephone number, but that she might be able to obtain the same. It was arranged that should Edith Barry call at [redacted] and suggest that the conversation between them take place at this hotel, [redacted] would pick up the brief case transmitter together with a case of medical instruments, in order to make this action appear legitimate, and would go with Edith Barry [redacted] would immediately advise Agents in that vicinity and the telephone and receiver would be immediately transferred to [redacted] and conversation between [redacted] and Edith Barry would then be received by the Agents as well as in [redacted] It was arranged that during office hours [redacted] was to turn on the radio transmitter hourly and test the same for efficiency. Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. D. Brown remained at [redacted] where communication could be had with [redacted] and [redacted] at any time. It was thought entirely possible that Edith Barry might bring Alvin Karpis into [redacted] Chicago at any time.

The writer then returned to the Chicago Bureau office and conferred with Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd. Special Agent in Charge Connelley had proceeded to Cincinnati, Ohio, in connection with the death

of Special Agent N. B. Klein. As a result of the discussion with Special Agent in Charge Ladd, it appeared desirable that telephonic communication be had with Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Cincinnati with reference to the dispatching of an Agent from the Detroit office to Sault Ste. Marie Michigan, for the purpose of attempting to determine the whereabouts of "Lakeside Inn", and to cover the airport at that point as to visiting planes and also to consider the advisability of having Special Agent C. E. Smith of the Cleveland Bureau office proceed to Toledo, Ohio, to obtain information as to any activity at the Toledo airport and to attempt to determine the identity of "Joe" and possibly to determine the Department of Commerce number on the plane being used by Edith Barry and presumably belonging to some of her relatives.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley telephonically advised that he believed these two points should be covered as indicated and suggested that the writer communicate with Mr. Tamm at Washington. Mr. Tamm advised that the above outlined action should be taken and requested that the writer communicate with the Special Agents in Charge of the Detroit and Cleveland Bureau offices. Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland of the Cleveland Bureau office was advised of the pending activity in this connection and dispatched Special Agent Smith to Toledo, Ohio, where he was instructed to register at the Commodore Perry Hotel. Communication was also had with Special Agent in Charge D. L. Nicholson at Detroit, who dispatched Special Agent A. A. Muzzey to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for the purpose outlined above.

On 8/20/35 Special Agent C. E. Smith, from Toledo, Ohio, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley that he had contacted one [redacted], who has agreed to act as a confidential informant. He stated [redacted] is the divorced husband of [redacted] originally being from Fort Wayne, Indiana, having formerly worked and may now be working out of the call house of Edith Barry. [redacted] stated his wife divorced him due to Ted Angus and that Edith Barry is very much opposed to him, [redacted] that while he was associating with his wife prior to their divorce, she indicated that Karpis and Campbell had come to Toledo after the Atlantic City shooting affair, that they had gone to Ted Angus' New Casino Club and Ted Angus took them to Edith Barry's house; that later in February these two subjects had been taken out of Toledo in a cabin plane to the woods in either Wisconsin or Michigan; that "Old Charlie", presumably Charles J. Fitzgerald, was in Toledo at that time and arranged to pay any debts incurred by Karpis and Campbell. He also informed Smith that one Henry D. Thomason had arranged for the changing of some money for subjects through the Toledo Trust Company; that he understood they had a first aid kit with them when

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they arrived at Edith Barry's house and that same is possibly now located in the Barry house. [redacted] agreed to try to contact his wife again in an attempt to learn further details. On the occasion of this conversation with Agent Smith, Special Agent in Charge Connelley advised him to be cautious in order to avoid Edith Barry's becoming suspicious, in view of the present developments in the matter between Edith Barry and [redacted]. Authority was requested and granted by the Bureau to pay [redacted] \$50.00 as needed for working as an informant.

Special Agent Smith advised his investigation showed that two airplanes which might possibly be used by Edith Barry are as follows: Erville four passenger cabin plane, maroon in color, operated by Heinz Bender, and Stinson four passenger cabin plane, Department of Commerce No. NC 12180, color black and silver, belonging to Tommy Metcalfe. Metcalfe also has a red Waco three passenger plane No. NC 610 Y.

Frequent contact was had with Special Agent Smith at Toledo who advised that Edith Barry was apparently out of Toledo. At least Agent Smith was unable to secure any information as to her whereabouts and was unable to locate any reliable person who had seen her recently. On 8/28/35 Agent Smith advised that Edith Barry was back in Toledo as he had seen her that day.

[redacted] was interviewed daily by the writer from 8/18/ to 8/29/35 and a surveillance [redacted] were continued until that date with the exception of the surveillance [redacted] which was discontinued on 8/26/35. On 8/20/35 Special Agent V. W. Gillen replaced Special Agent Dickstein at [redacted] and remained at the [redacted] with Special Agent Austin until the three surveillances were discontinued on 8/29/35.

On the evening of 8/29/35 a conference was again had with [redacted] relative to the advisability of again conferring with Edith Barry, at which time [redacted] suggested he use the pretext that it would be necessary for him to attend memorial services for his mother, who was buried in Cleveland; that other members of the family were waiting for a convenient date for him, [redacted] to hold these services, at which time a stone would be placed over his mother's grave; that he intended to attend this memorial service in Cleveland and he would request her, if it would be agreeable to her and worth while for him, to allow him to stop and see her in Toledo relative to matters of "mutual interest". He also suggested that the pretext that it would be necessary for him to go to Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, before very long to undergo an operation which he had been putting off for some time, might be used.

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He stated that Edith Barry knows that he is suffering from an ailment which requires periodic attention at Mayo Brothers hospital, and that he will inquire of Edith Barry whether his going to Mayo Brothers hospital in the near future will interfere with any of the plans.

This matter was discussed with Special Agent in Charge Connelley, who was of the opinion that a phone call could well be placed by [redacted] to Edith Barry in Toledo with the above mentioned pretexts in mind.

On the evening of 8/29/35 the writer accompanied [redacted] to a telephone booth located in the drug store which she used on the previous occasion, at which time Agent was able to overhear all of the conversation between both parties. [redacted] was advised by Edith Barry that she had been occupied for the past two weeks with a very ill friend, not mentioning the name of the friend, causing her to be indoors almost entirely. [redacted] then related the pretexts discussed above to Edith Barry and Edith Barry answered that it would be all right for [redacted] to go ahead to Mayo's Clinic and that if he was contemplating motoring to Toledo alone she would appreciate his stopping to see her.

The results of the conversation were then conveyed to [redacted] who stated that he believed that Edith Barry was suspicious of [redacted] that he recalls that Edith Barry very strenuously objected to having [redacted] assist [redacted]

During the conversation [redacted] advised Edith Barry that [redacted] had instructed her to tell her that he would consider a more reasonable sum for his services, due to the fact that he had been left in bad financial circumstances, due to the "fixing" of his case. Edith Barry replied that there was no question about the fee. [redacted] then stated that he believed that if he sat down and wrote in his own handwriting a letter to Edith Barry advising her that he had been able to "fix" the narcotic case pending against him now and to again suggest that he stop in Toledo on his way to Cleveland and to make the letter a social letter as well as a business one, this might bring some action on the part of Edith Barry, and further indicate to Edith Barry that [redacted] knew nothing concerning the writing of the letter and that a suggestion be made that he would in the future eliminate [redacted] from further consideration in connection with contemplated operations. This letter was written by [redacted] and shown to Agent. The same was very cleverly written and contained features which would undoubtedly excite Edith Barry's interest in the proposition again. [redacted] requested Agent to mail this letter for him, which Agent did.

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Due to the apparent inactivity on the part of Edith Barry the surveillance at the three points above mentioned was discontinued on the night of 8/29/35.

The writer and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley were in St. Paul, Minnesota, on 9/3/35 in connection with the apprehension of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, and [redacted] telephonically communicated with the Chicago Bureau office at 9:45 A.M. on that date, advising Special Agent J. L. Madala and Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that Edith Barry had just come [redacted] Fifteen minutes later she again called and advised that [redacted] and Edith Barry were then in conference [redacted] At 11:00 A.M. she again called and advised that Edith Barry had left [redacted] and was enroute to the Chicago Municipal Airport, from which point she expected to fly back to Toledo.

[redacted] were then immediately interviewed by Special Agents J. L. Madala and S. K. McKee, who, upon receiving the first telephone call from [redacted]

[redacted] informed that Edith Barry stated she had left Toledo at 3:00 A.M. that morning and had driven to Chicago. She did not say whom she had driven with and stated she was going to fly back to Toledo upon departure from [redacted]

Edith Barry advised [redacted] that she would be unable to contact Karpis and Campbell until the return of a party from Europe in approximately two weeks. She gave [redacted] to understand that this party was the only person who could make connections with Karpis and Campbell. She volunteered the information that Karpis is very much depressed and is extremely anxious to see his child. She gave [redacted] further to understand that she would contact him in about two weeks, after which [redacted] should drive to Elkhart, Indiana, where he should phone her, Edith Barry, from that point before coming into Toledo; that he should be alone [redacted]

[redacted] stated he informed Edith Barry in a flattering way that he believed he could dispense with the services of [redacted] and that she, Miss Barry, would undoubtedly be an efficient attendant [redacted]

He stated that he gave Edith Barry the impression that he was somewhat concerned over his safety, [redacted]

[redacted] and that Miss Barry stated he had nothing to worry about, reminding him that she and he [redacted] had been friends of long standing. He stated nothing was mentioned concerning a fee for the case on this occasion, and that Miss Barry made no offer of expense money or a retainer at this time. He stated that several suggestions of mutual interest to them both were discussed, one of which was Jackie Osterman; that Miss Barry informed that she had heard that Jackie Osterman has recently opened a new show in New York City. Discussion was had as to flying and [redacted]

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learned that the young man who was formerly employed by the United Air Lines, at the ticket office in the Palmer House at Chicago, Illinois, is named Beard and that the relationship between Beard and the Barry woman is that Beard's wife is a cousin to Miss Barry. In connection with Edith Barry's frequent trips by airplane, [redacted] advised that he learned from Edith Barry that Dick Wahl (or Wall), who is a nephew of Jackie Osterman and who is in some sort of construction business at Toledo, Ohio, is the man who owns the airplane which Edith Barry frequently uses on her trips to Chicago and St. Louis. [redacted] further stated that the Wahl boy is passionately interested in flying. He further stated that he learned that the prostitute from St. Louis, who is a very close friend of Edith Barry's, answers to the first name of "Jerry". He was unable to obtain Jerry's last name from Edith Barry without causing suspicion.

[redacted] stated he made every attempt to draw from Edith Barry further details [redacted] but was unable to do so and the only answer he could obtain to his casual inquiries with reference to this was that he would receive a call from her, Edith Barry, in a couple of weeks, after which he should proceed to Elkhart, Indiana, and call her at her home from that point. He stated Edith Barry was much more careful about discussing this matter than on previous occasions and did not appear to be as enthusiastic as before, but gave [redacted] the impression that she is actually in contact with Karpis and Campbell, although she did not want this impression to be revealed to [redacted]. [redacted] asked Edith Barry if upon his arrival in Toledo he should get "Joe" to obtain a room for him at the Commodore Perry, to which Edith Barry replied that he should not go to any hotel, but should go to her home. [redacted] advised that the interview with Edith Barry was not entirely satisfactory as to details, but that he is convinced that he will receive a call in a shorter period than two weeks and that Edith Barry's story relative to a contact man who is to arrive from Europe is merely a gesture on her part. It is [redacted] belief that Karpis and Campbell sent Edith Barry to see him immediately after receiving his letter in order to bring back information to them as to his present attitude. It is his opinion that Edith Barry is undoubtedly in contact with these two men and that they are still interested in the proposition or Edith Barry would not have made a trip from Toledo to see him.

It should be related that it is the writer's opinion that [redacted] is exceedingly clever and there appears to be no doubt but that Edith Barry respects him very highly both professionally and as a friend. [redacted] is ready and anxious to receive a call from Edith Barry and to carry out her instructions. Frequent contacts will be made with [redacted] in order that he will be impressed with the sincerity and cooperation of the Bureau agents.

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On 9/4/35 Special Agent J. L. Madala rented apartment [redacted] and the radiophone has again been installed in [redacted] the receiver being in apartment [redacted] where surveillance is being maintained by Special Agents J. M. Jones and V. W. Gillen, in order that they might be immediately advised should any word be received from Edith Barry or should Edith Barry suddenly appear at [redacted] with either Karpis or Campbell. Special Agent R. D. Brown has obtained an apartment adjacent to [redacted] in order to be available during the nighttime should Edith Barry call at [redacted]

Inspection of the airport at Elkhart, Indiana, will be made in the near future and an Agent will familiarize himself with the streets and highways leading into Elkhart. Investigation will also be conducted at Toledo, Ohio to determine the number, color and further description of the airplane owned by Dick Wahl. Contact with [redacted] will be closely followed.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan:

At the Sault Ste. Marie airport, Agent Muzzey ascertained from the airport's registration book that from July 23rd, 1935, to August 19th, 1935, twelve planes landed at the field; that three of these planes were Government planes, four landings by Soo Airways, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, planes, three landings by Hammond Flying Service, St. Ignace, Michigan, planes, one landing by Mulzer Flying Service plane, and one landing by a plane reported owned by Samuel B. Smith—a Sikorsky plane.

The registration book of the airport reflects that, excepting the Government planes, only two of the planes either came from outside of the State of Michigan or the destination was outside of Michigan. On 7/26/35 a Waco F plane number NC 122 Y, belonging to the Soo Airways, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, piloted by Johnny Flannery and carrying two passengers, arrived at the Airport from Chicago, Illinois, and left the same day for Drummond Island, Michigan. On 7/28/35 this same plane arrived at the airport from Drummond Island, Michigan, carrying no passengers.

On 8/15/35 a Sikorsky plane registered as being owned by Samuel B. Smith landed at the airport, having come from Canada. It departed the same day--destination not recorded. Airport attendants advised that this plane had gassed up at the Canadian Airdrome, Sault Ste. Marie, before arriving at the airport and that further information regarding it could be obtained at the Canadian Airdrome.

At the Canadian Airdrome Agent Muzzey was advised that a Sikorsky S 36 amphibian, single engine number NC 805 W, owned by Dr. S. B. Smith, piloted by J. Paul Moore, and having as passengers Dr. Smith and wife, landed at the Airdrome on 8/15/35 and departed the same day.

The records further disclosed that on August 17, 1935, a Sikorsky amphibian No. NC 803 W, piloted by Pilot Williams and carrying as passengers Col. C. W. Leeds and wife arrived from Detroit, Michigan.

On July 25, 1935 Douglass amphibian No. NC 982 Y, owned by Powell Crossley, Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived from Manatoulon, Canada, and departed the same date, destination Manatoulon, Canada.

It will be noted that Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, has no landing field--only amphibian planes arriving at the airdrome situated on the St. Mary's River. The above mentioned three planes were the only planes arriving or departing from the Airdrome since July 25, 1935.

At the Canadian Customs Office, Post Office Building, Agent Muzzey ascertained from Mr. Blaney, Customs Inspector, that Dr. S. B. Smith is owner of the Smith Incubator Company and his address is 3108 West 121st Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Agent Muzzey was further advised that Dr. Smith has been interested for the past two years in a gold mine situated at Wawa, Canada, and that quite a bit of machinery consigned from the United States to Dr. Smith's mine at Wawa has passed through the Customs Office. Mr. Blaney advised that nothing irregular relative to Dr. Smith has ever been noted.

Agent Muzzey was further advised that it was highly improbable for a land plane to alight on Canadian soil without the fact of its landing being known to at least one of the law enforcing agencies of the Canadian Government. However, it was entirely possible, in Mr. Blaney's opinion, for an amphibian plane to enter Canada from the United States without being noticed if it alighted on one of the numerous lakes which are not inhabited.

Mr. Blaney further advised that a landplane can alight on a farm anywhere in Canada providing the Customs officials are notified. In other words, the plane does not have to land at an airport in order to enter Canada. b7d

Mr. Blaney referred Agent to [REDACTED] who advised that he is not familiar nor had any knowledge of a place called Lakeside Inn in the vicinity of Sault Ste. Marie.

He advised that the Rainbow Inn, situated fifteen miles north of Sault Ste. Marie has been "shady in character"; that it is mainly frequented by American tourists and is generally regarded as a "hook joint".

A mile north of the Rainbow Inn is situated the Lakeview Inn, [redacted], patronized by American tourists and bearing a shady reputation. However, neither of these places is classed as a gambling joint. [redacted] stated that to his knowledge there are no inns in the vicinity wherein commercial gambling is carried on.

Sheriff Willard T. Welsh does not know of any gambling joint known as the Lakeside Inn in this section of the country.

Relative to telephone No. 661-W, Agent Muzzey ascertained from Sheriff Welsh that same is subscribed for by Lawrence J. Smart, 325 Lyon Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The Sheriff advised that Smart is personally known to him; that Smart is a bridge operator, married, has two or three children, has long been a resident and that he bears a good reputation in the city, being entirely reliable. The Sheriff further advised that Smart would undoubtedly be truthful if interviewed. However, this did not appear desirable.

At the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Miss Weinseith, in the absence of Mr. Bradford, Manager, who was on vacation and not expected back until September 3rd, refused to disclose any information whatsoever.

On 9/6/35 the writer proceeded to Elkhart, Indiana. Elkhart is a city of approximately 20,000 and the main street of Elkhart forms the intersection of U. S. Highways Nos. 20 and 112. Elkhart is located 104 miles East of Chicago on Highway 20, while Toledo is located 139 West of Elkhart on Highway 20. Detroit is located 176 miles northeast on Highway 112. Highway 112 is a main thoroughfare to all Michigan points including the northern peninsula and Sault Ste. Marie.

It appeared desirable to locate the airport at Elkhart. The same was found to be a small landing field three miles northwest of the city limits. It is not a lighted field and no hangars appear thereon. It was thought possible that [redacted], upon arriving at Elkhart as instructed by Edith Barry, would receive information from her, after communicating with her by telephone at her Toledo home, to proceed to the Elkhart airport where a plane might be waiting for him to take him to the point where Karpis and Campbell are in hiding. It also appeared desirable to locate a likely place where [redacted] could make a telephone call to Edith Barry.

It was found that the United States Post Office is located at the intersection of highways 20 and 112. The two principal hotels at Elkhart are the Hotel Elkhart and the Hotel Bucklen, the Hotel Elkhart being the more desirable place. It was found that there are two phone booths located in the Hotel Elkhart, the phone numbers being Elkhart 3172 and Elkhart 3173. [redacted] will be instructed to proceed to the Hotel Elkhart while enroute to Toledo and make the long distance telephone call to Edith Barry from one of these booths. On the occasion of his making this call, an Agent will be occupying a room in the Hotel Elkhart and [redacted] will be instructed to immediately communicate with the Agent stationed in the hotel room, from the same phone used in communicating with Edith Barry, and advise the Agent of the instructions he received from Edith Barry. b7c b7d

The writer then proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, on Highway 20, and found that at a point about 25 miles west of Elkhart there is a bad detour of about 10 miles. It was thought possible that [redacted] might be picked up and followed into Toledo by associates of Karpis and Campbell from this detour, as it would be necessary for [redacted] to drive slowly over this road.

At Toledo, Ohio, the writer again interviewed Detective Harry Manson, who is attached to the Lucas County, Ohio, prosecutor's office. Previous reports will show that Manson and Prosecutor Reams are considered thoroughly reliable.

After discussing possibilities concerning the present hideout of Karpis and Campbell, Detective Manson advised that he believes it quite probable that subjects may be hiding out at Grayling, Michigan, which town has a population of eighteen hundred and is located in the sparsely settled northeastern section of Michigan, just below the upper peninsula. Manson gives as his reasons for believing the hideout may be located here the following: He stated Harry Jennings was formerly Chief of Police at Toledo, Ohio, and was considered strictly "racket", he having received payoffs from nearly all houses of prostitution, saloons and business houses; that Harry Jennings is a very close associate of Joe Thompson, who is undoubtedly the "Joe" referred to by [redacted] as being the very good friend of Edith Barry. He stated Joe Thompson has a suite of rooms at the Commodore Perry Hotel and is an Ohio state lobbyist, being formerly connected with railroads. He stated that both Joe Thompson and former Chief Jennings are very close friends of the Angus brothers. Manson advised that Jennings while Chief of Police purchased a beautiful cottage located on a private lake and having private grounds near Grayling, Michigan.

He stated this cottage is a large house containing all modern conveniences and has a fence surrounding the property; that racketeers and politicians often visited this cottage as guests of Harry Jennings previous to this summer; that he has learned from various sources that Jennings has not permitted guests to go to his place at Grayling for some time, indicating possibly that fugitives are being held there.

Manson was questioned concerning Richard Wahl, who is a nephew of Jackie Osterman's, this information having been furnished the writer by [redacted] as previously reported, [redacted] also having advised that Wahl is related in some way to Edith Barry and operates the airplane used by Edith Barry, which airplane he also owns. Manson stated that Dick Wahl is manager of the Yellow Cab Company in Toledo and also operates the Toledo Parking Garage located at 221 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio. Wahl resides at 2215 Collingwood Avenue, where he has a telephone, the number of which is Adams 7459. He also stated that Dick Wahl is very friendly with both Harry Jennings and Joe Thompson and that Joe Thompson lobbies for the Yellow Cab Company in Toledo. b7c  
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Manson was requested to attempt to determine if Dick Wahl presently owns an airplane and if so the location of the hangar where same is kept. Manson has a reliable contact name [redacted]

[redacted] Manson was advised by [redacted] that he believed Dick Wahl has sold his airplane, it having been a Stinson cabin job, but that he believes Dick Wahl occasionally borrows airplanes from friends. However, he has been unable to determine as yet from whom he borrows planes. He will obtain this information together with the Department of Commerce number appearing on any planes that Wahl uses and furnish same to Manson, who will in turn furnish this information to Special Agent C. E. Smith, who is presently in Toledo Ohio in connection with this matter. [redacted] informed Manson that there is a new maroon colored cabin airplane stationed at the T.W.A. airport at the present time, bearing no Department of Commerce number. [redacted] will ascertain the identity of the owner of this ship together with the license number.

Manson further advised that approximately five years ago he had occasion to frequently contact a man named Forrest -- (last name not yet recalled), who is now deceased and who had a barbecue stand on the Dixie Highway leading into Cleveland called The Forrest Inn. He stated that this man's widow now operates the Forrest Inn. Manson stated he recalls that this Forrest once told him that the Angus brothers had a deer hunting

lodge located somewhere in northern Michigan near Sault Ste. Marie and that the Angus boys always visit this lodge during the deer hunting season. Manson will attempt to obtain from "Forrest's" widow information as to the location of this lodge, advising he will be able to do this in such a way as to cause no suspicion.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9/5/35, page five, wherein it is stated that Special Agent Smith's confidential informant advised his wife formerly worked for Edith Barry in the late fall of 1934 and winter and spring of 1935 as a prostitute, and had told him she had associated with Karpis at a time when Karpis was staying at Edith Barry's place together with Harry Campbell; that Karpis and Campbell remained at Edith Barry's place for a short time, after which they left Toledo by airplane for a cabin somewhere in the north woods, which the informant believed was near some town that had recently sprung up as a result of gold discovered in that territory. It is possible that the Angus brothers' deer hunting lodge is located in the north woods of Michigan near Sault Ste. Marie or near Grayling, Michigan.

In a further interview with [redacted] on 9/9/35 he furnished additional information concerning his interview with Edith Barry on 9/3/35 at his office in Chicago. He stated he had unintentionally neglected to inform Agent that Edith Barry had told him that if he, [redacted] did not hear from her further he should proceed [redacted] alone in his Ford coupe from Chicago, Illinois, to Elkhart, Indiana, where he should call her by telephone before proceeding to Toledo. [redacted] stated he pressed Edith Barry for additional definite information as to whether he would [redacted] and she remarked that even though Karpis and Campbell were not available [redacted]

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Further reference is now made to report of Agent Smith, page six, in which Agent Smith's informant advised him that his former wife [redacted] who associated with Karpis and who is now mysteriously missing from Toledo, has tattoo marks on both shoulders, design not known but believed to be the initials of her first husband.

These facts have been discussed with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and it appears reasonable to believe possibly that [redacted] may be requested to [redacted] and that should Karpis and his associate find that [redacted] is not being watched or followed in any way, he, [redacted] will then be requested to proceed to some point [redacted]

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Due to the indefinite arrangements now pending between [redacted] and Edith Barry, it is extremely difficult to determine just what procedure will take place after [redacted] leaves Chicago to proceed to Edith Barry's house in Toledo. Agent Smith's informant, [redacted] has been instructed by Agent Smith to attempt to determine the present whereabouts of his former wife, [redacted] in view of the information obtained from [redacted], it does not appear unlikely that [redacted] may now be with Karpis and Campbell.

Detective Manson described Richard J. (Dick) Wahl as being forty-two years of age, five feet ten inches in height, slightly stooped, weight 150 to 160 pounds, thin and delicate looking, and he advised that Wahl's father was formerly Safety Director of Toledo.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 9/7/35, which contains admissions and information given by subjects Weaver and Eaton while interviewed by Special Agents Suran and D. P. Sullivan.

The writer had occasion to interview both William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton on 9/1, 2 and 3/35. On 9/1/35 at the Jacksonville Bureau office, on 9/2/35 while enroute by airplane from Jacksonville, Florida, to St. Paul, Minnesota, and on the night of 9/2 and the morning of 9/3/35 in the St. Paul Bureau office. The information furnished by Weaver and Eaton to Agents Suran and Sullivan as contained in the reference report of Agent Suran, was also furnished to the writer, it being practically the identical information with certain additional information.

From the time William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were apprehended in Florida to the time the writer left St. Paul, Minnesota, they continually remarked that they were unable to understand how Government Agents were able to locate them. Acting upon the desire to secure further information from Weaver and Eaton to implicate subject Harry Sawyer in this kidnaping, the writer frequently made suggestive remarks indicating to Weaver and Eaton that Harry Sawyer might have been the person who "put the finger on them". However, Weaver stated he did not know whether or not Sawyer was in any way involved in the kidnaping, but that, of course, Sawyer knew the Barker boys, Karpis, Campbell, Davis and other members of the mob. Weaver talked freely relative to other members of this gang with the exception of Fred Goetz, whom he claimed he did not know. With reference to Willie Harrison, he stated he could not understand why the Government suspected Harrison as being implicated in the kidnaping, as he knew that Harrison had nothing to do with it, but was merely an errand boy for members of the gang.

The interview with Weaver from Jacksonville, Florida, to St. Paul, Minnesota, was more productive than interviews with him in the Jacksonville and St. Paul offices. During this flight Weaver was permitted to hold in his arms his little adopted son, Bobby. Weaver is undoubtedly very fond of this boy and while holding Bobby in his arms he would often talk to him in low tones, telling him to be a good boy and not to forget his daddy. Agent frequently remarked to Weaver that Agent was unable to understand why he, Weaver, would not now be willing to give information concerning his knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping, in view of the fact that Weaver would undoubtedly receive a life sentence in this case and already has a life sentence awaiting him on a State charge. After making these statements to Weaver, the writer then questioned him as to certain details of the kidnaping. Weaver would generally sit quietly and give Agent no answer. However, Agent once remarked to Weaver that Mr. Bremer was extremely grateful to him for bandaging his wounded head and giving him kind words while at the hideout. Agent then asked Weaver if it were not true that he took Bremer's part when other members of the gang attempted to get rough with him. Weaver then smiled and stated, "Well, I am not saying I had anything to do with this kidnaping, but if I did have something to do with it that is true". Apparently Weaver was later sorry that he made this remark for Agent continued to question him in an attempt to develop further admissions from him and he would state, "Some day I may be in a position to tell you what actually happened", and further, "I don't think you fellows have all the facts in this case yet".

Weaver was closely questioned concerning his residence with Myrtle Eaton at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio, and furnished much the same information concerning this as is contained on page five of the reference report of Agent Suran. However, Agent questioned him as to the identity of the woman companion of Willie Harrison who visited them at Grand Forest Beach. It will be noted from previous reports that Mrs. Willgrube, who rented Weaver the cottage at Grand Forest Beach, informed the writer that a woman usually accompanied Willie Harrison while visiting the Weavers, whom she knew as Mr. and Mrs. Orhood. Both Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver stated that Willie Harrison had no woman companion while visiting their cottage at Grand Forest Beach. Weaver was then questioned as to his failure to purchase a farm located near Cohill, Ontario, which he had negotiated for by mail at Grand Forest Beach, through the Royal Bank of Canada at Maramora, Ontario. He stated his reason for not purchasing this property was that Myrtle Eaton did not want to get that far from civilization and further that he believed the price asked for this property was too high.

Weaver was also questioned as to how and when he disposed of the 1934 model Chevrolet coupe which he purchased at Des Moines, Iowa, during the spring of 1934. He remarked that Agent probably knew more about

that car than he did, but finally remarked that he had disposed of it in Toledo, Ohio, and obtained another car at the same time. He would not go further into this transaction, however.

During the airplane trip from Jacksonville to St. Paul, various members of the gang were discussed with Weaver. While in a particularly affable mood, Weaver was asked if he would not be willing to advise Agent as to his opinion concerning who was the most dangerous, Karpis or Campbell. He stated that both of these men are very good shots with a machine gun or pistol, but that he believes Harry Campbell to be a more dangerous hoodlum than Karpis. He branded Karpis as being "plenty smart".

As has been previously stated, both Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver continually remarked that they were unable to understand how Government Agents found them. When conversing with both Weaver and Eaton they were asked if they had ever been in Cincinnati, Ohio. Both at first denied this. However, they were questioned as to whether or not Myrtle Eaton had not made a telephone call to St. Paul, Minnesota, during the Christmas holidays of 1934. Myrtle Eaton finally admitted that she had made a telephone call to Andrew Rothmeyer, but was unable to talk with him, having talked with one of the bartenders at Rothmeyer's saloon. She was unwilling to furnish the telephone number which she used on the occasion of this call, merely stating that it was located in Cincinnati and that Weaver was "close by".

Reference is now made to a letter from the St. Paul Bureau office to the Director, dated 9/7/35, page two, paragraph five, which deals with notes which have been passed between Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver while incarcerated in the county jail at St. Paul, Minnesota. The above referred to paragraph advises that Sheriff Gibbons informed Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen that one Moriarity, a trusty of the jail, admitted to Sheriff Gibbons that one of the notes passed from Myrtle Eaton to Bill Weaver stated, "The Cincinnati phone call put the finger on us". This appears to indicate that the writer's conversation with reference to the Cincinnati phone call with Weaver and Eaton has convinced them that their location was probably due to this telephone call. Further information concerning the details of this telephone call is recorded on pages 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 5/1/35.

It should be noted from reports in the Hamm kidnaping case that victim Hamm stated a young woman occupied the hideout where he was held and he described her as being a "society matron" type. During the

conversation with Weaver and Eaton, Agent casually referred to Myrtle Eaton as a "society matron" on several occasions. Both Weaver and Eaton requested to know why Agent referred to Myrtle as a "society matron". Previous to this time the writer had made no mention of the Hamm kidnaping. Weaver was casually advised that Agent referred to Myrtle Eaton as a "society matron" due to the fact that victim Hamm had tentatively identified her as being the woman present in his hideout during the time he was held and had called her the "society matron". Weaver apparently became worried over this assertion and made this emphatic remark, "That girl had nothing to do with the Hamm kidnaping and I know it. Neither did I have anything to do with the Hamm kidnaping and I believe I can prove it". However, Weaver failed to discuss the Hamm kidnaping any further.

On 9/5/35 Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd received a telephone call from a man giving his name as Mr. Marcus, who later stated his correct name was Meyer Bogue. He stated he had been involved in the Dillinger case and believed he had information of considerable value to the Bureau concerning Alvin Karpis. He requested that an Agent contact him for the purpose of obtaining this information.

The writer interviewed Meyer Bogue in the Fair Store restaurant located on the eighth floor of the Fair Store Building, at 2:30 P.M. on 9/5/35. It should be noted that Meyer Bogue was formerly employed by the Governor of Indiana as a confidential informant to locate members of the Dillinger gang. The file entitled "JOHN PAUL CHASE with aliases, et al" shows that information furnished by Bogue to the Governor of Indiana and later also furnished to the Chicago Bureau office, consisted of gross misrepresentations of the facts which he claimed to be true and which he had supported by affidavits, surrounding the escape of John Dillinger from the Crown Point, Indiana, jail.

Bogue has an extensive criminal record for forgery, embezzlement, confidence game and robbery.

Bogue explained that on September 1, 1935, he had been dropped from the payroll of the Governor of Indiana; that he had been receiving \$250.00 per month and expenses for more than a year. He boasted that through his efforts Joseph Fox and Joseph Burns were apprehended in Chicago; that he had extensive criminal connections in the city of Chicago and could obtain information as to the whereabouts of almost anyone. He claimed that during the early part of August he saw Alvin Karpis enter a Catholic church located on the corner of Western Avenue and Catalpa

He stated he was certain of Karpis' identification because he had seen his photograph. He stated he later saw Karpis again on the street near Chicago Avenue and Kedzie. Bogue was then asked what plans he had with reference to the location of Karpis. He stated that if the Government would pay him a salary of \$250.00 a month and expenses, he would agree to act as an informant. He indicated his expenses would not be more than \$5.00 or \$10.00 a day. Bogue was informed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not consider paying him a salary, but that should he learn the whereabouts of Karpis an appropriate reward would be paid him. He stated he would not work under those circumstances, whereupon the interview was terminated. He finally stated he would be glad to call the Chicago Bureau office should he receive information as to the whereabouts of Karpis and collect the reward should he be apprehended. He continually requested that Agent take the matter up with Washington as to paying him a salary and on 9/10/35 he communicated with Agent by telephone and asked whether Agent had deemed it advisable to request that he be employed as an informant. Agent informed him that no such request would be made.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, will keep in close contact with [REDACTED]

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Director,  
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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, etc.

Enclosed are two newspaper clippings from  
the Florida Times Union of Jacksonville, Florida, for  
September 16 and 17, 1935. They refer to the movement of  
the bodies of Kate and Fred Barker from Ocala, Florida, to  
Joplin, Missouri, for burial.

This information is being furnished as of  
possible interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (2)  
cc St. Paul  
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From the Jacksonville, Florida,  
Times-Union of September 16, 1935

## Bodies of Barkers Will Be Forwarded to Joplin

OCALA, Sept. 15, (UP)—The bodies of Fred and "Ma" Barker will be sent to Joplin, Mo., for burial tomorrow, exactly six months after they were killed by Federal agents in a four-hour gun battle here.

The bullet-ridden bodies have lain in a local mortuary since January 16 while attorneys settled the Barker estate. "Ma" Barker was regarded as the "brains" of the Barker-Karpis gang, involved in the Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul.

From the Jacksonville, Florida,  
Times-Union of September 17, 1935

## Florida Claims Are Ordered Paid from Estate of Barkers

OCALA, Sept. 16, (AP)—The final chapter was written today in the case of Fred Barker and his 60-year-old mother Kate Barker, alias Arizona "Ma" Barker, who were slain in a five-hour gun battle with G-men at Oklawaha exactly eight months ago today.

The bodies of the slain man and woman will leave Ocala tomorrow in a Joplin, Mo., funeral coach. All Florida claims were ordered paid today from the estate estimated at \$16,000 in cash and jewelry. The estate has been impounded in a local bank. The bodies have been at a local mortuary. About \$3,000 was paid the mortician for his services.

Little interest attached to removal of the bodies. Occasionally during recent months some passing visitor has gone to the undertaker's establishment to view the bodies.

Attorneys for "Pa" Barker have been here several times seeking to effect settlement of the estate which was completed today.

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FILE NO. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-18-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. H. PRICE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Present address of Edward Koeberline, who formerly received mail at 214 Grant Street, Millvale, Pa., unknown. Louisa Koeberline, who may have information concerning Edward, now residing at 230 W. 97th St., New York City.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. J. McMulty, New York City, N. Y., 9-12-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MILLVALE, PENNSYLVANIA:**

MRS. FRANK J. KOEBERLINE, 214 Grant Avenue, stated that Edward F. A. Koeberline is a son of Mr. Koeberline's step-brother; that approximately four years ago he resided at 219 Grant Avenue and was employed as a laborer by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company; that he has not been in the vicinity of Pittsburgh since that time, but that mail has been received at 214 Grant Street for him at various times and he has written Mrs. Koeberline requesting that it be forwarded to various addresses. The last mail received for him was in the Spring of 1935 and it was forwarded upon his request to an address in Connecticut, however, Mrs. Koeberline advised that this address had been destroyed and that she did not know the present whereabouts of Edward Koeberline, but that Louisa Koeberline, with whom he resided at 219 Grant Street, and who now lives with her sister, Mrs. John Foley, 74 North Emily Street, Pittsburgh, might be able to furnish Edward Koeberline's present address.

T. A. NESTOR, Superintendent, Millvale Post Office, stated that there is no forwarding address on file for Edward F. A. Koeberline.

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MRS. JOHN FOLEY, contacted by telephone, advised that she had not heard from Edward Koeberline since early in the Spring when he wrote requesting that any mail for him be forwarded to a Connecticut address which she did not remember; further, that Louisa Koeberline, who resided with her, is at the present time in New York City and might possibly know the whereabouts of Edward Koeberline. Her address is Care of M. K. Christensen, Apartment 2 D, 230 West 97th Street, New York City.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE at NEW YORK CITY will interview Louisa Koeberline, Care of M. K. Christensen, Apartment 2 D, 230 West 97th Street, to secure, if possible, the present address of Edward Koeberline and will cause him to be interviewed regarding the letter which he forwarded to the Postmaster at Brooklyn, New York, as stated in reference report.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1935.

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

Reference is made to your letter dated September 13, 1935, addressed to the Bureau, two photographs of Subject William Weaver having been furnished this office with its copy of that letter.

Please be advised that Special Agent A. E. Farland exhibited those photographs of William Weaver to Elmer Farmer, number 47103, and Harold Alderton, number 47102, both of whom are incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Farmer stated he did not believe the photograph was that of a man whom he had seen, stating that the man he had seen was larger than the individual in the photograph, such man being over 200 pounds.

Farmer also added, concerning Harry Sawyer, he had never known him nor had he seen him until he met him in jail in St. Paul.

Alderton advised Agent Farland that he could not identify the photographs of Weaver, stating that the man he had seen was over 240 pounds; was very fat - so fat one could hardly see his belt. Alderton stated this man was called "Heavy".

Alderton also added that he had never seen Subjects Volney Davis or Harry Sawyer until he saw them in the jail at St. Paul.

Agent Farland's contacts with Farmer and Alderton were only for the purpose of exhibiting these two photographs of Subject William Weaver; nothing else being discussed by Farland with them in view of the other information appearing in your letter to the Bureau dated September 13, 1935.

Very truly yours,

MCS:os  
cc - Bureau, Cincinnati

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Sirs:- Until a year ago I was a  
Lieut. of Police here in Canton for 10 years  
at present I am on a Dis. Pension due to  
being shot by a house burglar. My  
experience has made me notice things and  
an incident happened which I think may  
be of some value to you.

On 25<sup>th</sup> St NW. just west of Market  
Ave. N. is a house which has aroused my  
curiosity. This neighborhood is a very  
good and high classed end of the City. It is  
inhabited by wealthy people. At this point of the street  
the houses are on the south side only. This  
particular house is the 1<sup>st</sup> house west of Market  
Ave N. on the south side of the street. a very  
exclusive home I will say. It has stood  
empty for several months and until 3  
weeks ago. At night the house has a few  
lights but you could never see in it.  
Only you can see into it through a window  
and it has little furniture.  
can be noticed but not plainly.

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For your information both Delaney  
and Floyd have been here several times  
Delaney not stole a car here when they  
passed a bank job at Farrell, Penna.  
Floyd was here just before his trip to  
Millville & C. Liverpool, O. I still know  
several underworld characters here and  
one in particular who boasted of his  
friendship with both of the above men.  
This character has a companion who was  
in with Delaney and his mob at Michig  
City, Penna. He is here and a Pimp. He  
goes by the name of Joe Rich here. The  
name I talked to who bragged of his acquaintance  
of both Delaney & Floyd, told me he thinks  
Karpis is here. He also knows of the actions  
at the house mentioned. At this home I  
speak of an 2 and sometimes 3 cars. Two  
of them bear Illinois plates. The one I can't  
get but one is on a 4 Pass. Buick Coupe  
and the no. is Ill. 79-736. It may be  
him and it may not be. However the less I tell  
it my duty to give you this. Again I  
will give you the location as I don't know the number

turn north on Market Ave N. M 23-17  
N.W. turn left onto 25<sup>th</sup> NW. On the south side a  
left side after yarning from Market, it is the  
first house. On the north side of the street  
is a large field used and owned by the  
County Infirmary. This house is a combination  
of Buck & Stucco, very exclusive and a very  
good neighbor hood. If possible I will try  
to get the other Illinois license number.  
If this is good, I wish you luck. How my  
this will be confidential information,  
Freeman

Aloa R. Gomer  
Gen. Delivery  
Canton, Ohio

While driving down to mail this I noticed that  
there are three (3) Ill. licenses instead of two  
The one is Ill 66-072. One more I was  
unable to get. These people are at the house  
at night only. Not a sign of life during the day.

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September 26, 1935.

Mr. Alva R. Conner,  
General Delivery,  
Canton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

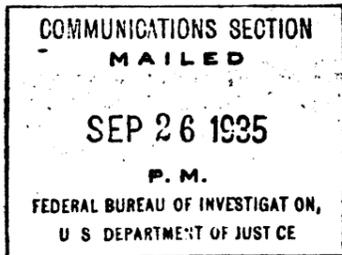
I wish to thank you for your letter of September 18, 1935 in which you suggest the possibility of Alvin Karpis presently residing in Canton, Ohio.

The matter referred to in your letter has been brought to the attention of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, who has been instructed to have an Agent interview you in the immediate future in the premises.

Again expressing my appreciation for your assistance in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter dated September 18, 1935 from Mr. Alva R. Conner of Canton, Ohio, copies of which are being furnished to each office receiving a copy of this communication.

You will observe that Mr. Conner suggests the possibility of Alvin Karpis residing in a very good residential district of Canton, Ohio. It is also noted that Mr. Conner states that there have been observed at said residence several cars bearing Illinois license plates, Illinois license plates nos. 79-736 and 66-072 being mentioned in particular.

The Cleveland office is requested to make immediate inquiries in Canton, Ohio to the end of locating the residence of which Mr. Conner speaks and to conduct such investigations at that point as to determine the identity of the persons occupying said home. The Cleveland office is instructed to immediately interview Mr. Conner in this matter.

The Chicago office is requested to immediately check the Illinois license plates mentioned in Mr. Conner's letter.

The Bureau desires to be informed of the progress of this investigation promptly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
724 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE CIRCLE 7-2741  
September 18, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Would you be good enough to forward us whatever data is available on Delores Delaney and Winona Burdette, who were associated with Alvin Karpis when he escaped from the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City. If there is any matter you can send us on Karpis' wife we would be deeply grateful.

Assuring you of our gratitude for your kind co-operation we remain,

Cordially yours,  
THE NATIONAL POLICE GAZETTE

*Sidney Bleefeld*  
PER: Sidney Bleefeld

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October 4, 1935

Mr. Sidney Bleefeld,  
The National Police Gazette,  
724 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of September 18, 1935, in which you request data relative to Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, who were formerly associated with Alvin Karpis. I am pleased to set forth below the descriptions of these two persons:

Name	Dolores Delaney	Name	Wynona Burdette
Aliases	S. A. Green, Louise Graham, L. O. Wood, Mrs. A. B. Graham	Alias	Wynona Walcott
Height	5' 1/2"	Age	21
Weight	105	Height	5'6"
Age	20, born 6/20/15	Weight	112
Hair	Golden brown	Build	Slender
Eyes	Brown	Hair	Extremely dark brown
Build	Medium	Complexion	Dark
Complexion	Fair	Scars	None noticeable
Scars	Bullet wound scars right leg calf and front		

Both of these persons were sentenced at Miami, Florida on March 25, 1935 to serve terms of five years each, and they are now presently incarcerated in the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan.

I am also transmitting herewith two photographs of each of these individuals.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO** CHICAGO FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Sept. 17, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/30/35 to 9/10/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. MADALA JLM:JMS</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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 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:**

Based on information furnished by Volney Davis that Doc Barker, Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer murdered William J. Harrison during the first week in January, 1935 and burned his body in an abandoned factory, inquiries in the vicinity of Bensenville, Ill. revealed that an unidentified body was found in a burned barn on 1/6/35 near Ontarioville, Ill. about 15 miles from Bensenville. Parts of a wrist watch and frames of octagon shaped eyeglasses among clues found in ruins of fire. Watch traced to jewelry repair shop in Hammond, Indiana. William T. Crosby owner of said shop advised he repaired watch for Willie Harrison on 8/21/33. Records in his possession substantiate this information. It is known that Harrison wore octagon shaped glasses. Women companions advise they did not see Harrison after 1/5/35. Elmer Farmer and Byron Bolton deny knowledge of instant murder.



**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A. J. Nordstrom, Kansas City, Missouri dated August 24, 1935; teletypes to the Bureau dated August 30 and September 4, 1935; letter to the Bureau from Special Agent in Charge Connelley, Chicago, Illinois September 7, 1935.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-7424</b> SEP 20 1935 SEP 21 SEP 18 A.M. STAT. SECT.
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DETAILS:

On August 23, 1935 Volney Davis advised Agents of the Kansas City Bureau office and subsequently reiterated said information to the writer on September 10, 1935, that he had been told by Elmer Farmer while they were cell mates in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul that Willie Harrison had been killed by Byron Bolton and Doc Barker in typical gangland fashion. Davis stated that it was his information that Harrison had advised Ruth Heidt, his divorced wife, of the location of the Barker mob in Florida and that Ruth Heidt had unwittingly told Doc Barker that she had been so advised by Harrison. Doc Barker fearing that Harrison was talking too freely, enlisted the cooperation of Bolton and Elmer Farmer in putting Harrison out of the way. They conceived a plan whereby Elmer Farmer was to lead Harrison to believe that certain of the Bremer ransom money which was due Harrison was located in an abandoned factory about fifteen miles from Bensenville, Illinois; that Farmer would take Harrison to this factory at which time Doc Barker and Byron Bolton would kill him. Accordingly Harrison was taken to this abandoned factory by Farmer, and Farmer entered the place in front of Harrison and concealed himself inside. As Harrison entered the doorway to the factory he hesitated a moment, at which time Doc Barker and Byron Bolton fired at him with a machine gun and killed him. Harrison's body according to Volney Davis, was then placed in an upright position on a support made of heavy timbers and the factory was set afire, and in this manner the body was disposed of.

Davis further stated that in order to corroborate the information as set out above he asked Doc Barker who occupies the cell across the corridor from him, if he knew anything concerning "the man with the derby", meaning Harrison, and whether what he had heard was true, at which time Barker replied in the affirmative.

Davis stated that he believed this shooting occurred three or four days prior to the time that Doc Barker was apprehended in Chicago by Bureau Agents.

In an effort to verify and follow out the above information Agent proceeded to Bensenville, Illinois and interviewed Chief of Police Cozzy who advised that to his recollection there had been no fires in any abandoned factory or similar place in or around Bensenville for the past two years. He stated that he is a member of the Bensenville volunteer fire department, and that if there had been such a fire he surely would recall it. He referred Agent to George Courthauer, the Fire Marshal of

Bensenville for the complete record of fires in the vicinity of Bensenville for the past several years.

Mr. Courthauer was located at his place of business and examination of his records revealed that only three fires took place since June, 1933, but none of them were places known to have been abandoned nor had these fires occurred within the period in question.

Agent made similar inquiries of the Chief of Police and Fire Marshal at Itasca, Illinois which town is approximately five miles west of Bensenville. Neither of these persons could furnish any information regarding a fire of this description in the vicinity of Itasca. However the Chief advised that he has a hazy recollection of a fire in Ontarioville, Illinois which took place last winter and in which a corpse was found. He could recall no further details concerning this fire but advised that he could direct Agent to its location. Accordingly, with the aid of the Chief of Police whose name is Henry Frazen, the spot was located, on a side road known as Johnson Road, about 200 feet south of Lake Street or U.S. Highway number 20. This place is located about one mile east of Ontarioville and approximately 12 miles from Bensenville, Illinois.

Examination of the ground in close proximity of this point revealed only a few charred timbers and a pile of ashes, indicating that the building had apparently burned to the ground. This debris was not disturbed and a thorough search will be made at an early date. It is noted that there are no houses within a half mile of this location, and it appears on account of the slant and decline in the highway that this place would not be noticeable to anyone other than a person thoroughly familiar with the neighboring territory.

Agent and the Chief of Police of Itasca drove west on Lake St. and stopped at the first farm house which is located approximately three quarters of a mile from the site of the burned shed. It was ascertained that Ontarioville is in DuPage county. The farmer could furnish no information of value concerning the fire in question except that it happened on a Saturday night some time during last winter; that his son-in-law first saw the flames at about 9.30 P.M. when he drove by; that on the following morning he had heard that a body was found among the ruins, whereupon he proceeded to the location and observed it. He stated that to his knowledge the body has not as yet been identified.

After returning the Chief of Police to Itasca, Agent proceeded to Wheaton, Illinois the county seat of DuPage County and interviewed Sheriff Arthur C. Bennetts relative to this matter. He referred to his records and advised that about 2 P.M. on January 6, 1935 he received a telephone call that a body was lying in the ruins of a burned rabbit shed located on the west side of Johnson road about 200 feet south of Lake St. or U.S. Highway 20; that this property is owned by Herman Hitzeman of Ontarioville, Illinois and had been unoccupied for the past three years. The Sheriff advised that when he arrived on the scene of the fire he observed the body lying due east and west on its back with the head to the east. The body was badly burned and nothing remained but the torso, making any identification impossible. The Sheriff advised that the body was removed to the undertaking parlor at Roselle, Illinois where Coroner Doctor Paul Isherwood conducted an autopsy and determined that the body was of male sex. An x-ray of the body revealed a .32 calibre steel jacketed bullet embedded in the lower part of the right shoulder. This bullet was removed by the Coroner and retained in his files. The Sheriff further stated that he found a five gallon gasoline can and a crank for a model A Ford in close proximity of the body, and according to Mr. Hitzeman the owner, neither of the articles were part of the building or had been there previously to his knowledge. The Sheriff also found among the ashes several metal parts of suspenders and garters; a wrist watch with a link bracelet, and remains of eyeglasses which appeared to have been octagon shaped.

The Sheriff further stated that he interviewed Herman Hitzeman on the evening of January 6, 1935 who advised that he received a telephone call about 10 P.M. Saturday night January 5, 1935 advising him that his barn was on fire. He immediately drove to the place and observed that the shed was burned practically to the ground. He stated he remained until 11 P.M. and then returned home and on the following day about 5 P.M. two neighbors, William Hohmeyer and Edwin Binder, came to his gasoline station and informed him that they had seen the corpse of a human being among the ruins in the shed. Mr. Hitzeman immediately called the Sheriff's office advising him of this information, and then proceeded to the place in company with Hohmeyer and Binder. The Sheriff advised that Hitzeman informed him that the shed had been abandoned for the past three years.

Concerning the remains of the watch which was found, the Sheriff advised that he took it to the Elgin National Watch Company at Elgin, Illinois where one of the employees identified it as an Elgin product

Grade 428, Model, 6-0, Movement number 3,216,666, chrome nickel plated case number 0211813. According to their records the watch was assembled in 1928 and sold on February 15, 1929. Sheriff Bennetts stated that he requested the Elgin Watch Company to trace this watch from the factory but they were unable to find any sales record showing where the watch was shipped; that they did have a record of the watch going to the shipping department from the factory in February, 1929 but could not locate any record as to the disposition of the watch from the shipping room. The Sheriff stated that he was informed by the Elgin Watch Company that they sell to only wholesalers and jobbers, and that in 1929 they had 78 jobbers on their list. The Sheriff stated that they furnished him with this list and he subsequently circularized all jobbers, furnishing them with the description of the watch in question, with the request that they notify his office should they have any record of it on their books. He stated that this circularization was not productive, and thereafter he had the case examined by the Northwestern Scientific Laboratory for further clues; that this laboratory discovered a jeweler's mark on the inside of the case, which bore the number C-633. He stated that he ascertained that the Jewelers Association issues a monthly magazine which is subscribed to by practically all the jewelers in the country, and that he inserted an ad in the June 1935 issue of this magazine, which contained a photograph of the inside of the case and a description of the watch in question; that this was likewise unproductive, and to date he has no clue as to the identity of the owner of this watch.

Sheriff Bennetts turned over to Agent the frame of the eyeglasses and the link bracelet, for the assistance of this office in locating the owner of same.

Agent in company with Sheriff Bennetts interviewed Coroner Doctor Paul Isherwood at his office in West Chicago, Illinois. The Coroner could furnish no additional information concerning the burned body except that his autopsy established that the body was of male sex. He further stated that the body was x-rayed at the Elmhurst Hospital, Elmhurst, Illinois and by this means a bullet was discovered embedded in the lower part of the right shoulder. He stated that this bullet was removed by him and it was later taken to the Northwestern University Crime Detection Laboratory at Chicago, Illinois for technical examination, which resulted in the finding that the bullet was fired from a .32 caliber automatic pistol. The Coroner advised that this bullet was then in his possession and that he would gladly turn it over to the Bureau for ballistics comparison if an official request were made upon him for same.

The Coroner further stated that in view of the condition of the body and the presence of the gasoline can at this fire, he is of the opinion that the murderers poured gasoline over the body and into the victim's mouth in order to accelerate the burning. He turned over to Agent a photograph of the burned torso which according to Doctor Isherwood was placed in an upright position for photographic purposes. It was noted that the torso was practically consumed by the fire, with no head, arms or legs, skin or vital organs remaining. Additional copies were made of this photograph and two copies were forwarded to the Bureau by letter on August 31, 1935.

Mr. Herman Hitzeman, who according to Sheriff Bennetts owns the property on which the body was found was interviewed by Agent at Mr. Hitzeman's place of business on Lake Street approximately two miles west of Ontarioville, where he is operating a gasoline filling station. Mr. Hitzeman stated that about 9.30 P.M. on the night of January 5, 1935 he received a telephone call from a person whose name he does not recall, advising that his barn was on fire. He stated that he immediately proceeded to the scene and observed that the building was practically burned to the ground and that a call to the fire department would have been useless. He remained for about one hour and then left for home. Mr. Hitzeman said that on the following day William Hohmeyer and Edwin Binder came to his home and advised that they had seen among the ruins of the fire what they thought was the corpse of a human being. Mr. Hitzeman stated that he immediately telephoned the Sheriff's office at Wheaton, Illinois and thereafter proceeded with Hohmeyer and Binder to the scene of the fire. Mr. Hitzeman stated that the building had been unoccupied for approximately three years and that he formerly utilized it as a rabbit shed; that it was situated in such a spot that one could scarcely notice it from the highway unless one were looking for it. He further stated that the building consisted of a long shed and a two story frame structure connected to it on the north; that the shed was 104 feet long, 12 feet wide and 8 feet high, and that the house was approximately 30 feet long, 15 feet wide and twice as high as the shed. Mr. Hitzeman stated that the building could very easily be mistaken for a factory in view of the structure and length of it. He stated that he originally erected the building for the purpose of storing grain therein.

Concerning the gasoline can and automobile crank found in the ruins of the fire Mr. Hitzeman stated that he is positive that these articles were not in the shed prior to the time of the fire. In this connection he stated that he went through the building about two or three

weeks before the fire and is certain that these articles were not there at that time. Photographs of Elmer Farmer, Arthur Barker and Byron Bolton were exhibited to Mr. Hitzeman, but he was unable to identify same as persons known to him.

It might be stated that Agent did not reveal to the Sheriff or Mr. Hitzeman the name of Willie Harrison as the person who this office believed was burned in the fire.

A summary of the above information was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype under date of August 30, 1935.

As a point of significance it might be stated that Jack Olson's place is situated on Lake Street approximately one mile east of the location where the fire took place. Previous investigation by this office disclosed that Elmer Farmer had slot machines in Olson's place and was very friendly with him. Certain information received indicated that other members of the Karpis-Barker mob frequented this tavern, they being brought there by Farmer. Jack Olson had been interviewed on several occasions during the early part of this year concerning his knowledge of the Barker-Karpis mob but he refused to identify any of them as persons known to him.

On September 1, 1935 Sheriff Bennetts telephoned Agent at the Chicago Bureau office and advised that the Coroner had located the 32 caliber bullet which he had removed from the burned body and that it was available to this office for scientific examination. Agent procured the bullet from the Sheriff and forwarded it to the Bureau under date of Sept. 2, 1935 with the request that a ballistics comparison be made of this bullet with the test bullets fired from 32 caliber automatic pistols number 481720 and 304899, which guns were recovered from the apartment of Russell Gibson at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935, as reflected in report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois dated February 11, 1935.

Subsequent examination of the files in this case indicated that the above described guns apparently had never been forwarded to the Bureau for technical examination for the reason that it was expected that they would be used as evidence in the trial of Arthur Barker et al at St. Paul, Minn. In view of this, the guns in question together with two loaded and two unloaded clips were forwarded to the Bureau on September 2, 1935 in order

that the ballistics test requested in letter dated September 1, 1935 might be made.

With reference to the above requested technical examination the Bureau notified the Chicago office by teletype under date of September 4, 1935 that the 32 caliber bullet showed evidence that it was fired from a pistol containing five lands and grooves with a right twist, and that this bullet could not have been fired from either of the pistols submitted for the reason that these Colt pistols have six lands and grooves with a left twist. The Bureau further advised that a further check of this bullet would be made with the various known and unknown specimens contained in their files.

The following investigation was conducted in an effort to determine whether the the body found at Ontarioville is that of William J. Harrison:

Clara Gibson, the wife of Russell Gibson now deceased, and who according to her own admissions frequently saw Willie Harrison at her apartment at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois prior to the alleged date of his death, was interviewed by Agent. For the information of the file it should be stated that Mrs. Gibson is still residing with her sister Mrs. Mabel Guymon at 4324 Clarendon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Gibson stated that she saw Willie Harrison last on the morning of January 5, 1935 at which time he came to her apartment in company with Arthur Barker. She stated that Willie Harrison, Byron Bolton, Russell Gibson and Arthur Barker returned from Florida on or about January 4, 1935, and to the best of her knowledge they met at her apartment that night. Mrs. Gibson was of the opinion that Willie Harrison resided with Mildred Kuhlman and Arthur Barker at their apartment on Surf Street and at first believed that Harrison had been arrested by Bureau Agents along with Mildred Kuhlman and Arthur Barker. Mrs. Gibson denied that she ever met or saw Elmer Farmer in the company of her husband and others. She could not state whether Harrison possessed a wrist watch, nor could she furnish a description of the eyeglasses that he wore.

After various inquiries at Hammond, Indiana and Calumet City, Illinois in an effort to locate Ruth Heidt, the former wife of Harrison, it was learned through Miss Heidt's grandmother Celia Wagner, who resides at 1102 Truman Boulevard, that Ruth Heidt and Frank Jackson were married on September 1, 1935 and that they are now residing in a rooming house at 906 State Street, Hammond, Indiana.

Ruth Heidt was located at the above address and was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee and the writer. She stated that she last saw Willie Harrison either on the day or the day after he and Byron Bolton returned from Florida and that she does not have the slightest intimation of where he subsequently disappeared. She stated that since her release she has associated with several of Willie's friends and that they all wondered what had become of him. Ruth Heidt advised that during the time Harrison courted her in 1931 he wore a wrist watch, make unknown, with a yellow gold link bracelet, and she knows that he still had this watch and bracelet after they were divorced. She denied purchasing the watch for Harrison and disclaimed any knowledge as to how it came into his possession. She could furnish no information relative to the type of eyeglasses worn by Harrison.

Inasmuch as several metal parts of suspenders were found in the ashes of the fire Miss Heidt was questioned as to whether Harrison preferred the use of suspenders to a belt. She stated that she is certain that he wore suspenders, but does not know definitely whether he ever wore a belt. Agents did not confront Ruth Heidt at this time with the information furnished by Volney Davis to the effect that she had mentioned to Doc Barker that Harrison told her about his mother and brother being in Florida. However she will be thoroughly questioned as to this at a later date.

Agents interviewed Patricia Lonquest at her home 1712 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois relative to this matter. Miss Lonquest advised that she saw Harrison last on December 15, 1934 when he called for her and Mildred Kuhlman at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois and then drove them to her mother's home at 641 Oakdale Street, Chicago. She stated that she did not hear anything more concerning Harrison until about two weeks later when she asked Mildred what had become of him and Mildred replied that he and the boys were out of town. Patricia stated that a few days later Mildred told her that Harrison had returned; that he would call her on Saturday night January 5, 1935. According to Miss Lonquest she did not receive this call nor did she hear from Harrison at any time after that. Concerning the eyeglasses and wrist watch Miss Lonquest advised that although she observed that Harrison wore glasses and a wrist watch she is unable to describe them in any way.

It might be stated that the log which was maintained during the period this office had a tap on the telephone of Patricia Lonquest substantiates the information furnished by her in that she expected Harrison to call her on the night of January 5, 1935, which call she apparently never received. In this connection the following telephonic conversations are

set out as contained in the log:

January 5, 1935 7 P.M. outgoing call: [REDACTED]

January 5, 1935 8.05 P.M. outgoing call [REDACTED]

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With reference to the above telephone conversations it will be noted that Willie Harrison was known to Patricia Lonquest only as Elmer. Bittersweet 3223 is the number of Tillie Lonquest, Patricia's mother, and she resides at 641 Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois. Diversey 1111 was the unlisted telephone number of Patricia Lonquest, which phone was covered at that time.

A summary of the information furnished by Clara Gibson, Ruth Heidt and Patricia Lonquest as set out above was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype on September 4, 1935.

Inasmuch as the wrist watch found with the burned torso appeared to be the most valuable clue in identifying the body it was deemed advisable to conduct a more thorough and intensive investigation to ascertain the owner of this watch. Accordingly Agent proceeded to the Elgin National Watch Company at Elgin, Illinois and interviewed Mr. J. J. McInerney, manager of the order department. Mr. McInerney advised that he had previously cooperated with the Sheriff of DuPage County relative to this matter and that he is entirely familiar with the details of this case. He referred to his files and advised that the watch he examined for the Sheriff bears the following detailed description:

Size: 6-0  
Grade: 428  
Jewels: 15  
Movement: 32-166-666  
Case: 0211813

Mr. McInerney stated he previously spent considerable time in an effort to trace the watch from the factory but was unsuccessful as to this, inasmuch as the sales record for this particular movement was missing;

that the only information which the records disclosed is that the watch was assembled in 1928 and sent to the shipping room on February 15, 1929. Mr. McInerney advised he is unable to explain the absence of a record, other than that the shipping clerk was negligent in his duties.

Mr. McInerney further advanced the information that the Elgin National Watch Company sells only to wholesalers and jobbers and the majority of them do not keep any record of their sales; that is, they do not keep a record of the numbers of the watches sold by them; that in view of this it would be difficult to trace the watch in question, even though he would be able to advise where the watch was shipped from the factory. Mr. McInerney furnished Agent with a catalogue photograph of the watch in this case and same is being retained in the files of this office.

As heretofore stated the Sheriff of DuPage County inserted an ad in the June issue of the Jewelers Circular Magazine which contained a photograph of the inside of the case and a description of the watch. A copy of this ad was obtained and two photostatic copies of same were transmitted to the Bureau on August 30, 1935, and two copies of same are transmitted with the copies of this report going to the St. Paul and Cincinnati Bureau offices. Referring to the ad it will be noted that the mark C 633 appears scratched on the inside of the case, and it was the general belief that this mark represented either a repair or sales record. Inasmuch as the possibility of tracing the watch itself seemed remote, in view of the missing sales record at the Elgin National Watch Company it was deemed advisable to confine the investigation in this matter to tracing the jeweler's mark - C 633. The files in this case reflect that Harrison resided in Hammond, Indiana and Calumet City, Illinois from 1929 to the latter part of 1933. Inquiries concerning this watch and jeweler's mark were made at each of the following jewelry stores, the names and locations of which were obtained from the Hammond telephone directory:

Arkins Jewelry Store, 439 State St. Hammond, Ind.  
Armstrongs Jewelry Shop, 5142 Hohman Blvd. Hammond  
Cousins, Inc. 5153 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Ind.  
John Pappas, 440 State Street, Hammond, Indiana  
Paramount Jewelry Shop, 5409 Hohman Ave. Hammond  
Silvers, Inc. 465 State St. Hammond, Indiana  
Newtons Loan Company, 347 State Street, Calumet City, Ill

None of the foregoing stores could identify the mark in question. While in conversation with Mr. E. W. Hess, president of the Paramount Jewelry Shop he advised that a Mr. Crosby conducts a small watch repair shop around the corner on Clinton Street, and inasmuch as his name begins with the letter C it was possible that the mark in question might be his identifying record.

Agent located this shop at 230 Clinton Street, Hammond, Indiana and interviewed the owner who advised his name was WILLIAM T. CROSBY. He stated that he has been engaged in watch repair work for twenty five years and that up until two years ago his business along this line was very profitable. When questioned concerning whether he kept a record of all repair work done by him Mr. Crosby advised that he did maintain such record until two years ago when he discontinued this practice due to the falling off of his business. He permitted Agent to examine this record, and it was noted that the mark C 633 appeared on page 36 of his record book with the following information set out therein:

"633 - August 21 - Billie Harrison 3/o Elgin 15 jewels;  
nickel; mainspring and click; 32166666, 0211813".  
"Bill 2.00".

Photostatic copies of the page which contains the above record were made, two of which were forwarded to the Bureau under date of Sept. 7 1935.

Mr. Crosby advised that the correct name of BILLIE HARRISON is WILLIAM HARRISON, and that he had known him for approximately six or seven years. He stated that Harrison formerly worked as a bartender both in Hammond, Indiana and Calumet City, Illinois and that he has not seen him since the latter part of 1933, in fact he last saw him when Harrison obtained the watch from his shop. A photograph of William J. Harrison was exhibited to Mr. Crosby and he positively identified it as being the likeness of the owner of the above watch. Mr. Crosby permitted Agent to take custody of his repair book and same is being retained in the Chicago Bureau office files for future reference.

The information concerning the identification of this wrist watch was furnished to the Bureau by telephone under date of September 6, 1935.

With reference to the type of eyeglasses worn by Harrison it will be noted that Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Agents R.D. Brown and S. K. McKee advise that when they observed Harrison at the Morrison Hotel on the night of December 15, 1934 he wore octagon shaped glasses with metal rims.

On September 7, 1935 Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Agent S. K. McKee and photographer L.G. Rose proceeded to Ontarioville, Illinois to the scene of the fire and Mr. Rose took various pictures of the site where the building was burned, and in which the body was found. These pictures were forwarded to the Bureau under date of September 7, 1935. Special Agent in Charge Connelley also made a survey of the vicinity of this fire and ascertained that the place where the body was found is 95 paces south of the highway to the west of the side road which leads from the highway; that it is designated as per advertising scene and guide post as Steffenguide corner 184, DuPage County, Ontarioville, Illinois, being to the west, Addison to the East and Schick to the south. The house was 16 paces from the side road and all other farm houses in the vicinity were about one half mile distant.

Inasmuch as the original information furnished by Volney Davis was given to him by Elmer Farmer while they were cellmates at St. Paul, Minnesota it was deemed advisable to interview Farmer in an effort to obtain a statement from him concerning his knowledge of the murder. Accordingly the writer proceeded to the Kansas City Bureau office district and interviewed Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on September 8 and 9 and 10, 1935.

Elmer Farmer denied any knowledge concerning this killing and advised that he had heard that Willie Harrison was dead, in that Doc Barker mentioned to him during the trial at St. Paul that Doc Moran and Willie Harrison were two witnesses who would never take the stand against him. Farmer stated that he last saw Willie Harrison in company with Doc Barker, Byron Bolton and Russell Gibson shortly before the Christmas holidays and at that time they were talking about driving to Florida to visit with Doc's brother. He denied that he saw any of these persons since that time and was very much surprised when he heard that Bolton had been arrested by Government Agents on January 8, 1935, as he believed that Bolton as well as the other boys were still in Florida.

Farmer could not recall where he was on the evening of January 5, 1935 but stated that he could produce an alibi when the time came. In questioning Farmer concerning the killing of Harrison Agent endeavored to give him the impression that the information had been furnished by Byron Bolton, and also that he was positively identified as being in the company of Willie Harrison on the night of January 5, 1935 by persons who personally knew him. Farmer admitted that he was very well acquainted with the territory in the vicinity of Bloomingdale and Ontarioville, Illinois advising that he made trips to Jack Olson's place where he had slot machines two or three times a week and that this place is located on Main St. between Bloomingdale and Ontarioville, Illinois. Farmer also admitted that he frequently accompanied Doc Barker, Byron Bolton and Russell Gibson to Olson's place, but denied that he ever traveled with Willie Harrison outside of Bensenville, Illinois.

It might also be stated that Special Agent in Charge Harold E. Andersen of the St. Paul office advised Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley by telephone on August 30th that he talked with Byron Bolton concerning his knowledge of the disposal of the body of Willie Harrison; that Bolton denied that he knew anything as to this, stating that if Willie was disposed of this must have happened after the date that he (Bolton) was taken into custody.

Another point which may be significant in this connection is the letter contained on page 32 of the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois dated February 3, 1935. This letter was found under a scarf on a table in the living room of the place where Fred Barker and his mother resided at Oklawaha, Florida and is quoted as follows:

"Hello ever one how is that old sunshine down there fine I hope. Boy it is not so hot up here, for we are haveing some winter. I Bet you and Buff are not catching no fish now for I thought I caught then all when I was down there. I took care of that Buisness for you Boysit was done just as good as if you had did it your self. I an Just like the Standard oil always at your service ha ha. tell, Bo, you Know the Boy with the Rosey cheek that Moxey is up here looking for hin and if it is alright to send hin down. I have not seen chuck yet I have Been Busy on that other he was perry hard to locate. But will see hin right away, and see if he wants come down there. tell mother that deer was might fine and I said hello and her and the squaw had Better not let you Bums Beat then in catching fish ha had well I will close for this tine as ever your Big Bud

B. L. Barnes".

It appears that the above mentioned letter was written by Doc Barker and the envelope which contained same indicated that it was addressed to Mr. G. F. Summers, Oklawaha, Florida, postmark 10.30 P.M. January 7, 1935 Chicago, Illinois. This letter bore an air mail stamp and both the envelope and letter were written in pencil. Particular attention is invited to the quotation: "I took care of that Buisness for you Boys it was done just as good as if you had did it your self. I an just Like the Standard oil always at your service ha ha.". It is possible that this sentence may have some bearing on the murder of Harrison although this is not definitely known.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois dated July 12, 1935, which sets out information obtained from [redacted] to the effect that Harrison visited her in Bensenville, Illinois on July 7, 1935, and requested her to proceed to St. Paul Minnesota and deliver a message to Harry Sawyer in the Ramsey County Jail. [redacted] was interviewed on several occasions since the receipt of the information indicating that Harrison was murdered, and without confronting her with this information, she was questioned concerning Harrison. She refused to admit that she had not told the truth about Harrison's alleged visit. It was also suggested to [redacted] that possibly she might have been mistaken about Harrison's identity but she denied this, stating that she had known Harrison for a long time and was certain that it was he who contacted her. b7c  
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Some time ago [redacted] mentioned to Agent that she had received word to the effect that Harrison was dead and had been buried at the same place where Hamilton was buried. She stated that it was her information that the boys from Melrose Park, Illinois buried both Harrison and Hamilton, and indicated that she received this information from Mike Marino. [redacted] was again questioned relative to the above upon several occasions since the receipt of information as to Harrison's murder. She now advises that Elmer Farmer told her at St. Paul that Harrison was shot across the stomach and that he was buried by the mob from Melrose Park, Illinois. It might be stated that when [redacted] first agreed to serve as an informant Agent suggested that she go to St. Paul and inquire of Elmer Farmer as to where she could locate Harrison, advising him that she desired this information for Clara Gibson who wanted to see Harrison about a certain matter. According to [redacted] Elmer Farmer told her that Harrison was at a place where noone could locate him, and he subsequently told her about his being shot and buried.

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Laboratory Report

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Case: September 16, 1935 Number: 7-576-7265  
Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Specimens:

St. Paul PD Exhibit #1: One slug found in operating room of St. Joseph Hospital after McCord was undressed.  
St. Paul PD Exhibit #2: One slug taken from body of McCord by Dr. Hilger.  
St. Paul PD Exhibit #3: Two slugs turned over to Officer Moore by Mrs. James Gray, 683 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
St. Paul PD Exhibit #4: Five slugs secured at the scene of shooting at Portland and St. Albans Street, St. Paul, Minnesota and one .45 shell case found at scene of shooting.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Bureau Office

Date received:

September 10, 1935

Examination requested:

Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by:

E.A. Harrington

All of the bullets and the shells submitted for examination were probably fired from one Thompson Submachine Gun. The metal jacketed bullets in Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 were fired from one machine gun, and the three metal jacketed bullets in Exhibit 4 were probably fired from the same gun as that which fired 1, 2, and 3.

Each specimen submitted for examination was compared with all specimens of that type in the files of the unsolved cases in the Bureau's Laboratory and in the files of test specimens from guns previously submitted for examination, but no identification has been effected.

This evidence is being returned to you under separate cover.

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September 17, 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:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau September 10, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #877485

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 18, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below copies of a letter written to Dolores DeLaney, who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, the letter being from Mr. Amos Travis of the South Florida Motor Sales Co., Inc., Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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September 11, 1935

Mrs. Delores Delaney,  
C/O U. S. Detention Farm,  
Milan, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

The writer recently visited Havana Cuba and understood that you are the legal owner of one 1934 Ford, Fordor Sedan, which car is now in the possession of the Cuban Police.

It was thought perhaps that you would be interested in selling this car at a reasonable figure and if so I would appreciate very much your writing me at your convenience stating the amount that you would be willing to accept for your interest therein.

I do not know if it will be a very easy matter to obtain this car from the Cuban Police, although I would be more than willing to purchase same, provided that said car could be obtained and that you have sufficient papers to show that you are the sole owner of this machine.

If you are interested in this matter it is suggested that you write me as early as possible.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Amos Travis,  
Vice President

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

Jax FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Sept. 18, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>Aug. 20, 1935 - Sept. 7, 1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. P. Lacour</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:**

Property located at 167 Northwest 45th Street, Miami, Florida, recorded in the name of Rebecca O. Freed, apparently mother of Freddie Freed. No one by the name of C. J. Fitzgerald or any one answering his description known by neighbors. Photographs of members of Barker-Karpis mob not familiar to neighbors, who state Rebecca O. Freed runs a quiet household with nothing out of the ordinary occurring around it.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter dated August 10, 1935, from the Bureau to the Buffalo office, copy of which furnished Jacksonville office.

**DETAILS:**

At Miami, Florida

The property located at 167 Northwest 45th Street, Miami, Florida, is carried under the name of Rebecca O. Freed, a middle aged woman of approximately fifty-five years of age, who apparently lives there with her younger children and one son, whose name is thought to be Walter, who is believed to be a furniture salesman. This property, according to neighbors, has been occupied by these people for the past two years and the Freed's are very quiet, well-mannered neighbors, spending quite a bit of time on the beach and causing no disturbances. From inquiries among the neighbors, without disclosing the reason for the check up other than that the writer was a member of the credit bureau, reflected that no one answering the description or name of C. J. Fitzgerald is known to have

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frequented the Freed household. Mrs. Freed is usually accompanied by a young son, about eighteen or nineteen years old, whose first name is unknown, and another son, approximately twenty-five years old, who is thought to be a furniture salesman. Photographs of the members of the Karpis-Barker mob, without disclosing their identities, were exhibited to the neighbors living directly across the street by the name of Johnston, who have been living in that neighborhood for some six years, and Mr. Johnston stated that same bore no resemblances to persons he has seen in that vicinity with the Freeds; that they have had very few callers, if any, to the best of his recollection, since their residence at that point.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-1 JPM:h

REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/18/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/17/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. P. MAC FARLAND</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Employees at Choo's Chow Main Restaurant, Cleveland, do not identify subject as a patron. Subject not known at 2816 Euclid Avenue or in vicinity.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau letter to the Chicago office, dated September 14, 1935.</b></p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT CLEVELAND, OHIO</b></p> <p>The writer contacted with Mr. Choo, proprietor of Choo's Chow Main Restaurant, 2902 Euclid Avenue, not 2802, as memorandum of Special Agent E. J. Rose of the Pittsburgh office, dated 9-10-35, reflects, and Mr. Choo after having carefully studied the picture of subject Karpis and having all his employes do likewise advised that the said subject is not now nor has ever been a patron of the said restaurant.</p> <p>Mrs. M. Hamlin, 2816 Euclid Avenue, was interviewed, and she stated that she has resided at the above-listed address for two years with her mother-in-law, who operates a rooming house</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. P. MacFarland</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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thereat, and after viewing the pictures of subjects in this case she is positive that none have ever resided there.

2816 Euclid Avenue is a rooming house of the cheaper class. It is run-down condition and it is not likely, in view of the locations subjects have previously resided at, that they would choose a dwelling place in such a location of this type.

A survey was made in the immediate vicinity of this address and observations made at Choo's Chow Mein Restaurant, but nothing of value was noticed. The noon-day patrons of the said restaurant are mostly office workers in the immediate vicinity. The patrons at night are few and mostly people of moderate means, not of the sporty gangster type.

It is not believed that the informant of the Pittsburgh office, whose "wave length" extends to other worlds, has dependable material information, nor can glean such by his rendezvous with the spirits, that would be of any assistance in this case, and unless instructed to the contrary the further intelligence that he secures concerning the whereabouts of the fugitives in this district, unless it comes from the material world and the source thereof can be checked and verified, will be disregarded.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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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 conference teletype to the Bureau and this office from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 15, 1935, regarding the child Bobby who was in the custody of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton when they were apprehended near Daytona Beach, Florida, recently and subsequently brought with them, and at their request, to St. Paul, Minnesota.

This is to advise that on September 16, 1935 Mr. Charles R. Hoy, Assistant Probation Officer, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, referred to in my communication to the Bureau in instant case under date of September 14, 1935, telephoned me to the effect that he had located and taken into custody the child Bobby, who was found living with Andy Rothmeyer over the latter's saloon in St. Paul.

On September 17, 1935 Mrs. Florence M. Harris, Case Worker for Gertrude Commack, Executive Secretary of the Ramsey County Child Welfare Board, called at this office and after advising that the child Bobby is now in custody of the Welfare Board, requested permission to contact Myrtle Eaton regarding the youngster.

Accordingly, she was permitted to interview Myrtle Eaton in the presence of Special Agent Clinton Stein of this office. According to Agent Stein she did not

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obtain any information from Myrtle Eaton in addition to what she had previously acquired from other sources. Mrs. Harris advised that she has communicated with the mother of Bobby, and also the Florida authorities, and will hold the child until she determines through the Child Welfare Bureau in Florida and the child's mother, what disposition to make of the boy.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc E.J.Connelley,Chicago  
Cincinnati

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 Miss Gandy .....

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PHONE. BREKID. INFORMANT CONTACTED PARTY HERE AND IS WITH HER.  
 AS SOON AS HE CAN GET IN CLEAR HE WILL CALL US AND INFORM US AS TO  
 LOCATION. CONVERSATIONS OF PARTIES TOLEDO INDICATE DEFINITE  
 VERIFICATION INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT. REGISTERED ROOM  
 219, HILLCREST HOTEL, AS EDWARD J. CONRAD. HOWEVER IN CALLING ME  
 DO SO THROUGH HILLCREST HOTEL, ADAMS 4261, APARTMENT 518,  
 WHERE AGENT S. K. MCKEE OR SOME OTHER AGENT AVAILABLE ALL HOURS.  
 TEN AGENTS FOR USE WHEN NEEDED ARE ESTABLISHED AT DETROIT.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

September 16, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to letter of the St. Paul office dated September 13, 1935, in the above entitled matter.

Attention is called to the indicated idea of the United States Attorney at St. Paul of having the indictment against Myrtle Eaton dismissed, in view of what he believes insufficient evidence to connect her with the actual kidnaping or conspiracy to kidnap indictments.

It is believed that the possibility of prosecution of Myrtle Eaton will have a whole lot to do with the possibility of getting William Weaver to tell us what he knows of the situation in connection with the kidnaping, particularly at St. Paul, it being my idea if possible to get him to tell us what connection Tom Brown had with either the Hamm or Bremer kidnapings and any others including Harry Sawyer. It is believed that if we can have some definite charge against Myrtle Eaton to hold her at any and all times, this will promote the idea of Weaver testifying, and if he could give us sufficient information to connect the above indicated parties it is believed it would be sufficiently worth our while to request the United States Attorney having authority as to prosecution of Myrtle Eaton, to consider dismissing any charges against her in consideration of what Weaver might tell us of the general setup at St. Paul.

With this idea in mind it is suggested that possibly the Bureau might desire to have the facts as to the harboring charges against Myrtle Eaton submitted to the United States Attorney in Florida for indictment

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- Mr. Nease .....
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Miss Gandy .....

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as against this woman, it being indicated that apparently we could very readily establish a case against her, she having a full knowledge as per her admissions, of Weaver's alleged participation in this kidnaping from various articles she had read and which she identified to us. Thereafter it is believed that if a warrant were forwarded to St. Paul and placed as a detainer against Myrtle Eaton, pending outcome of the charge at St. Paul, and she and Weaver both given information as to this pending possible prosecution, Weaver's attention could thereafter be called to the fact that we had a rather definite case against her and both she and Weaver would realize that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdett received five years each for their similar action in connection with harboring charges in the State of Florida.

It is suggested that this meeting with the approval of the Bureau, the Jacksonville office be advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
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CC St. Paul  
Jacksonville  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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September 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1213, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 12, 1935, in this case, on pages 7 and 14 of which it is noted that Edith Barry has a cousin, one Beard, who was formerly employed by the United Air Lines at a ticket office located in the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois.

In view of the relationship existing between Edith Barry and Beard, the Chicago Office is requested to avoid purchasing airplane tickets in the Palmer House, so that Beard and Edith Barry will not be apprised of activities on the part of Bureau Agents.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 11218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that the Jacksonville Office immediately take proper steps to arrange for the prosecution of MYRTLE EATON in the Jacksonville district for the harboring of William Weaver.

Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were prosecuted at Miami, Florida, after having been indicted on five indictments, said indictments charging

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- (1) Misprision of a felony
- (2) Conspiracy to commit a misprision of a felony
- (3) Harboring and concealing Alvin Karpis
- (4) Conspiracy to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis and
- (5) Conspiracy to commit a misprision of a felony (by concealing knowledge that Karpis fled to avoid prosecution in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.)

In view of the above prosecutions, the case against Myrtle Eaton should be discussed with the United States Attorney, so that appropriate prosecution may be instituted.

The Jacksonville Office should, therefore, immediately prepare a summary report for the prosecution of Myrtle Eaton. In the event the Jacksonville Office does not have complete information with regard to Myrtle Eaton, that office should request of the St. Paul and Chicago Offices such information as will be needed in the preparation of a summary report on Myrtle Eaton.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1887,  
Charlotte, N.C.

September 19, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. No. 1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
KIDNAPING. 0

It is requested that this office be supplied with  
fifteen copies each of the photographs of:

Alvin Karpis, I.O. No. 1218;  
Harry Campbell, I.O. No. 1236;  
Charles J. Fitzgerald;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I.O. No. 1232;  
William J. Harrison, I.C. No. 1239.

Very truly yours,

*G. N. LUDON*  
G. N. LUDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

Dear Sirs

In compliance with your request of recent date, I  
am transmitting herewith fifteen photographs each of the  
following individuals: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Charles  
J. Fitzgerald, Dr. Joseph P. Moran and William J. Harrison.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #293262

cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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Burlington, Ia  
Sept 15, 1935  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Dear Sir: -

Have you a man  
going by the name of Chas  
Adams on your wanted list  
This man is about 6ft in  
weighing about 225 lbs. Black  
hair

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I understand this man is  
wanted by the Sheriff of  
Los Angeles Calif for kidnaping  
Adams was in Burlington  
about two weeks ago  
and I checked on him  
through Calif. and found he  
was wanted there for kid  
naping. Adams skipped

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town but if you are interested and wish to check through mail. He has a mother living in Burlington and his wife has a son by former marriage. He also is living in Burlington. A dame is working from California to New York. If you are interested kindly address to Officer Clarence Hartman, 1400 S. Garfield Burlington, Ia.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

September 17, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

In compliance with the request of Mr. McIntire, I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of criminal record as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Paul G. Hanford, alias Charles Adams, our file #FBI-185726, who is possibly identical with the Charles Adams, whose record Mr. McIntire requested.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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Mr. Clarence Hartman,  
1400 South Garfield,  
Burlington, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 15, 1935, in which you inquire as to whether the apprehension of one Charles Adams is desired by this Bureau. You advise that a man known to you as Charles Adams is presently wanted by the Sheriff's Office at Los Angeles, California on the charge of kidnaping. You further state that Adams has several relatives living in Burlington, Iowa.

The only person known as Charles Adams, whose apprehension is being sought by this Bureau, is one Charles P. Clouse, who has used the alias of Charles Adams. For your assistance and information, I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Charles P. Clouse alias Charles Adams. I am also including the most recent criminal record on this individual.

In the event Clouse is identical with the Charles Adams whom you have in mind, I would appreciate being advised at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

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The Bureau is in receipt of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 12, 1935, in the above entitled case, which reflects that [redacted] informant of the Chicago Office, has advised that Edith Barry, the Toledo contact for Karpis and Campbell, has a cousin named Beard who was formerly employed by the United Air Lines at the ticket office located in the Palmer House at Chicago, Illinois, and that Edith Barry frequently visited the Palmer House when in Chicago, presumably for the purpose of visiting her cousin, Mr. Beard.

The attention of the Chicago Office is being directed to this relationship existing between Edith Barry and Mr. Beard, and it is being suggested that every precaution be taken by the Chicago Office to avoid purchasing airplane tickets at the Palmer House, in order to avoid the possibility of Beard learning of the activities of Bureau Agents.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California.  
September 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, -  
Fugitive I. O. 1218; et al  
Kidnaping - Harboring of Fugitives -  
Obstruction of Justice -  
National Firearms Act.  
LA File 7-42

Your attention is called to the report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, Detroit, Michigan, May 13, 1935, wherein a lead is set out for your office to interview Richard Galatas relative to information he might possess concerning Cassius McDonald's association with the underworld.

The report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 2, 1935, a copy of which was not furnished to your office, indicates that information was furnished by Mr. Herbert Akers to the effect that Galatas recently passed through Hot Springs, Arkansas, on his way to California, where he expected to visit his father and that Galatas intended, after said visit, 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.

Special Agent C. D. White of this office has interviewed Mrs. Luther Raines, sister of Galatas, and has been advised that Galatas left Long Beach, California, on July 8, 1935, for Hot Springs and Kansas City.

Your office is requested to endeavor to locate Galatas for the purpose of interviewing him in accordance with the above lead. In the event he is not located in Kansas City the Little Rock office should make every effort to locate him at that point.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DOHN  
Special Agent in Charge.

TEB:EG  
cc Bureau, Chicago,  
St. Paul, Cincinnati,  
Little Rock.

P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 18, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

Further reference is being made to the employment of Miss Irene Kynihan as matron at the time of the apprehension of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in this district.

I am in receipt of a letter from the Bureau dated September 16, 1935 (67-73572), in which we are authorized to pay the amount of \$46.25 to Miss Kynihan, covering her services for five days at \$6.00 per day, and 3 1/2 days' per diem during her travel to St. Paul and return, payment to be made by cash on a blue slip.

The Bureau, in connection with the travel to St. Paul which was made by chartered plane, desires to be advised as to whether the terms of the chartering provided for a round trip from Jacksonville to St. Paul, it being noted that Miss Kynihan returned to Jacksonville by train from St. Paul. It is necessary that the Bureau be advised whether it would have been possible for her to return to Jacksonville in the chartered plane on its return trip. The Bureau has requested an immediate reply.

It was my understanding, which has been verified by Walter Sternberg, Local Manager of Eastern Air Lines, from whom the plane was chartered, that after arrival in St. Paul it was agreed that the plane under charter was to be released within three hours and the plane would be returned to its home port, Atlanta, Georgia.

Please furnish as soon as possible the information relative to Miss Kynihan's return to Jacksonville desired by the Bureau.

When I settle with Miss Kynihan I will collect from her the amount of \$10.00 which you loaned her to defray a part of her expenses incidental to her return to Jacksonville.

Very truly yours,

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY  
Cc: Bureau, St. Paul; Cincinnati.

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Edward George Bremer*

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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:

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

The Bureau desires that you consider with the United States Attorney the advisability of having a transcript made of the testimony of the following persons, which testimony was given during the course of the trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker and others in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Betty Sacwald  
Oliver A. Berg  
Byron Holton  
Edward G. Bremer  
Adolph Bremer  
Wynona Mardette

Fran Turkell  
James Franklin  
Dr. H. H. Hall  
Miss Ruth Knauth  
Walter Sagee  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roschel and  
Jessie Wilson

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It is felt that such a transcript would disclose in greater particularity that to which such persons may be able to testify in the coming trial and in certain instances to bind such witnesses to their testimony in the event they become reluctant witnesses. By having a transcript of the testimony, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota will be in the preferred position of being able to do practically all of the testifying in the event a witness becomes reluctant to testify.

In the case of certain persons above mentioned, such as Edward G. Bremer and others, it is felt that there will be an advantage in having a transcript prepared, so that those who are willing witnesses will be able to refresh their memories as to the testimony which they gave in the first trial.

SEP 19 1935 the recent photographs which have been obtained of Harry Sawyer, William Esver and Myrtle Eaton, the offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to present the more recent photographs of Sawyer, Esver and Eaton to the following persons, so that their connection with the "gang" can be definitely established.

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Mrs. O. S. Blackman,  
2929 West 140th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

George Cahill,  
Tower Court Apartments,  
6708 Constance Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

John Gustafson, Janitor,  
Tower Court Apartments,  
6708 Constance Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Ray Johnson, Janitor,  
Tower Court Apartments,  
6708 Constance Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

John F. Conroy,  
1665 Wellesley Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. J. Cullen,  
7816 Franklin Boulevard,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. A. L. Allen,  
106-15 Florian Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. George Willard,  
4425 West 171st Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Fred Kilgrube,  
Route 1,  
Huron, Ohio.

In connection with this investigation, each office undertaking such an investigation should have reference to the summary report of Special Agent E. M. McIntire, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935. This report discloses possible identifications of Weaver, Eaton and Sawyer by the above mentioned persons. It is felt that more positive identifications can be secured by displaying the more recent photographs of Weaver, Eaton and Sawyer.

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The St. Paul Office will consider with the United States Attorney at St. Paul the desirability of reinterviewing Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, regarding his association with the "gang" immediately preceding the kidnaping of Brewer and such other information as he may have with regard to the preparations made by the "gang" for the kidnaping. If such a course of action is approved by the United States Attorney, it should be ascertained whether Jess Doyle will be a willing witness. It is suggested that this matter be expedited, so that in case he is willing to testify he may appear before the Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he will furnish his information under oath. The St. Paul Office will recall that on August 24, 1935 Jess Doyle was sentenced at Fairbury, Nebraska to serve ten years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary on the charge of having robbed the Fairbury National Bank on April 4, 1935.

The St. Paul Office is also requested to reinterview Edward H. Klopp, Assistant Manager, Kahler Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota and present to him the latest photographs of Harry Sawyer, to determine whether he is still able to identify Harry Sawyer as being in the Kahler Hotel on the night Brewer was released, February 7, 1934.

The St. Paul Office will also consider with the United States Attorney the advisability of using Mildred Kuhlman as a witness before the Grand Jury, so that she may be placed on oath and her testimony used during the course of the trial. It is believed that since "Doc" Barker has been prosecuted, she may be willing to testify in behalf of the Government.

The St. Paul Office will consider with the United States Attorney the advisability of arranging for Edna Murray, who is presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to appear before the Grand Jury. It is felt that she will be able to testify to very valuable information.

It is desired that the St. Paul Office immediately assign an Agent to this case who is conversant with the facts and to arrange for a proper review so that all possible evidence will have been made available for the use of the United States Attorney in ample time before the trial commences.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Kansas City  
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Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

September 19, 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.

Re: SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS  
IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of September 11, 1935, file No. 7-576, in the above matter.

The following firearms have been received at the New York Office for the purpose of having comparisons made at the factories of the Colt's Patent Firearms Mfg. Co., and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company:

- 1 Browning Automatic Rifle, serial 211774, from Bureau Technical Laboratory.
- 1 Browning Automatic Rifle, serial 211349, from Rock Island Arsenal.
- 1 Browning Automatic Rifle, serial 211774, from Rock Island Arsenal.
- 1 Colt Automatic Pistol, Caliber .45, from Rock Island Arsenal.

It is noted from the Bureau letter that the Jacksonville office has been requested to forward to the New York Office Browning Automatic Rifle, Serial 211349, after it has served its purpose in connection with a trial pending in Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

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R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 17, 1935

Mr. J. E. P. Dunn,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 536,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Despite the fact that the investigation of the Bremer and Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping cases has been repeatedly pointed out to Special Agents in Charge as being of major importance, it does not appear that your office has handled leads referred to in these cases in other than routine manner. Obviously, the public is looking to the Bureau for the successful investigation of these cases, and I feel and have so indicated previously to the field, that the investigation of leads in these cases should take precedence over routine assignments in all field office districts. Despite these instructions, however, it is obvious that your supervision and assignment of the leads in the above named cases have been of an exceedingly negligent nature, and the investigative reports submitted by the Special Agents assigned to the Los Angeles Office have been lacking in investigative aggressiveness and ingenuity. It is my desire that effective immediately, and without any exception, the leads transmitted to your office in the Weyerhaeuser and Bremer Kidnaping cases be given immediate preferred and vigorous attention.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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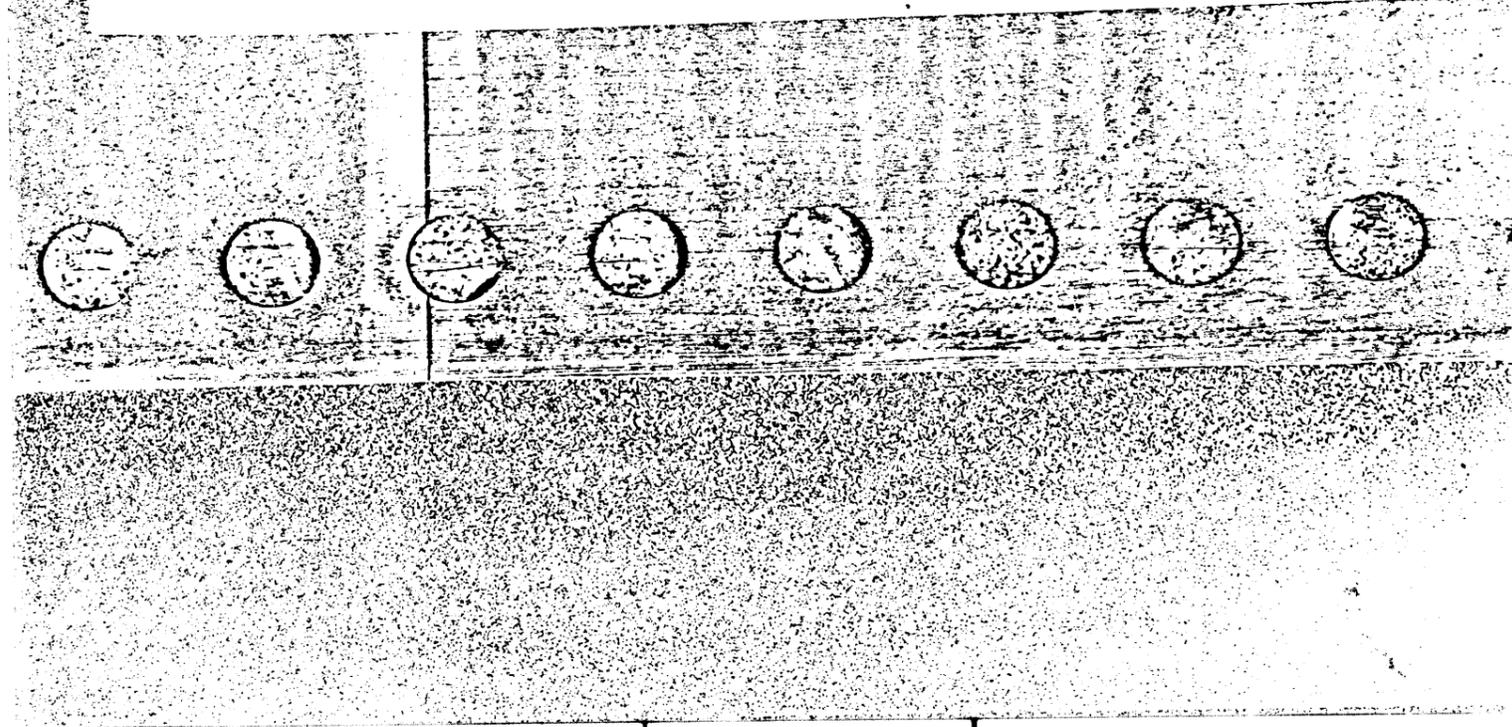
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to letter of the St. Paul office, dated 9-4-35, wherein it will be noted that the United States Attorney at St. Paul authorizes the return to Mrs. Harry Sawyer of certain property allegedly taken from the apartment located on East 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, presumably during September of 1934, described as follows:

- 1 Bar pin set with 3 diamonds and 2 sapphires
- 1 Throw made up of 2 silver foxes, matched furs, value - \$850
- Miscellaneous property not described

Will you please be good enough to advise what your files reflect relative to the description and location of the property of Mrs. Sawyer herein described or of any other property?

If this property has never come into the possession of the Bureau and is in the hands of the police at Cleveland or other authorities and your files so reflect, it might be that the Bureau will, as a matter of policy, want to suggest that the attorneys for Mrs. Sawyer take up the matter direct with the police or other authorities relative thereto or whoever seized it.

As the files in this office do not reflect a description of this property or a receipt therefor given to Mrs. Sawyer by Bureau representatives, it is not believed that the Bureau should now assume any responsibility therefor or place itself in a position of accepting liability therefor by acting as a medium to return the same to her or to take it into its possession at this late date, even for the purpose of transmittal, which might be construed as accepting responsibility for the seizure of property by the police on their own initiative, which has not come into the possession of the government and of which the Bureau has no record and seized prior to the arrival of agents at the apartment.

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The report of Special Agent D. L. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, indicates that the premises at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, were in the hands of the police several days before the arrival of agents, notwithstanding which fact an inventory was taken. The inventory does not list any of the property desired returned by Mrs. Sawyer.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to advise in the premises of its desire in the matter of this office securing possession of this property, if it is in the hands of the police, for forwarding to St. Paul.

Before contact will be had with the police here advice from the Detroit office in the premises will be awaited.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

September 19, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
P. O. Box #812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr., Charlotte, N. C., dated September 17, 1935, in the above entitled case, which contains a lead for the Cincinnati Office to advise the Charlotte Office whether W. H. Thompson should be interviewed.

Inasmuch as Thompson is reported to have been rather closely associated with subject Weaver, it is believed entirely possible that he may have been an acquaintance prior to the time Weaver went to Florida, and in view of the fact that Thompson was absent from Charlotte, N. C., for a number of years, it is even possible that Thompson has been an associate of Weaver in criminal enterprises, and possibly has been in prison with Weaver at some time.

In any case, it is believed that Thompson may have some information concerning Weaver's contacts, and that he should be interviewed. The matter of instructions to the Charlotte Office in this regard is being left to your discretion.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 18, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter addressed to Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution from Mr. Amos Travis of the South Florida Motor Sales Co., Inc.

The contents of this letter has been carefully scrutinized and appears to contain no information of value.

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

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 19, 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 September 16, 1935 in the above entitled case, advising that a Cadillac sedan with Ohio license 1088-N was observed in the vicinity of Edith Barry's home at 524 Southard Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Please be advised that this license plate was issued to W. W. Mannhardt, Custar, Ohio, for a 1929 Lincoln sedan, motor and serial #53229. Mannhardt certified that this car was sold to the Timmerman Motor Sales, Lima, Ohio, and on June 4, 1935, the license was transferred to a 1932 Lincoln Town Sedan, motor KB-726, which is presumably the car which was seen at Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge.

CC Bureau  
Chicago  
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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

629 First National Bank Building,

Omaha, Nebraska.

September 16, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter to Mr. E. J. Connelley of the Bureau, at Chicago, Illinois, dated August 22nd, 1935, letter from the St. Paul Bureau Office to the Omaha Office, dated August 23rd, 1935, letter from the Chicago Office to the Bureau, dated August 24th, 1935, and your letter to the Chicago Bureau Office, dated August 31st, 1935, copy of which went forward to the St. Paul and Omaha Offices, in which letter you stated that the responsibility rested upon the latter two offices to locate and interview Charles W. Gilbride, and that he be informed in no uncertain terms that the Bureau will not tolerate further behavior of the type referred to in the communications cited.

I have to report to you that Charles W. Gilbride resides at 1214 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Inquiry there through Agent W. P. Ellwood of this office on September 5th, 1935 resulted in learning that Mr. Gilbride was attending the funeral of M. F. Glenn, near Menlo, Iowa, on that date, and that he would proceed thereafter to the Lamar Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska.

Inquiry in Omaha resulted in learning that there is no hotel in Omaha, Nebraska, of the name of Lamar. Inquiry at the Castle Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, from which hotel it is known that Mr. Gilbride telephoned the Omaha Bureau Office on August 22nd, 1935, resulted in learning that while Mr. Gilbride was not registered at that hotel, mail for him was held there. Daily contact thereafter was established with the Castle Hotel, as a means of locating Mr. Gilbride, and on September 14th, 1935, it was learned that Mr. Gilbride was registered at the Merriam Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska.

I personally contacted Mr. Gilbride and invited him to this Bureau Office and interviewed him at this Bureau Office on the afternoon of September 14th, 1935, at which time Mr. Gilbride stated the following:

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That he was born at Des Moines, Iowa, and that he met Herman Hollis, formerly a Special Agent with this Bureau and now deceased, when both were very young boys; that they became friends and this friendship continued all during the life of Mr. Hollis; that he has known Mrs. Herman Hollis since she first started keeping company with Herman Hollis, at the age of about seventeen years; that his wife, Mrs. Gilbride, also enjoyed a very close friendship with both Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hollis; that he and Mrs. Gilbride spent about one week, during June 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, and while there occupied an apartment in an apartment building in which Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hollis resided, which was then located on the south side of Chicago, that he and Mrs. Gilbride again visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hollis on or about Labor Day of the last year of the World's Fair, held at Chicago, Illinois, and that on that occasion, too, they remained about three days in an apartment located in the same apartment building in which Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hollis lived; that during this latter period spent at Chicago, he and Mrs. Gilbride spent much of their time with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hollis and during that period he and Mrs. Gilbride made the acquaintance of several Special Agents of the Bureau, who were then attached to the Chicago Office of the Bureau, and their wives, the acquaintance with the Agents and their wives occurring when the latter visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hollis. Mr. Gilbride stated that it is his understanding that the Agents and their wives whom he met on that occasion, resided in the same apartment building as did Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hollis, which apartment building was the Sherone Apartments.

Mr. Gilbride further stated that he and Mrs. Gilbride again visited at Chicago, Illinois, during Christmas of 1934, on which occasion they again visited Mrs. Herman Hollis, and that he and Mrs. Gilbride last visited Mrs. Herman Hollis at Chicago on or about August 15th, 1935.

With reference to the information which Mr. Gilbride is said to have telephoned to the Omaha Office during the early hours of the morning of August 22nd, 1935, and to the St. Paul Bureau Office during the early morning hours of August 23rd, 1935, he stated that during the early morning hours of August 22nd, 1935, he was at the Castle Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska; that during those hours he had been drinking; that he observed in the newspapers, on or about that date, a news item to the effect that Alvin Karpis had sent a threatening letter to the Director of this Bureau; that because of his high regard for Herman Hollis and Mrs. Herman Hollis, the friendship of Mrs. Gilbride and himself with them, and because of his fear that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell might attempt some harm to Mrs. Hollis, he telephoned this office.

The information which Irwin Olsen, Night Typist at the Omaha Bureau-Office, submitted to me in memorandum form as having been telephoned to the office by Mr. Gilbride, was read to Mr. Gilbride and he expressed his sur-

prise at certain of the information, stating that he could not recall that he had said the things attributed to him. He stated that he had no information then, now or at any time concerning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, or the whereabouts of either, and that he cannot understand why he stated they were hiding in Chicago, Illinois, nor why he suggested that Apartment 1004 of the Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, should be watched, nor why he should have stated that Karpis or Campbell were going to those apartments to harm Mrs. Hollis, or that she was trying to cover Karpis and Campbell.

He stated he could not recall suggesting that the Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, should be checked. He stated that while at the Castle Hotel on that date, he made the acquaintance of one Bill Eaton, who stated that he was a representative of the Midwest Studios, of Portland, Oregon. Discussing the matter of Karpis and Campbell with Mr. Eaton, Mr. Eaton told him that he, Eaton, knew of a Harry Campbell who resided at 8804 Collis Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Learning the description of this man from Mr. Eaton and thinking that it resembled the description of Harry Campbell, he suggested that this office inquire into the Harry Campbell who lived in Seattle. Mr. Gilbride stated that he had on his person at that time, and always carries on his person, a photograph of Herman Hollis, and upon learning that Mr. Eaton represented the Midwest Studios, he turned over to Mr. Eaton the photograph of Mr. Hollis, for the purpose of having an enlargement made and having it finished in natural color.

Mr. Gilbride recalled that he had telephoned this office during the early morning hours of August 22nd, 1935, and admitted that he telephoned the St. Paul Bureau Office, from Sioux City, Iowa, during the early morning hours of August 23rd, 1935.

Questioned concerning the source of his information for believing and for stating that Mrs. Hollis had been working on "plants" in the Bremer Case, he stated that he had never heard of the Bremer Case as such, but had heard of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. He stated that he did not learn from Mrs. Hollis that she was working on any "plants". He seemed to have some difficulty in explaining the source of his information in this regard, and impressed Agent with either seeking to shield someone, or else not recollecting just where he heard the information. However, he intimated that while visiting Mrs. Herman Hollis, during which time he met several Special Agents and their wives, the names of whom he could not furnish, he overheard some conversation which led him to believe that she was doing so. He explained his reason for believing that she might be harned by Karpis and Campbell by saying that he knew that a number of Special Agents of the Bureau and their wives lived at the same apartment building as did Mrs. Herman Hollis, and that it was his understanding that at times all the Agents left their apartments and proceeded to the Chicago Bureau Office in the morning together. The best that I could get from this explanation was that possibly Mrs. Hollis, on occasions, proceeded to the Chicago Bureau Office with them and that he thought that possibly some attack might be made upon the Agents on the occasion of leaving the apartment building occupied by them.

Asked to explain why he did not want the information which he furnished the Omaha and St. Paul Bureau Offices on August 22nd and 23rd, 1935, brought to the attention of Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Bureau Office, he stated that it was his understanding that Mr. Herman Hollis and Mr. D. M. Ladd did not get along very well together and did not care for each other. He stated that it was his understanding that Mr. Hollis attributed his separation from the Detroit Bureau Office as Special Agent in Charge to Mr. Ladd. Mr. Gilbride stated that this latter information did not come to him either through Mr. Herman Hollis or Mrs. Herman Hollis.

Mr. Gilbride is a young man in his thirties, of very nice appearance, and impresses me as a pretty decent sort of a fellow. I am firmly of the belief that the injection of himself into this matter and the information conveyed by him to the Omaha and St. Paul Bureau Offices is due entirely to the fact that he was under the influence of intoxicating liquors at the time he furnished the information. There is no question in my mind but what he and Mrs. Gilbride have been very close friends, of long standing, with Herman Hollis, and are close and long standing friends of Mrs. Herman Hollis, and he impressed me as believing that Mrs. Hollis' life might be in danger from the members of the gang involved in the Bremer kidnaping case, and who were associated with George "Baby Face" Nelson.

I spoke very plainly and in no uncertain terms to Mr. Gilbride. I pointed out to him the expense to which he has placed this Bureau in running out leads which had their base on information furnished by him and stated that no information, no matter how far fetched it might appear, in a matter of this importance, could be overlooked. I told him very plainly that he was proving an annoyance to our Bureau Offices and that his conduct was obnoxious, and would have to stop, or such action as could be taken would be taken to cause a cessation.

Mr. Gilbride felt very badly about the whole affair and at times seemed to be at the point of tears. I believe that the Bureau will not be troubled by him again in the future.

He inquired if Mrs. Herman Hollis was acquainted with his conduct in this regard, and the fact that he was being sought for questioning. I told him that Mrs. Hollis, in so far as I knew, knew nothing concerning the fact that he had telephoned this and the St. Paul Bureau Office, and that she did not know, so far as I am advised, that this Bureau has been seeking to contact Mr. Gilbride for an-interview. Under such circumstances, therefore, I thought it prudent of me to suggest to him, diplomatically, that should he again visit Mrs. Hollis

or telephone her, or in any manner meet her, that he should not inquire into this matter.- He was not acquainted with the fact that Mr. Ladd learned that he, Mr. Gilbride, had telephoned Mrs. Hollis several times at her apartment in Chicago recently.

Very truly yours,



JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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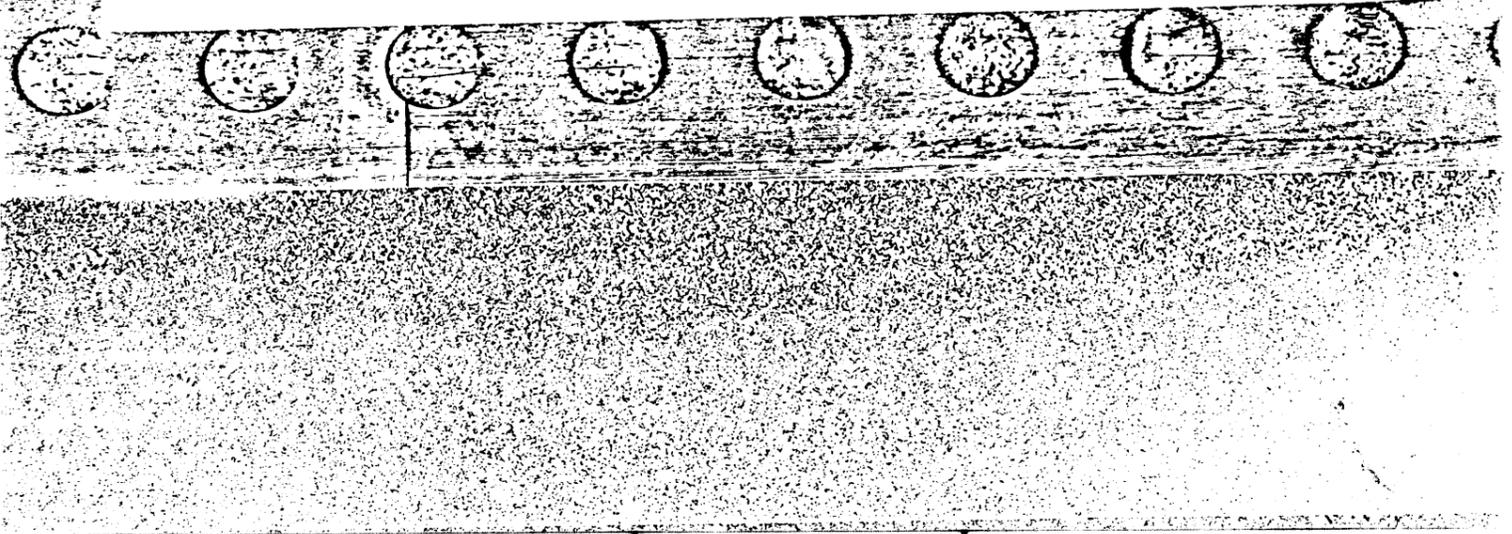
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of recent date,  
I am transmitting herewith thirty-five photographs, show-  
ing full face and profile views, of Alvin Karpis and Harry  
Campbell.

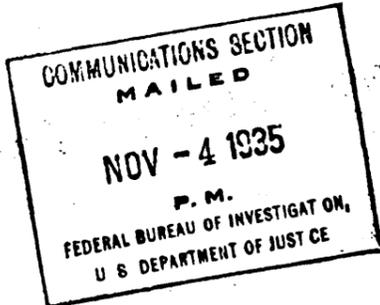
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
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cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington Field Office, Room 5252  
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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 your letter dated September 3, 1935,  
suggesting that a review of the file in the above entitled case be  
made for the purpose of ascertaining the number of photographs needed  
to conduct further investigation with respect to the remaining  
fugitives.

This office respectfully requests 35 photographs of  
subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, showing full face and  
profile views for distribution to each of the Agents.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH, N

Special Agent in Charge.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
October 3, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed a copy of a story on the  
State Police School at Norman, Okla.

I attended the school and thoroughly  
enjoyed the lectures given by Mr. Schilder of your office.  
In fact if it had not been for Mr. Schilder there wouldn't  
have been any school.

With best wishes,

Walter Bishop.

Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, a Tulsa housewife,  
today sued her husband for divorce on grounds of desertion.  
His name is Alvin Karpis. I'm afraid the process servers  
here won't have much success in getting him into court.

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1500 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, N. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; MARY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et  
al. EDWARD G. BREWER - VICTIM.  
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OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sirs:-

Reference is made to your letter dated September  
30, 1935, with copies to all offices, in the above en-  
titled matter, requesting withdrawal of "stop orders"  
against Chevrolet Coupe Motor #4136550.

Please be advised that this "stop order" has been  
withdrawn in the Motor Vehicle Bureau of Dover, Dela-  
ware and Harrisburg, Pa.

Very truly yours,

R. C. HAWLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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*Ed. Gung Bremer*



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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

October 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1259; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. V. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, dated September 9, 1935, and to report of Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina, under date of September 17, 1935, both of which relate to one W. H. Thompson, 828 1/2 West Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. You are advised that examination of the files in this case reflects that Thompson's name appears only in the reports described above.

With regard to the undeveloped lead in the report of Special Agent Bailey, requesting the Cincinnati Office to advise if it would be desirable to have Thompson interviewed, you are advised that such an interview is desirable. It is requested that immediate interview be had with Thompson, and that he be questioned as to his associations with William Leaver and Myrtle Eaton, under their alias of Osborne, at Port Orange, Florida, and vicinity. Thompson should also be asked for information concerning persons with whom the Osbornes associated, and the photographs of the various subjects in this case should be displayed to him for possible identifications. Any information Thompson may possess as to bank accounts maintained by the Osbornes, or means they had of securing money, should also be obtained.

Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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E. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
October 5, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm receipt of your telegram of October 2, 1935, referring to the report of Special Agent Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, requesting that vigorous effort be made to locate the telegram delivered to Weaver by C. F. Waldron, drug store proprietor, Port Orange, Florida, last winter.

It is noted in Agent Meekins report of September 9th that C. F. Waldron, proprietor of the drug store at Port Orange, very vaguely informed that he could only distinctly recall having sent one message to the Osbornes, which he said was delivered to them some time in February, 1935.

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram I contacted J. E. Watkins, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company here, with whom this office maintains the most cordial relations. He stated that he would search his files for the month of February, 1935, in an effort to locate any telegram that was received by Weaver, as J. W. Osborne, through Port Orange. Later, he telephonically advised that a search here had failed to locate the telegram in question.

Mr. Watkins was then requested to communicate with the Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Daytona Beach in an endeavor to have him make a search of his files for the original telegram. Several hours later Mr. Watkins informed that the Manager at Daytona Beach had advised that he had searched through his files of original telegrams for the month of February, 1935, but had failed to locate any telegram addressed to Weaver as J. W. Osborne, at Port Orange.

I then inquired of Mr. Watkins whether it would have been possible for the telegram in question to have been received through the Postal Telegraph Company at Daytona Beach, Florida, and through C. F. Waldron delivered to Weaver, as J. W. Osborne. He stated that

Mr. E. J. Connelley,

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this would be impossible since Mr. Waldron represented only the Western Union Telegraph Company at Port Orange.

I then inquired of Mr. Watkins whether, since copies of all Western Union telegrams received in the office at Jacksonville were destroyed after six months, a thorough search could be made of the files in the Daytona Beach office of the Western Union for all original telegrams addressed to, and delivered to, Weaver as J. W. Osborne. Mr. Watkins in reply stated that this was during the busy winter season at Daytona Beach, Florida, and that since a great deal of time would be required to make the search from November 1, 1934, until the time of Weaver's apprehension on September 1, 1935, he would like to have a Court order for such search.

As you will recall, in obtaining such a court order previously in this district we experienced considerable difficulty. However, if you desire such search made, and will advise me immediately, everything possible will be done to obtain such court order.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul.

P. S. This will also confirm my telegram to you of this date giving you the pertinent facts contained herein.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/5/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/16/35 &amp; 10/4/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. Coulter</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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>George Dunn unknown to law enforcement officials and Postal authorities at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Richard Galatas presently at Kansas City, Missouri.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 7, 1935. Letter from the Los Angeles office to the Kansas City office dated September 16, 1935.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At Fort Smith, Arkansas.</b>  The city directory of Fort Smith does not list the name of George Dunn. Neither is he known at the General Delivery window of the Post Office.  Inquiry was made on September 14, 1935, of the U. S. Marshal, the Deputy U. S. Marshals, the Chief of Police, Sheriff Jack Pace, his deputies, and the State Trooper stationed at Fort Smith. All of these individuals stated George Dunn was unknown to them and that they had never heard of him frequenting Fort Smith. The Chief of Police, as well as the Sheriff, stated there were a number of ex-convicts from the state of Oklahoma coming in and out of Fort Smith, and it is possible that Dunn occasionally comes to town, but that they do not believe he uses the name of George Dunn in Fort Smith.  <b>At Hot Springs, Arkansas.</b>  Inquiry at Hot Springs on October 4, 1935, reflected that			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. L. Shivers</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Bureau 2 Kansas City 2 St. Paul 2 Little Rock 2 Cincinnati 2 Chicago 1 Oklahoma City		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-576-7592</b> OCT 7 1935 OCT 8 1935 ROUTED TO FILE OCT 11 A.M. STAT SECT

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Richard Galatas had departed for Kansas City, Missouri, earlier that morning, and that he will not depart from Kansas City earlier than October 7, 1935.

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers stated Galatas is in Kansas City with reference to the appeal of his conviction there this year. Akers stated that while he does not know the name of the hotel where Galatas is staying in Kansas City, it is a small hotel around the corner from the Muelebach Hotel.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY office will contact Richard Galatas and interview him along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, Detroit, Michigan, dated May 15, 1935. The file in this office indicates the Kansas City office has copies of this report.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice  
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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:**

In accordance with the request contained in a letter from the Bureau dated October 3, 1935, there is inclosed herewith a photograph of Subject Cassius McDonald, Detroit Police Department #50,000. This picture was taken on September 27, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

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

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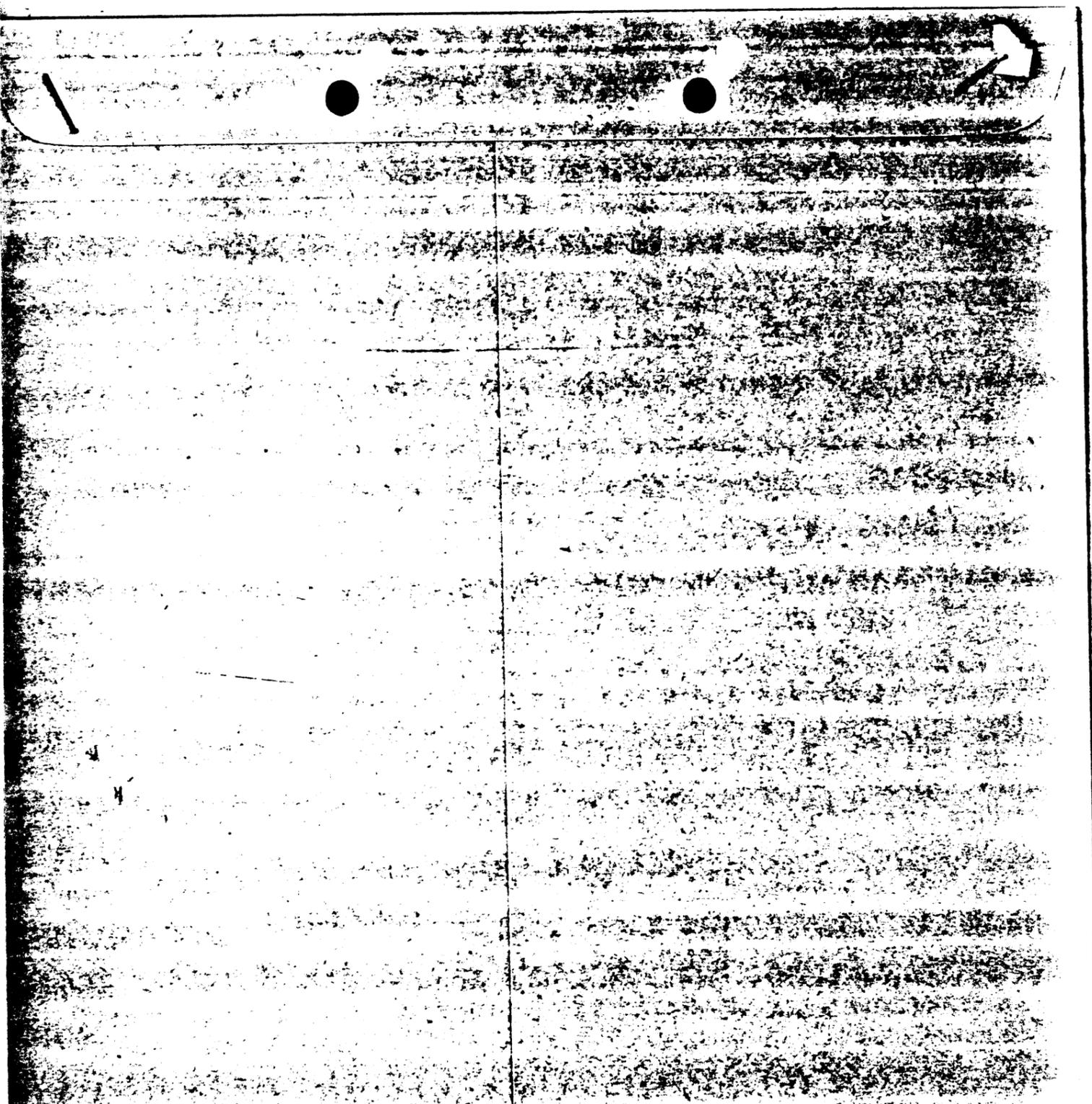
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Sire:

I have noticed on two occasions a very suspicious looking GIRL in the Government Clubhouse at ANCON in the CANAL ZONE.

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First time, I should say was about the 20th of september and then about two days later.

The description and pictures given in a Detective Magazine which was left in my car, and which I casually read ( Probably the first time I have ever read one of these magazines) seem to have set me thinking several times about this person, and the more I think of it the more certain it seems that there was something fishy about the makeup.

There was something very artificial about the hair and the combination of hair and hat, and a decided tan which looked more like a coloring matter such as chestnut having been applied

The hair was like a henna-brown, lacking the life of living hair in looks, and the person wore gloves both times-- made no attempt to look at men or act as an ordinary female would in observing whether or not someone was admiring her, and somehow lacked the feminine mannerisms in eating a sandwich, drinking from a cup, and eating ice cream.

The person looked so unreal that I thought it was something carved out of wood --- very statue like, and a distinctly forceful walk, rather slow steps and well directed.

The muscle of the forearm showed distinctly masculine lines through the light material of the sleeves.

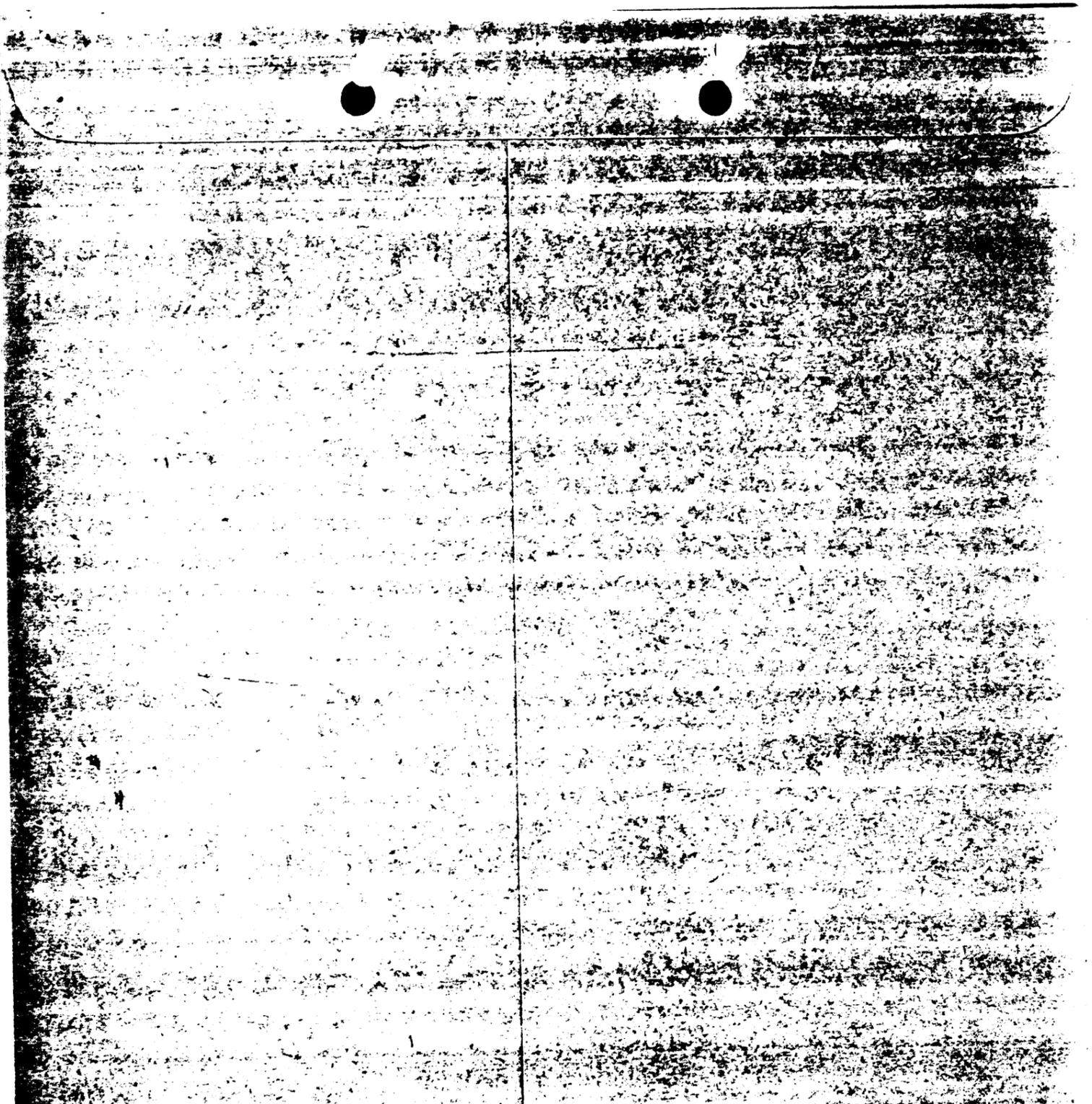
The fit of the small hat was so exact that it looked odd. The neck of the dress was unusually close fitting deceiving any effort to make observations of chest or shoulders. It occurs to me now that it might have been Alvin Karpis.

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October 23, 1935

Mr. A. A. Kopf,  
Ancon,  
Canal Zone.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 1, 1935, in which you advise that on two occasions you have observed a person in the Government Clubhouse at Ancon in the Canal Zone, which person appears to be a woman but whom you believe to be a man, who might possibly be identical with Alvin Karpis.

I appreciate the courtesy of your letter, and I am transmitting herewith one copy of the Identification Order which was issued on Alvin Karpis by this Bureau. I am also transmitting herewith an Identification Order issued on Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., who is a fugitive in the Stoll kidnaping case and who is likewise reported to appear in women's garb from time to time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California,

Dear Sir:

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

The Bureau has had occasion to review pertinent serials in the file of the above entitled case. As a result of this review your attention is being directed to your very apparent failure to properly supervise and investigate the above entitled case, which is considered one of the most important ever handled by the Bureau.

Your attention is first directed to the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8, 1935, in which an undeveloped lead is set out for the Los Angeles Office to make appropriate investigation in the vicinity of Flagstaff, Arizona, to determine whether Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis had been in that vicinity. The Bureau fails to observe that this lead has been covered.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Dewey, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, March 15, 1935, in which a lead is set out for the Los Angeles Office to interview one H. E. Cohen, 3822 E Street, San Diego, California, to determine whether Sawyer was at that time in contact with Cohen. The report shows that Sawyer visited Cohen two or three years prior to the rendition of said report, and that in the fall of 1934 Cohen was located by Bureau Agents on Harry Sawyer's farm near St. Paul, Minnesota. At the time this lead was set out it was considered by the Omaha Office to be a good, substantial lead, but it appears no attention was given it by your office at a time when every effort was being made by the Bureau to locate and apprehend

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The review of the Bureau files discloses that several leads were set out for the Los Angeles Office, during the spring of 1935, with regard to the location and apprehension of Harry Sawyer, Charles Fitzgerald, Belle Borne, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William J. Harrison. It appears that these leads were uniformly disregarded and that the Los Angeles Office made no effort to assign an individual Agent to the Bremer case so that leads coming into the Los Angeles Office could be correlated and proper comparisons made in connection with the information furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

The files disclose that the Los Angeles Office was furnished with very definite information as to the names and locations of relatives of William J. Harrison. The report of Special Agent C. B. White, dated at Los Angeles, California, March 18, 1935, discloses that several of the relatives of Harrison were interviewed, and also shows that in October, 1934, Harrison visited a relative, Mary Dick, and her father, William Dick, at 300 North Wall Drive, Beverly Hills, California. The report reads as follows: "Mary Dick and her father will, of course, be interviewed in the immediate future." The files of the Bureau fail to disclose that any interview was conducted with Mary Dick or her father, William Dick. It appears also that those relatives who were interviewed by the Los Angeles Office were very willing to cooperate, but the file fails to disclose that any subsequent effort was made to contact these individuals for pertinent information regarding William J. Harrison.

The report of Agent White referred to discloses that Harrison entertained some fondness for Mary Dick, and subsequent reports emanating from the Chicago Office have disclosed that William J. Harrison secured the advice of Clara Gibson, the wife of Russell Gibson, deceased, as to certain feminine gifts to be sent to Mary Dick. At the time this investigation was to have been conducted this was considered a very important lead, but it did not receive appropriate attention.

The report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, March 14, 1935, disclosed that the Bureau considers to have been very valuable information to the effect that

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and also in a letter of the Detroit Office to the Dallas Office, dated March 16, 1938, a copy of which letter was sent to the Los Angeles Office, disclosing that a Mr. and Mrs. George James had been told by Fitzgerald and his wife, Belle Borne, that they (Fitzgerald and his wife) intended to go to California. The report of Agent C. D. White, dated at Los Angeles, March 18, 1938, on pages 5 and 6, discloses that a very cursory investigation was made at 2547 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, after it had been rather definitely shown that Belle Borne had contact with some person at that address. The investigation of Agent White having produced negative results, no further investigation was undertaken by that Agent to determine the identity of the families living at the above mentioned address or the possibility that one of those families might have been a contact for Belle Borne or G. J. Fitzgerald.

The attention of the Los Angeles Office was directed to William Dick, 800 North Wall Drive, Beverly Hills, California, by the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, Missouri, dated February 2, 1938, in which report the Los Angeles Office was also requested to make an investigation at the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company with regard to William J. Harrison. The report from the Los Angeles Office fails to show that any attention was given this matter.

The files disclose that, Agent C. D. White having failed to obtain any information of value at 2547 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, Special Agent R. J. Geahan ascertained at that address that Belle Borne had, in fact, visited with the George McKensie family there during the month of October or November, 1934. The information obtained by Agent Geahan is set out in the report of that Agent dated at Los Angeles, California, April 8, 1938. The report shows that George McKensie, an employee of the Union Pacific Railway Company, had then been transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada. In view of the fact that Belle Borne and undoubtedly G. J. Fitzgerald had visited the McKensie family, it would appear that George McKensie would be a likely contact for either Borne or Fitzgerald. The report, however, discloses that no copy of said report was furnished to the Salt Lake City Office, nor was any undeveloped lead set out for that office to conduct pertinent investigation with regard to George McKensie at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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The report of Agent Oeston discloses also that Mrs. Betancourt was temporarily living at 207 East 21st Street, Los Angeles, with her married son. The reports of the Los Angeles Office, however, fail to disclose that any investigation was conducted in an effort to learn whether Fitzgerald or Lorne could be contacting the McKee family through the address 207 East 21st Street.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Leo P. Malone, dated at New York City, April 17, 1935, in which the Los Angeles Office was requested to contact the E. H. Lyle Company, Los Angeles, California, to learn the disposition made of a .32 caliber Colt automatic pistol, serial #404724. The files fail to disclose that any report was ever submitted on this lead by the Los Angeles Office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. H. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated April 16, 1935, in which the Los Angeles Office was requested to interview Miss Virginia Lays Stagg, Evangelina Hotel, 1006 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, with regard to the location of Volney Davis. This investigation was apparently given no attention.

Your attention is directed to the letter of the Little Rock Office to the Los Angeles Office, dated April 17, 1935, requesting the Los Angeles Office to interview Alfey Smith at the Arizona State Industrial School for Women, with regard to the location of William Weaver. The Bureau files fail to disclose that this request was given any attention.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. B. White, dated at Los Angeles, California, April 20, 1935. This report discloses valuable information with regard to the location of Harry Campbell's brother, C. C. (Clall) Campbell, but the report discloses a very meager investigation with regard to efforts to learn anything about the location of Harry Campbell through his brother, Clall. The report also shows that the wife of Clall Campbell was very willing to assist the Bureau, even to the extent of furnishing photographs of Harry Campbell. The files fail to disclose that this matter was further pursued or that any further attempt was made to secure information from these persons.

This report also discloses that in selling his Buick Club Sedan, Charles Fitzgerald gave as a reference Mrs. J. I. Wilkins, 2416 Nicholterona Street, Los Angeles, California. The file reflects

that upon interview under pretext Mrs. Milhaus disclaimed any knowledge of Fitzgerald, alias G. J. Murphy. This matter was immediately dropped, after Mrs. Milhaus had been interviewed under pretext. No further efforts were made by the Los Angeles Office to determine whether Mrs. Milhaus was a possible contact for either C. J. Fitzgerald or Belle Borne.

The report of Agent White further discloses that Fitzgerald resided at the Campbell apartment hotel in Long Beach, California, and upon departing from said hotel advised that he was going to Gilman Hot Springs, California, for his health. The Bureau files fail to disclose that any inquiry was made at Gilman Hot Springs, California in an effort to locate C. J. Fitzgerald or Belle Borne.

The said report of Agent White again announces the fact that Mr. George McKensie had been transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada. In spite of the information to the effect that the McKensie family had been a contact for Belle Borne, the Los Angeles Office failed to designate a copy of the report of Agent White, dated at Los Angeles, California, April 20, 1935, for the Salt Lake City Office, nor were any undeveloped leads set out to conduct proper investigation at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 22, 1935, in which an undeveloped lead was set out for the Los Angeles Office to ascertain the identity and address of the telephone subscriber at Wyoming 7160. A request was also made to make inquiry of the officials of the Biltmore Hotel concerning Frank Foster's call from Miami Beach, Florida to said hotel on March 7, 1935. This investigation was requested primarily to determine the whereabouts of Harry Foster. The Bureau files fail to disclose that this lead received any attention.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, dated at San Francisco, California, April 18, 1935, wherein the Los Angeles Office was requested to contact the police at Visalia, California and obtain a photograph, description and criminal record of W. J. Smith. It appears that this inquiry received no attention.

Your attention is finally directed to the letter of the Portland Office to the Los Angeles Office, dated May 3, 1935, in which the Los Angeles Office was requested to conduct an investigation at

150 South Temple Avenue, Temple City, California, for the purpose of determining the identity of George A. Nelson, who was believed to be identical with Harry Campbell. The Bureau fails to observe that this lead was given any attention.

These matters have been called to your attention for the reason that they demonstrate a marked lack of interest in one of the Bureau's major cases. Matters of this nature should receive your personal attention and the Bureau feels that had this matter been properly supervised, you would have assigned an Agent to be personally responsible for the completion of outstanding leads. You are, therefore, instructed to immediately assign an Agent to this case, who will make an appropriate review and give immediate attention to all outstanding leads in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati  
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*Clarence D. Bremer*

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*Edward H Bremer*

PHONE. BREKID. PHOTOGRAPH OF WILLIAM E. MEADE EXHIBITED TO CLERKS AND BELL BOYS IN DESOTA AND SAVANNAH ~~HOTELS~~ HOTELS, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, BUT NO IDENTIFICATION MADE. THE O. R. MEADE REGISTERED DESOTA HOTEL, SEPTEMBER 26 APPARENTLY NOT IDENTICAL WITH WILLIAM E. MEADE. JOSEPH P. DOWLING AND E. M. LENTZ HAVE NOT ~~BEEN~~ SEEN MEADE SINCE AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA IN MARCH, ~~1934~~<sup>1935</sup>, WHERE MEADE WAS GOING UNDER NAME OF MILLER. NO DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO MEADE OBTAINABLE. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS.

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October 5, 1935.

Time - 11:14 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Harry Campbell.

Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired about the truth of the report that Harry Campbell had been captured in Missouri. I stated there was no truth to this report and no comment should be made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-5-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-1, 2-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. H. WILLIAMS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218; ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Investigation at Canton, Ohio, reveals that P. L. Minder is a contractor for the Muskingum Valley Project near Bolivar, Ohio, and that Lawrence Cain is employed by him. Reputation of both good. Alva R. Conner, Canton, interviewed, but no additional information obtained, though he indicated that Joe Rich, Edna Haney and Eddie Brennan, underworld characters, Canton, Ohio, if properly contacted, might be able to furnish some information.</p>			
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REFERENCES: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Bureau letter dated September 26, 1935; Teletype from Chicago office, dated Sept. 30, 1935.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This investigation is predicated upon receipt of Bureau letter, dated 9-26-35, which enclosed a copy of a letter received from Mr. Alva R. Conner, a former police officer of Canton, Ohio. This letter requested that the Cleveland office locate the house which Mr. Conner spoke of in his letter and ascertain the identity of the parties living there and to interview Mr. Conner in this matter.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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The letter of Mr. Conner pointed out some suspicious activity at a house located at 25th Street, Northwest, in Canton, Ohio, and the letter furnished the numbers of two automobiles seen in that vicinity, namely: 79-736 and 66-072, both 1935 Illinois licenses.

At about the time the Bureau letter was received the Cleveland office received a teletype from the Chicago office, which reflected that an investigation had been made, which revealed that the license 79-736 belonged to a Plymouth issued to Lawrence Cain, 6320 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, and the license 66-072 was issued on a Buick coupe, belonging to the Minder Construction Company, employed on a dam project at Bolivar, O. It advised that both men are of good repute and that Cain lives at 1203 Ridge Road, Canton, and P. L. Minder resides at 132 25th Street, NW, Canton.

AT CANTON, OHIO

It was deemed advisable to conduct further investigation in Canton, and the writer interviewed Mr. L. R. Lamell, assistant superintendent, US Post Office, who advised that it would be better for him to talk to the carriers for 1203 Ridge Rd and 132 25th Street, NW, so as not to arouse any suspicion. From this inquiry Mr. Lamell advised that Lawrence Cain was married and had one child and received considerable mail by some being forwarded from Chicago, Illinois. He further stated that Cain had been living at that address two or three months. Mr. Lamell stated that he obtained this information from Robert Evans, who carried mail on that route, and that Evans informed him that he had seen Cain several times and had talked to him and that he was favorably impressed by him. As for P. L. Minder, Mr. Lamell informed reporting agent that he was a married man and in charge of some of the construction of the Muskingum Valley project for the control of flood waters of the Ohio River and that he was presently employed at Bolivar, Ohio. Mr. Lamell advised that he received an immense amount of mail, mostly from Chicago, pertaining to his line of work. He advised that the carrier had reported that Mr. Minder appeared to be a high-type individual and a hustler.

Agent made several inquiries in the neighborhoods where these two individuals reside, which revealed that they were not known in the community except that they lived there, but that nothing out of the way had been observed by the neighbors.

Agent interviewed Mr. Alva R. Conner, State Hotel, who advised that the way his suspicions became directed to the house at 132 25th Street, NW, was a remark made by one Eddie Brennan, a former Canton bootlegger, to the effect that if he, Brennan, could see the persons staying there, he might be able to identify them. He advised that then he had begun to watch the house and had observed the cars parked around there all licensed from the state of Illinois and that there was little activity around the premises, except at night. He stated that it was the combination of all these circumstances which prompted him to write to the Bureau and furnish the information contained in his letter dated September 18, '35. When reporting agent informed him that the investigation elsewhere had revealed that these persons were of good repute and employed on the Muskingum Valley project, he remarked, "That settles it."

Mr. Conner furnished agent with the information that he knew that Karpis and others had a tie-up in Canton, but he was not able, as yet, to definitely state what it was. He advised that there were two persons who might furnish some information, one being Eddie Brennan, located at 7th and Mahoney Road, NE, Canton. Brennan is a former bootlegger. The other person indicated is one Joe Rich, who pimps for a woman by the name of Edna Haney, 422 Walnut Street, SE, Canton, Ohio. Mr. Conner advised that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd visited this address a day or two before he was killed at Wellsville, Ohio. Mr. Conner was of the opinion that any of the three persons just mentioned might furnish some clues as to the whereabouts of Karpis.

Mr. Conner indicated that it would be rather hard to contact these three persons, but that if successfully contacted might give valuable information. Whether steps should be undertaken to interview these parties is being left to the discretion of the office of origin, since this source of information might already have been contacted.

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- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

*E. J. [Signature]*  
*M. J. [Signature]*

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TELETYPE

FBI KANSAN CITY 10-5-35 10-21 A M WAS  
 DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO

*copy to Mr. Tamm*

PHONE DEPUTY SHERIFF BROCK AT NEOSHO MO. ADVISES THAT MAN ARRESTED IS  
 TOM CARPENTER WHO DOES NOT ANSWER DESCRIPTION OF CAMPBELL AN AGENT  
 FROM THIS OFFICE WILL CALL AT NEOSHO SOON TO CHECK FINGERPRINTS  
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370 Lexington Avenue  
Room 1403  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

The expenditure of \$6.00 for boat hire on August 29, 1935, as is explained in the attached expense voucher for that period, was made in connection with the case entitled:

ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et.al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPPING  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

I was instructed on August 29, 1935, by direction of the Special Agent in Charge, to immediately interview Officer John O'Keefe of the New Britain, Connecticut, Police Department, who is brother-in-law of Thomas O'Dell, to learn from Officer O'Keefe the whereabouts of O'Dell, who was thought to be in contact with William Meade, one of the subjects in the above entitled case.

Detective Lieutenant Wm. P. McCue of the New Britain Police Department advised that Officer O'Keefe was at that time on his vacation at a resort called "Point of Woods" in South Lyme Township. Lt. McCue detailed Detective Sergeant George Ellinger to accompany Agent to locate and interview Officer O'Keefe. It was found upon arrival at the resort that O'Keefe was fishing in a small boat out in Long Island Sound, and would not return to shore at any time that day. Because of the urgency of the matter the boat was hired as is fully set out in the expense voucher, and Officer O'Keefe was located and interviewed.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Birms*  
W. H. Birms,  
Special Agent.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 5, 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

This is to advise that the surveillance of Belle Born, Mankato, Minnesota, has been constantly maintained since August 12, 1935 and no material developments have occurred, although the identities of the contacts and associates of Belle Born in the vicinity of Mankato have been learned by the Agents on the assignment.

I am advised by Special Agent R. C. Suran that in addition to spending a great deal of time in the company of one Joe Jung, who operates a tavern known as the Travelers Inn in North Mankato, Minnesota, Belle has also been visited by one Jim Page, a local hoodlum, and former associate of Thomas Carroll. An automobile registered in the name of John Lamina, Mankato, Minnesota, has also been observed at the home of Belle Born. Lamina is reported to be a bootlegger.

You have been previously advised of the arrangements in effect at Mankato for covering the activities at Mankato, Minnesota, but I am advised that Belle Born spends a great deal of her time at her farm, located near St. Peter, Minnesota, and that surveillance at that place has been difficult and no attempt has been made to maintain a constant surveillance at the farm due to the fear that Agents stationed in the vicinity of the farm would cause Belle to become suspicious that she was being watched.

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On September 24, 1935 an auction sale was held at the farm of Belle Born and all of the personal property at that place was sold. This farm is occupied by Ole R. Anderson, A. M. the brother of Belle Born, and from the conversations overheard

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Anderson was not successful in the operation of the farm, and Belle Born is planning to start him in another business, and until the time that Anderson vacates the place in favor of the individual to whom the farm is now rented, it is expected that Belle will continue to visit there frequently. The identity of the new tenant has not been learned.

The surveillance will be continued and you will be promptly advised of any material developments.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

cc SAC E.J. Connelley, Chicago  
cc Cincinnati

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which are hereby agreed to  
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OCTOBER 4, 1935

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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DETROIT MICHIGAN

BREKID USA STPAUL ADVISES USA DETROIT DESIRES PRESENCE AGENTS S F McKEE AND J H  
HANSON OCTOBER EIGHTH TO TESTIFY IN REMOVAL HEARING CASSIUS McDONALD DETERMINE  
WHETHER THESE AGENTS NECESSARY WITNESSES AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPEARANCE THERE

ADDRESS

*Edward H. Bremer*

Official Business. Government Rate  
Chg. Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.  
HEA: ACF  
cc Bureau  
cc E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
cc Cincinnati  
cc New York

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Detroit, Michigan  
October 5, 1935

Mr. E. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
570 Lexington Ave., Room 1405  
New York, N. Y.

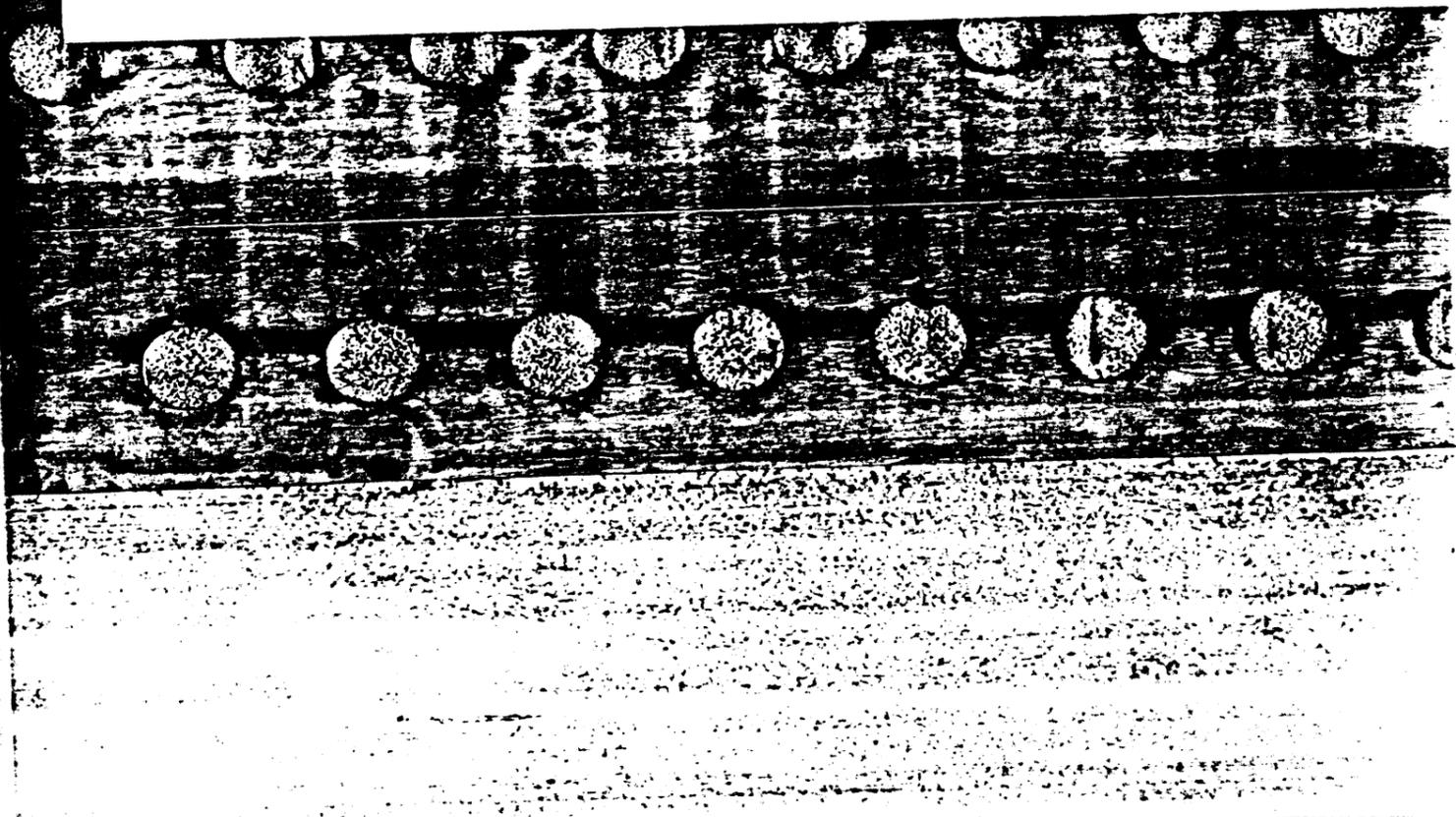
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cc - Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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*Edward G. Bremer*



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 5, 1935.

Fred Zerbst, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: E. H. Eckholdt

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated  
September 27, 1935, transmitting copy of a letter received by  
Elmer Farmer, register number 47103 from Helen Conliff.

Assuring you that your cooperation in this and other  
matters is appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

AJN:es

cc - Bureau

In re: <sup>0</sup> Alvin Karpis, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING, etcetera.

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Post Office Box 8118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 5, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith  
a letter addressed to Dolores Delaney, an  
inmate of your institution, from Mr.  
John Karpavicz.

The contents of this letter has  
been carefully scrutinized and appears to  
contain no information of value.

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

Very truly yours,

AAM:RES  
Enc.  
cc-Bureau ✓

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with  
aliases, I.O. 1234; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1238 et al - Edward George  
Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBOR-  
ING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your teletype of October 2, 1935,  
indicating that Joseph Peter Dowling had registered at the DeSoto Hotel  
in Savannah, and Lents had registered at the Savannah Hotel as Jack  
Lance, and indicating that possibly these parties would return on  
Friday October 4, 1935; also indicating that one Meade and Mrs. Meade  
had registered at the DeSoto Hotel September 24 to 26, 1935, and that  
inquiry was being made to determine whether or not this party was  
William E. Meade and further requesting advice as to what action should  
be taken as to Lents and Dowling.

As indicated in my teletype of October 2, 1935, there  
is nothing in the file to indicate that either Dowling or Lents are  
wanted on a Federal charge, and we can find nothing to indicate that  
any of the State authorities wish to take custody of these individuals.  
As is indicated by the file the inquiry was being developed for the  
purpose of locating and causing the apprehension of William E. Meade.  
It is noted in a notation to my teletype of October 2nd that Dowling  
and a man believed to be William E. Meade are now registered at the  
hotel in Savannah and it is believed that my teletype of this date ad-  
vises insofar as we are able to advise you, what action should be taken  
in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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October 5, 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 Sirs:

The Bureau wishes to be furnished with a transcript of the testimony of JOE ADAMS before the Federal Grand Jury, St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 26, 1935.

In the event the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota considers the possible testimony of Adams of considerable value in the forthcoming trial in St. Paul, it is suggested that arrangements may be made by the United States Attorney, through the Department, to delay the trial of Adams and others in Florida until after Adams has testified in the forthcoming trial in St. Paul. The Bureau desires that you consider this matter with the United States Attorney and advise the Bureau as to his attitude in the near future.

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You are instructed to immediately assign an Agent to the task of preparing a summary report on WILLIAM WEAVER. This report should be completed so that it will be available to the Bureau within the very near future.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
cc-Chicago (E.J. Connelley)  
Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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October 5, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

At approximately 3:50 P.M. on October 4, 1935, I called Mr. Alt of the Jacksonville Office by telephone, at which time he advised that he did not know whether I would be a necessary witness before the Grand Jury at Orlando, Florida, which is expected to meet on October 7, 1935, but that he would ascertain this definitely from the United States Attorney and advise the Bureau accordingly.

On October 5, 1935 at approximately 10:25 A.M. I had occasion to talk with Mr. Alt again on another matter, at which time he advised that the United States Attorney had stated that I would not be a necessary witness before the Grand Jury. Mr. Alt advised that he had so informed the Bureau by telegram.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

*Advised Harbo*

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. DETROIT OFFICE ADVISES ASST SAC HANSON NECESSARY WITNESS  
DETROIT OCTOBER 8 IN CONNECTION WITH REMOVAL CASSIUS \*MCDONALD IN  
BREKID CASE. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY ASST SAC HANSON WILL  
REPORT WASHINGTON FOR RETRAINING SCHOOL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 7 AND  
FROM THERE WILL GO TO DETROIT FOR REMOVAL HEARING

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Mr. E. J. Connelley and several Special Agents are continuing their efforts in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio so that a contact may be made between [redacted] and Edith Berry.

Numerous Agents have been returned to their respective headquarters, in view of the fact that it appears to be a matter of "waiting".

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 26, 1935, in which further information is disclosed as being furnished by Volney Davis. Davis has advised that the following persons participated in the mail robbery in Chicago, Illinois on the night of December 22, 1935, when Miles Cunningham, police officer, was killed during an attempted mail robbery:

Bryan Bolton  
"Doc" Barker  
George Zeigler

Fred Stone  
Alvin Karpis and  
Harry Sawyer

It is felt that this information is substantially accurate. You will recall that Irene Dorsey, the paramour of George Zeigler, informed Agents of the Chicago Office that Zeigler participated in this robbery and advised her on the morning thereafter that the robbery had not netted the participants any profits. This, of course, is correct.

Davis also advised that the split in the Bremer ransom money was to be made as follows; \$20,000, less expenses, to be given to each of the following persons:

Bryan Bolton  
"Doc" Barker  
Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
William Weaver

Harry Campbell  
Harry Sawyer  
Tom Brown  
Fred Goetz (Zeigler) and  
Charles Fitzgerald

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Davis advised that he received approximately \$5,000 and a new Ford car for his share in ransom money and that his part in the abduction was merely taking care of the women. He further stated that Tom Brown received none of his share, in view of the fact that the gang felt he was responsible for the death of Homer Van Meter. Tom Brown is reported to have been taken into the confidence of the gang in this case because of the fact that he, Brown, was well acquainted with the activities at the Bremer home and in the St. Paul Police Department after the kidnaping and that he was able to furnish information to the gang so that safe contacts could be made in delivering the ransom letters and obtaining the ransom money. It is felt that this information is substantially accurate, because you will recall that Volney Davis remained in St. Paul during the abduction. He has admitted to Agents that he personally delivered a ransom note to Father Deer and that it was he, and not Alvin Karpis, who purchased the flashlights through Mrs. Humphrey at the F. & W. Grand Silver Store in St. Paul on or about January 29, 1934. In consequence of Davis' activities with regard to the ransom letters, it is felt that he has proper knowledge of the part which Tom Brown was to play and it is felt that Tom Brown undoubtedly suggested to Davis and others of the Karpis-Barker gang the persons to whom ransom letters should be directed.

The above mentioned report also discloses that the Kansas City Office has developed two informants, namely, [redacted] and Gus Hart. Both of these individuals have informed that Harry Campbell has been in Joplin, Missouri during the past month or two. [redacted] is supposed to have an informant who is personally acquainted with Karpis, who is reported to have seen Karpis in Joplin, Missouri. Hart claims he is personally known to Harry Campbell and that he and Harry Campbell were to rob the Empire Light Company Building of Joplin, Missouri on July 20, 1935, but that he, Hart, was apprehended, for which reason the robbery was frustrated. Both Hart and [redacted] have informed that Karpis and Campbell have split-up. This is in keeping with prior information received by the Bureau from the Oklahoma City Office.

Letters are being directed to the various interested offices to make every effort to develop the information which is contained in the above referred to report.

Respectfully,



K.R. McIntire

Longitudinal informant

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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*White*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: <sup>0</sup> Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

There have been no developments in this case for the week ending October 5, 1935. Several Agents are maintaining a surveillance in Toledo, Ohio, in the event anything of importance develops.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
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Hon. George F. Sullivan  
United States Attorney  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter  
under date of October 2, 1935 requesting that arrange-  
ments be made so that Special Agents S. F. McKee and  
J. H. Hanson will report at Detroit, Michigan, on  
October 8, 1935 to testify in the removal hearing of  
Cassius McDonald.

Please be advised that I have  
made proper arrangements to have the above named  
Agents present in Detroit on the date indicated above.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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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 your letter  
under date of October 2, 1935 requesting immediate  
investigation of certain angles in this case.

You are advised that the investi-  
gation requested will be made immediately.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

In keeping with your oral request, and on October 4, 1935 at about 4:50 P.M., I telephonically communicated with Special Agent Emerich at Atlanta, Georgia to ascertain what progress was being made in the investigation at Savannah, Georgia in an effort to locate William Elmer Meade.

Preliminary to this, it should be stated that information was obtained by the Boston Office to the effect that Mr. G. Arthur Hastings, of Arlington, Massachusetts, on March 27 and 28, 1935, was vacationing in Charleston, South Carolina, at which time an attempt was made to ~~smuggle~~ <sup>smuggle</sup> him by Lentz, Dowling and Fuller. Fuller has been positively identified as William Elmer Meade by Mr. Hastings. Hastings advised that it was his recollection that Dowling was arrested on March 28, 1935 by the Charleston Police Department on a charge of investigation. A lead was, accordingly, set out by the Boston Office for the Atlanta Office to secure information concerning Lentz and Dowling, in the hope of locating William Elmer Meade. The Charlotte Office learned through the Charleston Police Department that Dowling was arrested on March 28, 1935 on a charge of investigation, but was later released. The Police Department at Charleston reported him to be a card sharp. It was also ascertained that Dowling was friendly with one Laura May Jones, 1231 East 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia. Accordingly, a lead was set out by the Charlotte Office for the Atlanta Office to conduct investigation relative to Laura May Jones in Savannah, Georgia.

Agent Emerich advised that he has an Agent presently working on this matter in Savannah, Georgia, but that a report has not been received from this Agent and his, Emerich's, only information on the subject is as a result of telephone calls from said Agent. It has been ascertained that Lentz and Joseph Peter Dowling were recently registered at the Savannah Hotel and that one Meade was registered at the DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, Georgia; that Meade was registered with a woman who gave her name as Mead; that Meade remained only on the night of September 26th and then departed, but that the woman did not leave until September 28th, the destination of these persons being unknown.

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Lentz and Dowling have both been interviewed, but each of them disclaims any knowledge of Meade. They state they know no such person. Mr. Emerich was unable to advise whether the photograph of William Elmer Meade had yet been identified at the DeSoto Hotel, but he stated this investigation will go forward and the Bureau will be notified immediately of any developments.

Mr. Emerich advised that one Kiely operates what is known as the Bo-Peep, a gambling dive at Savannah, Georgia, and that Kiely is friendly with Lentz and Dowling. He wanted to know whether an investigation should be made of Kiely and the Bo-Peep at this time, and I advised him that this should not be done until more definite and specific information was obtained with regard to Meade, at which time such an investigation might prove desirable.

Mr. Emerick advised that an Agent of the Atlanta Office had observed a person in the DeSoto Hotel who somewhat resembled the photograph of Meade, but that a more extensive investigation and interview with this person proved him not to be identical with Meade.

This investigation is going forward at Savannah, Georgia and the Bureau will be advised immediately of any developments in connection therewith.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

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 APPEARANCE ORLANDO, FLORIDA SEVENTH INSTANT. JACKSONVILLE ADVISED.

Edw. Bremer

MILWAUKEE INDICATES AGENT A.P. BARBER ALSO ENGAGED TOLEDO. INSTRUCTED  
 TO REPORT RETRAINING BUREAU OCTOBER 7, 1935.

AGENT J.L. MADALA ALSO ENGAGED TOLEDO. REQUIRED AT LOUISVILLE  
 TRIAL STOLNAP CASE OCTOBER 6, 1935. ALSO MYSELF. HAVE AGENTS BARBER,  
 SMITH, MUZZEY, DEVEREUX, AT TOLEDO COVERING EDITH BARRYS PREMISES  
 AND OTHERWISE.

PLEASE ADVISE IF AGENT BARBER CAN BE RETAINED FOR PRESENT ON THIS  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

E. J. CONNELLY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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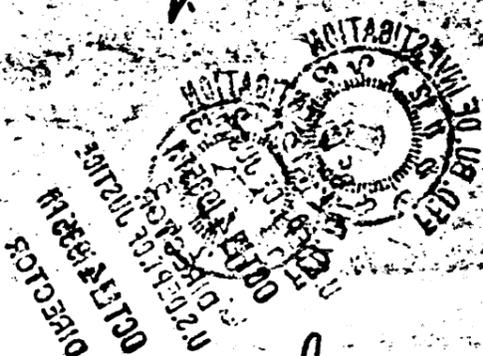
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Chicago Office to your office, dated October 6, 1935, in which it is noted that a person giving his surname as Hopper, telephonically communicated with the Chicago Office on the evening of October 5, 1935, inquiring whether this Bureau was interested in the location of "Blackie" Doyle, Clarence Sparger, "Spike" Lane, John Lannigan, John Baker and "Irish" O'Malley. It is further noted he suggested to the Chicago Office that Clarence Sparger and "Spike" Lane were to contact Elsie Bennett in Room 222 at the Oakley Hotel, 6th and Oak Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of October 5, 1935.

It is, of course, not known to the Bureau whether the information furnished by Hopper is accurate, but under the circumstances it is desired that the Kansas City Office make a very thorough and discreet investigation with regard to Elsie Bennett, in an effort to secure further information with regard to the above mentioned persons.

It is noted that the offices receiving a copy of this letter did not receive a copy of the letter of the Chicago Office dated October 6, 1935, referred to above. For this reason, a copy of said letter is being furnished each of the offices receiving a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati (with copy of incoming letter)  
St. Paul  
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago

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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 the last paragraph of Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935, in the above entitled case, which requests that the interview with Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary be expedited.

In connection with this matter, please be advised that upon receipt of the letter from Edna Murray addressed to Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, I endeavored to talk to Special Agent in Charge Connelley by telephone and was advised by Special Agent in Charge Ladd that Mr. Connelley at that time could not be reached. I gave to Mr. Ladd the substance of Edna Murray's letter and he stated he would communicate with Mr. Connelley with reference to this matter.

On September 21, 1935, Mr. Ladd telephoned from Chicago and stated that Mr. Connelley suggested that this matter be held in abeyance until such time as Special Agent John Madala would be released from an assignment on which he was then engaged and would come to Jefferson City to interview Edna Murray. Consequently, no steps have been taken by this office to have her interviewed pending further advice from Mr. Connelley. It is requested that this office be advised whether Edna Murray should be interviewed by an Agent from here or whether Agent Madala will be sent to Jefferson City for that purpose.

It is to be noted that at the present time Special Agent A. J. Norstrom is in re-training school at Washington, D.C., but in the event it is desired that this interview be conducted by this office Special Agent A. E. Farland can be sent there for that

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purpose as he has previously interviewed Edna Murray and she has indicated that she will talk freely to him.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

POST OFFICE BOX 618  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; MARY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 4, 1935,  
addressed to you and particularly the last paragraph thereof, in which  
attention is called to the requested interview by EDNA MURRAY of herself  
at Jeffersonville, Missouri.

In this connection Agent J. L. Madala is today at  
Louisville, Kentucky as a witness in the Stolny case and immediately upon  
his release as a witness he will proceed to Jeffersonville in order to  
interview this woman, together with Special Agent A. E. Norstrom, in  
view of the fact that Agent Madala is thoroughly familiar with the various  
situations regarding which we wish to obtain information from this woman,  
and as to which she is undoubtedly familiar with the details. Agent  
Madala will communicate through the Louisville office with you as to the  
date he expects to arrive at Jeffersonville, Missouri for this interview,  
which will probably be during the present week.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul  
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Post Office Box 1887  
Charlotte, North Carolina

October 7, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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.

Reference is made to your letter dated September  
27, 1935, requesting the present address of Mr. L. E. Gray in  
the prosecution of Cassius McDonald.

By long distance telephone Mr. J. H. Gray of  
Statesville, North Carolina, advised that Mr. L. E. Gray is now  
employed at the Hotel Carteret, New York City, New York. This  
information was furnished your office by telegram on September 30,  
1935.

Very truly yours,

G. H. LONDON,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 7, 1935



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

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 26, 1935 with which you forwarded to this office a letter received by you from John Karpavicz requesting permission to visit Dolores Delaney.

In connection with this request, it is believed that if arrangements can be made as suggested in your letter it would be very desirable.

It is accordingly requested that if such arrangements meet with your approval that Mr. Karpavicz be permitted to visit Dolores Delaney and this office informed of the date of the visit in sufficient time to make arrangements to cover this visit.

There is transmitted herewith the letter which you received from Mr. Karpavicz. 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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*Ed. George Bremer*

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Postmaster  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you place a meter stamp on all first class mail, including Special Delivery registered letters, and also personal correspondence addressed to Mr. C. F. [redacted] at [redacted] St. Paul, Minn. or Mr. [redacted] at [redacted] St. Paul, Minn.

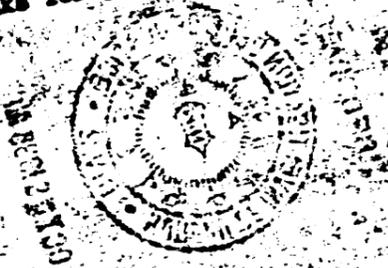
In forwarding tracings of such mail to this office will you kindly refer to file number 7-30.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

H. K. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE BREKID OHIO LICENSE 2650-B ISSUED TO JOINT OWNERS MYRTLE GROSS AND  
WALTER WALMSLEY ADDRESSES 717 MAYWOOD AND 528 SOUTHARD BOTH TOLEDO. NOT  
KNOWN WHICH ADDRESS IS FOR GROSS AND WHICH FOR WALMSLEY. THIS LICENSE  
ISSUED FOR 1933 TERRAPLANE COACH MOTOR 98645 SERIAL 414102.

LICENSE 8753-F ISSUED TO ELMER ELKIM 7810 CENTRAL TOLEDO FOR  
1927 PAIGE SEDAN MOTOR 330878 SERIAL 324964

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID THE SITUATION REMAINS THE SAME WITH NO DEVELOPMENTS.  
 WE ARE CONTINUING HERE AND AT TOLEDO. PLAN FURTHER WORK CHICAGO  
 WHEN AGENTS AVAILABLE, AS TO JOHN KARPAVICZ, MRS KATE MEADE AND  
 EDDIE DONOVAN

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October 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIS KAPFIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

This will confirm the telephonic conversations between Mr. McIntire of the Bureau and Mr. Alt of the Jacksonville Office, on the afternoon of October 4 and on the morning of October 5, 1935, in which Mr. Alt advised Mr. McIntire that he would not be a necessary witness before the Grand Jury at Orlando, Florida, on October 7, 1935, in connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
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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 Bureau letter dated October 5, 1935, Bureau File No. 7-576, requesting this office to obtain and forward to the Bureau a transcript of the testimony of Joe Adams before the Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 26, 1935.

Please be advised that I have made arrangements with the United States Attorney in order that this office will be furnished with a copy, not only of the transcript of Joe Adams, but that of Bryan Bolton, Elmer Farmer, and Harold Alderton. Same are now in the process of preparation and will be available within the next day or two.

During a conference with United States Attorney George F. Sullivan in St. Paul today, in accordance with instructions in your letter heretofore mentioned, I requested him to consider the advisability of making arrangements with the Department to delay the trial of Adams and others in Florida until after Adams has testified in the trial of this case in St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan was perfectly in accord with the suggestion and is writing the Department relative thereto.

As instructed in Bureau letter of reference, I have assigned the task of preparing a summary report on William Weaver to Special Agent J. E. Brennan.

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While conversing with Mr. Sullivan today I mentioned that I had received copy of a wire from the Detroit Office addressed to the New York Office in this case concerning the postponement of the removal hearing of Cassius McDonald until October 14, 1935. Mr. Sullivan expressed himself as being greatly perturbed over this procedure, declaring that he was afraid political pressure would be brought to bear in Detroit with the view of delaying the removal of McDonald to St. Paul until after the forthcoming trial of this case in St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan is taking the matter up with the United States Attorney in Detroit, Michigan, and requested that I communicate with you in order that the Bureau may cooperate in every way possible in having Cassius McDonald removed to St. Paul promptly.

This is called to your attention with the thought in mind that you may desire to take the matter up with the Department.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

cc Cincinnati  
cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago

AIR MAIL

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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L.A. FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/5/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/27 &amp; 10/2/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALBERT MILLER</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, ET AL; Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** **E. N. GREEN** is one of the registered owners of 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F364961, 1935 California License #2T-9060, and resides at 315 Hilliard Street, Monterey Park, California. Mr. Green has been in the employ of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of United States in Los Angeles since 1927. Mr. Green does not resemble subject ALVIN KARPIS and is not said subject.

**REFERENCE** Portland Bureau office letter dated Portland, Oregon, September 25, 1935.

**DETAILS:** Inquiry at Huntington Park, California, discloses there is no such street as Hilliard.

Inquiry at the Los Angeles branch office of the California Department of Motor Vehicles reveals that the registered owners of 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F364961, bearing 1935 California License #2T-9060, are E. N. Green and HARRIET M. GREEN, both of 7012 Arbutus Avenue, Huntington Park, California, and that the legal owner of the said motor vehicle is LESLIE R. LUMLEY, auto dealer located at 2563 Slauson Ave., Huntington Park, California.

V. E. PRATT, sales manager of LESLIE R. LUMLEY, auto dealer, 2563 E. Slauson Ave., Huntington Park, California, when interviewed, after a check

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of the office records, informed that E. N. GREEN and HARRIET M. GREEN, purchased the above-described 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe on April 14, 1934, at which time they gave as their home address, 7012 Arbutus Ave., Huntington Park, California; that several months ago they gave as their new address, 315 Hilliard St., Monterey Pk., California; that at the time of the purchase of the said motor vehicle Mr. Green gave as his place of employment the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States with offices located at 111 West 7th St., Los Angeles, California. Mr. Pratt advised that both he and Mr. F. M. Downing, the salesman who negotiated the sale of the above-referred to motor vehicle, were acquainted with Mr. Green.

When shown photographs of subject ALVIN KARPIS, both Mr. Pratt and Mr. Downing informed definitely that E. N. GREEN does not bear any resemblance to the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS.

Mr. O. H. ENGLBOM, cashier of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, located at 111 West 7th St., Los Angeles, California, when interviewed informed that E. N. GREEN is presently employed in his office as an assistant cashier for the above-referred to company and that he has been in the employ of the said company since 1927. Mr. Englom introduced Mr. Green to this Agent and it was observed that Mr. Green does not resemble the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS nor does he answer to Karpis' description.

A description of E. N. GREEN, from information furnished by him and from observation, is as follows:

Name	E. N. GREEN
Age	31 (Born Dec. 15, 1903)
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, turning gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium - Clean-shaven
Marital Status	Married to Harriet M. Green
Residence	315 Hilliard, Monterey Pk., Calif.
Color	White
Nationality	American
Criminal record	None known

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re: informant of Scaffa claiming to have inf. re whereabouts of Karpis in Conn.

Mr. Keith states informant unable to reach taxi driver for further inf.; reports he does not believe anything to rumor he recd. from taxi driver; has recd. no substantial information. Mr. Keith states believes informant unreliable and obviously is after more expense money, which has been refused.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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October 5, 1935

~~PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL~~

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, I.O. #1218-  
FUGITIVE, et al.  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my previous communication as to the tip received through Noel C. Scaffa from informant [redacted] to the effect that a man named Richey, former taxi man in Stamford, Connecticut, claimed that Karpis is now living with others in a bungalow at Cos Cob, Connecticut.

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On two occasions since the submission of my last letter the informant has communicated with me by telephone but has claimed his inability to get in touch with the party named Richey. He also has stated he does not believe there is anything to the rumor which he received through Richey; that he has canvassed various dives and nigger joints in the vicinity of Cos Cob, Stamford and Norwalk, and could obtain no information except a rumor obtained from some negro, name unknown, to the effect that several weeks ago four strangers, one with red hair, eyeglasses and a mustache, stopped for refreshments while passing through East Port Chester, New York. He claims these parties were driving a Buick car with New Jersey license, the number of which was not obtained.

From my previous investigation it appears rather apparent to me that this informant is not reliable and no credence can be placed in what he has to say. It seems obvious that he is after more expense money. This has been refused him.

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Very truly yours,  
J. E. WENTZEL  
Special Agent in Charge

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 19,  
1935, which instructed that Volney Davis be interviewed to ascer-  
tain whether he might be persuaded to testify in behalf of the  
Government in those trials which are to take place in St. Paul  
during November 1935.

In this connection, Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed  
Volney Davis in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.  
Davis advised that he would not be willing to proceed to St. Paul,  
Minnesota for the purpose of testifying in this case. He stated  
that he would be unable to furnish any information that would aid  
in the prosecution of Harry Sawyer. He stated that while he was with  
Karpis, Barker and others after leaving St. Paul, he did not return  
to St. Paul and the only information he had was what he had heard  
from some of the other members of the gang.

It is noted that Davis has furnished valuable information  
with reference to this case in the past, but that such information  
has been furnished with the understanding that it would be kept  
confidential. It appears that he is fearful that if other members  
of the gang now incarcerated in Leavenworth should find out that he has  
furnished this information his life would be in danger, and, accordingly,  
he does not desire to testify inasmuch as the testimony would give  
publicity to the fact that he has furnished such information.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WAS:cs  
cc - Bureau  
cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
cc - Cincinnati

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of Special Agent W. J. Devereux who is presently at Toledo, Ohio, there are being transmitted herewith to your office and a copy to Mr. Connelley at Louisville, Kentucky, copies of the memorandum of Special Agent Devereux dated September 27, 1935 which covers the investigation conducted by himself and Agent Ryan at Windsor, Ontario, Canada in connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

DLN:RAS

cc-Bureau ✓

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SAC Connelley, Louisville

D. L. Nicholson

Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 818  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

October 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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. 1234; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. E.  
Williams, dated October 8, 1935, and particularly the last paragraph  
thereof, in which the proposition is placed upon the office of origin  
as to whether or not the three persons referred to should be interviewed.

As to the matter of handling the situation as to deter-  
mining whether or not Eddie Bremer, Joe Rich and Edna Haney might have  
information as to Alvin Karpis, or now harboring Karpis, it is believed  
that suitable inquiry should be made to determine who and what these  
people are, sufficiently to eliminate the possibility of them having any  
information, or at the present time being actually in contact with this  
party, and an interview of these parties is not believed advisable  
until some suitable inquiry has been made which would warrant interview-  
ing them. This should be followed very discreetly in view of very re-  
cent information indicating that Karpis and Campbell may now be in the  
vicinity of Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau  
CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul

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P. O. Box #768  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

October 9, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated October 7, 1935, in  
the above entitled case inquiring concerning two license plates.

Confirming teletype message from this office today, please  
be advised that it was ascertained through the Bureau of Motor  
Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio that 1935 Ohio License 2630-B was issued to  
joint owners Myrtle Gross and Walter Jalsley, their addresses are  
indicated as 717 Maywood and 528 Southard, Toledo, Ohio, but the ap-  
plication does not indicate which address is for Myrtle Gross and  
which address is for Walter Jalsley. This license was issued for  
a 1933 Terraplane Coach Motor No. 98645, serial 414102.

1935 Ohio License 8753-F was issued to Elmer Bleim, 7610  
Central, Toledo, Ohio for a 1927 Paige Sedan Motor 330878, serial  
324956.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles advises they have no record of  
any transfer on either of these license plates.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge.	
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P. O. Box #84  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Oct. 6, 1935

Hon. Charles A. Barnett  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
Albany, N.Y.

Attn: James T. Somers,  
Deputy Commissioner  
FILES DIVISION

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 J.  
Harrison, with aliases, I.O. 1259;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

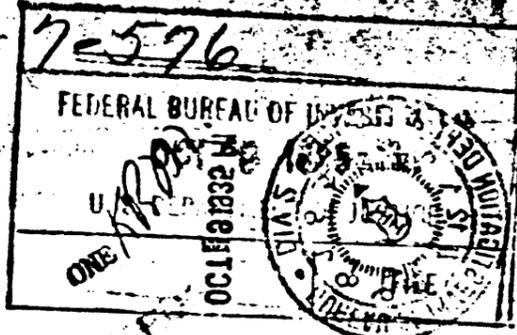
Dear Sir:

In that Subject William Weaver, alias J. A. Orhood,  
has been apprehended, stop notices in your files against his  
name may be withdrawn, and also stop notices in your Department of  
Stolen Vehicles on Chevrolet coupe, motor #4,155,500, purchased by  
said subject Weaver under the name of J. A. Orhood.

Very truly yours,

Per  
E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau



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Alvin Karpis, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al.

Exhibit envelope, serial 354 of this file, contains a number of photographs which do not contain a description yet descriptions are available in the file. Your attention is directed to a letter received here on June 18 from J. J. Durkin, Ashland, Oregon, which was not acknowledged. Your attention is directed to a letter received here on June 29 from E. A. Johnson, Johnson Realty Co., which was not acknowledged.

I was not previously familiar with the requirement of placing description on photographs in the file. These instructions will be followed in the future. I was absent from the district at the time of receipt of the two unacknowledged letters referred to. I cannot claim failure to acknowledge same.

Inspection Portland Bureau Office  
Inspectors Egan and Whitley  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 7, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to letter of the Detroit office dated October 5, 1935, enclosing copy of a letter from John Karpavicz to Dolores Delaney in which they make reference to an automobile, this refers to the Ford automobile seized by the Cuban Police at Havana, Cuba, which Karpis left at that place, as recently Emily Newbold, the sister of Karpis called the office here for information as to how they would go about recovering this automobile.

They were given no encouragement as to this and it was indicated to them that they would have to communicate with the local authorities at Havana, Cuba.

Very truly yours,

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

Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati.**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/7/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/25 to 10/3/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN E. BRENNAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1215; CASSIUS McDONALD, FUGITIVE, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** On 9/25/35 complaint filed before U. S. Commissioner Abbott, Minneapolis, Minnesota, charging CASSIUS McDONALD with conspiracy to violate provisions of kidnaping statute - specifically that he exchanged \$72,000 of original ransom money on 9/10/34. Warrant returned unexecuted. Certified copy of complaint and warrant forwarded to U. S. Attorney, Detroit. Bond \$100,000 returnable forthwith. On 9/27/35 Grand Jury St. Paul, filed indictment against KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER, CAMPBELL, WEAVER, HARRISON, SAWYER, BOLTON, FARMER, ALLIKERTON, and CASSIUS McDONALD charging conspiracy between 9/15/33 and 1/15/35 to violate act forbidding interstate transportation of kidnaped persons. MYRTLE EATON not indicted. Certified copy forwarded U. S. Attorney, Detroit. Interviews with WEAVER and EATON set forth.

**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter dated September 19, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

On September 25, 1935, upon authority of Assistant United States Attorney Heisey of St. Paul, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner Abbott, Minneapolis, Minnesota, charging CASSIUS McDONALD with conspiracy to violate the provisions of the act prohibiting the transportation of kidnaped persons in interstate commerce, specifically that he exchanged \$72,000 of the original ransom money on September 10, 1934. A warrant was issued and returned unexecuted by the United States Marshal, whereupon a certified copy of the

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complaint and warrant were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Detroit by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, with the notation thereon that bond requested was \$100,000 returnable forthwith. This information was telephoned to the Detroit Office with the request that the apprehension of McDONALD be effected immediately.

On September 27, 1935, the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul returned an indictment against KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER, CAMPBELL, WEAVER, HARRISON, SAWYER, BOLTON, FARMER, ALLDERTON, and CASSIUS McDONALD, charging conspiracy between 9/15/33 and 1/15/35 to violate the act forbidding interstate transportation of kidnaped persons. MYRTLE EATON who is being held at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul was not included in this indictment. A certified copy of the indictment was forwarded to the United States Attorney at Detroit by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, in order to facilitate the removal of CASSIUS McDONALD to St. Paul, Minnesota.

The suggestions contained in the Bureau letter of reference were discussed with the United States Attorney at St. Paul prior to presenting the evidence to the Grand Jury and he stated that he would cause a transcript to be made of the testimony of BOLTON, FARMER, ALLDERTON, and ADAMS, as taken before the Grand Jury, and he did not believe it would be necessary to bring JESS DOYLE or EDNA MURRAY to St. Paul as Grand Jury witnesses, but stated that he would be glad to have them subpoenaed for the trial if it was found that they would testify for the Government. He further stated that he did not believe the testimony of MILNER KUHLMAN would be of any material aid.

On September 27, 1935, Special Agent Sam McKee and J. H. Hanson who were in St. Paul as witnesses before the Grand Jury, accompanied Agent to the Ramsey County Jail where interview was had with WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON. In the course of conversation with MYRTLE EATON she stated that the first she knew that she and WEAVER were wanted for the BREMER kidnaping was when she read about it in the newspapers at the time of the trial of DOC BARKER and others in St. Paul; that she did not leave St. Paul to avoid prosecution on this charge.

WEAVER also denied knowledge of his indictment until he read about it in the newspapers at the time of the trial of BARKER and others, and stated that he had left St. Paul not to avoid prosecution but because of the fact that his parole from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary had been revoked, and he had a life sentence to serve in Oklahoma, and was afraid of being apprehended should he have remained in St. Paul after the kidnaping.

During interviews Agent has had with WEAVER he has stated that it was more because of his association with the BARKERS that he had become involved in the kidnaping case, than by actual participation, as he had known FREDDIE BARKER in McAlister where he met DOC, while DOC was visiting FREDDIE, and had again met FRED BARKER at West Plains, Missouri, immediately after FRED BARKER and KARPIS had killed the Sheriff at West Plains, and his association with the BARKERS continued until after the kidnaping when they were together in Toledo. He stated that MYRTLE EATON was in no way involved in the kidnaping and in fact she was not in St. Paul at the time the kidnaping occurred, but that he had the key to her apartment on Portland Avenue in St. Paul and met the BARKERS and other members of the mob in MYRTLE EATON'S apartment; that he supposed it could be proven that MYRTLE EATON was absent from St. Paul at that time, although this would be rather difficult as the trip she was on was not exactly legitimate.

He stated that he had never been in Bensenville, Illinois. Both FARMER and ALLDERTON who were witnesses before the Grand Jury viewed WEAVER and both stated that he was not the man they had seen in ALLDERTON'S house at the time BREMER was held there. However, BRYAN BOLTON who also had an opportunity to see WEAVER in the County Jail, stated that he is unquestionably the person who was present at ALLDERTON'S house in Bensenville, at the time BREMER was being held there.

In discussing KARPIS with WEAVER he stated that he had a personal dislike for him and had separated from KARPIS and the rest of the mob in Toledo. He stated that he knew it would be a long time before he would see the outside again in view of his life sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and did not expect much consideration for himself, indicating that he intended

enter a plea of guilty to the kidnaping indictment. He stated, however, that MYRTLE EATON is entirely innocent and he would like to see her cleared of the charge pending against her. It was indicated to him that even though she were successful in being acquitted of this charge, that she would probably be charged with harboring him in Florida. He stated that she was no more guilty of that than he was of harboring her, and he was thereupon informed that he could also be charged with this offense.

He stated that he would be unable to locate KARPIS and CAMPBELL, who he believes are together, unless he could personally make contact with persons known to him, and stated that he knew of no one he could send to obtain this information. He further stated that he had heard nothing concerning their whereabouts for the past four months. He indicated, however, that he would furnish information regarding participation of other persons in various crimes in which the Government might be interested should some consideration be shown with respect to prosecution of MYRTLE EATON.

With respect to firearms found in his house in Florida, he stated that he had purchased a shotgun with an extra barrel from Mr. Johnson, but does not believe he obtained the .22 Colt Automatic pistol from Johnson (This is known to the Jacksonville Office). He stated that he obtained the .45 Army revolver from Tommy Carrell, deceased Dillinger gangster at St. Paul over a year ago; that he has had a .45 Automatic since about 1922, but does not recall where he obtained it; that he does not know where he got the .380 Automatics or any other firearms that may have been found, and that the .410 shotgun is MYRTLE EATON'S property and that he purchased it in some small town in Ohio a year or so ago.

WEAVER further stated that no one visited him in Florida that knew of his identity; that numerous people in the community in which he resided visited his house, some of whom were there to purchase dairy products. He denied that he had ever seen any of the KARPIS-BARKER mob since he left Toledo.

In compliance with request of the Jacksonville Office, a certified copy of the old indictment returned against Weaver was forwarded by the United States Attorney at St. Paul to the United

States Attorney at Jacksonville for use in prosecution of MYRTLE HATON in that District. A certified copy of the bench warrant with Marshal's return of service was also forwarded with the indictment.

Surveillance of the home of HELLIE BORN at Mankato, is still being maintained, but there have been no indications that CHARLES FITZGERALD or his associates have made contact with HELLIE BORN.

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RECORDED 7-576-4619

October 26, 1935.

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.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 7, 1935 on Page 4 of which it is noted that for certain consideration William Weaver has indicated that he would furnish information to the Government regarding the participation of other persons in various crimes in which the Government might be interested.

The Bureau is not in a position to make any promises to William Weaver with regard to the prosecution of Myrtle Eaton. It is believed, however, that sincere efforts should be made by the St. Paul Office to secure from William Weaver all available information which would be of interest to the Bureau.

It is noted on Page 4 of the said report that William Weaver secured a .45 calibre Army revolver from Tommy Carroll, deceased Dillinger gangster, at St. Paul, Minnesota more than a year ago.

The Bureau desires that this matter be given very thorough consideration so that the Bureau will be advised of all contacts and communications between members of the Dillinger gang and members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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OCT 10 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

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



Dear Sir:

For your information, a Mr. Frank P. Coakley, who resides at 87 N. 45th Street, New York City, telephone Madalieu 3-9672, and who claims to have recently been engaged at confidential investigative work for a Mr. Robert L. Nagus, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, who Coakley claims is associated with the Standard Oil Company, called at the New York office at which time he advised Special Agent Hanson that when he was in Detroit in May, 1935 he had occasion to eat a meal in the Statler Hotel in Detroit; that on that occasion Cassius McDonald was sitting at an adjoining table and that while he, Coakley, does not know McDonald, he overheard from the conversation of McDonald and others who were with him, some of whom are known to Coakley, that McDonald had a hunting lodge in Michigan and that he had hidden out at this lodge on occasions certain individuals who were wanted by the authorities. Coakley claims he heard McDonald say that one individual who had been hidden out at this place is named Fred Rose, who Coakley claimed was wanted by the New York Police for forfeiting a \$15,000 bond in connection with a left robbery.

Coakley claimed that he understood from this general conversation that McDonald had two different buildings located on his hunting preserve where he had hidden out people. Coakley also added that after hearing this conversation he learned from various sources in Detroit that Cassius McDonald, along with a man named Eddie Attucks, is the payoff to the Detroit Police Department and that no criminals can operate in Detroit unless they have McDonald's permission. Coakley also added that he understood further from the general conversation that he overheard that Rose is now on the outs with McDonald.

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He also stated that on his return to New York City he, Coakley, made inquiry at the New York City Police Department and learned that Rose is known to Detective Thomas Gorman of the 10th Squad. Coakley also said he did not give much significance to the above information until he read in the newspapers recently that McDonald had been indicted in connection with the Bremer case and it occurred to him that possibly McDonald if an acquaintance of Alvin Karpis, might be hiding Karpis out at the former's hunting lodge.

After receiving the above information, the New York office made inquiry of Detective Thomas Gorman and learned that Gorman about ten years ago arrested a man named Fred Rose for a left job; further, that Rose had jumped his bail but was subsequently arrested. The New York office also obtained a copy of the photograph of this Rose and it is attached hereto for the information of the Detroit office. It might also be mentioned that Rose' criminal record as it appears in the Identification Unit of the New York Police Department, is as follows:

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The foregoing information is being forwarded to you as it is believed that the Detroit office has already made an investigation of the hunting ledge owned by McDonald, but it is not known if the Detroit office ever was in possession of information indicating there was more than one living quarter on this hunting preserve. It will also be noticed from the description on the back of the photograph of Rose, attached hereto, that at the time of his arrest by the New York City Police Department on October 10, 1934, when he was using the name Fred Rose as an alias, his true name apparently being Frederick Harris, he was residing at 200 W. 71st Street, New York City. The New York Bureau office is making no inquiry at this address nor conducting any investigation believing that possibly the Detroit office has already conducted an appropriate investigation of McDonald and that there is no necessity of contacting Rose. If, however, the Detroit office believes that Rose should be contacted for information concerning McDonald, the New York office will do so upon receipt of a request and if such a request is made, it is suggested that Rose's photograph be returned to this office for use in connection with that investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago  
Cincinnati

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-8-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-1-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Truett E. Rowe</b> <span style="float: right;">RES</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On March 15, 1935, William Weaver, using the name J. W. Osborne, traded a black 1934 Master Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 4482615, Serial No. 1DA06435, to the Motor Sales Company, Johnson City, Tennessee, for a Buckingham Gray 1935 Oldsmobile four door Sedan, with trunk locker on rear, motor No. F 424262, Serial No. TS 121752. Value of instant Oldsmobile Sedan, \$972.50, trade-in value of Master Chevrolet Sedan, \$560.00, balance of \$412.50 paid with bank notes. On March 15, 1935, Tennessee License Plates No. 151-912 issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne (true name Myrtle Eaton) for above described Oldsmobile Sedan. Money used to pay balance due on instant Oldsmobile was not checked with possible lists.



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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Jacksonville Office to Nashville Office, dated Sept. 24, 1935.  
Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, dated Sept. 9, 1935, at Jacksonville, Florida.

**DETAILS:**

AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE:

C. C. Freeman, manager of the Motor Sales Company, 74 Wilson

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. Stapleton</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-7621</b>	OCT 10 1935
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**SECOND RUN**

Avenue, Johnson City, exhibited records in his office which disclosed that on March 15, 1935, J. W. Osborne, of Clyde, Ohio, accompanied by his wife, traded a black 1934 Master Chevrolet Sedan, with trunk locker on rear, motor No. 4482615, Serial No. 1DA06435, license number not known, to his firm for a Buckingham Gray 1935 Oldsmobile four door sedan with trunk locker on rear, motor No. F 424262, Serial No. TS 121752.

The value of instant Oldsmobile was recorded as \$972.50, trade-in value of the Master Chevrolet Sedan as \$560.00, leaving a balance of \$412.50, which was paid with bank notes. The records further revealed that G. W. Crowe was the salesman who made the trade with Osborne.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Freeman and Crowe, who, after some difficulty, identified William Weaver as the man who traded for the Oldsmobile Sedan and identified Myrtle Eaton as the woman accompanying Weaver. Freeman was unable to make a positive identification, but Crowe stated that he was positive that Weaver and Eaton were the persons with whom he made the automobile trade.

Crowe stated that the balance of \$412.50 was paid to him by the man identified as Weaver; that Weaver took a bill-fold out of the inside pocket on the right side of his coat, from which he counted out \$412.00 in bank notes, but that he, Crowe, did not check the money with lists of ransom money, as it never occurred to him that the money might have been ransom money. Neither did Crowe or anyone else connected with the Motor Sales Company think to have the bank check the money with possible lists. Crowe stated that Weaver apparently had a considerable amount of money left in his bill-fold after paying the \$412.00. Crowe also noticed that Weaver carried some money in his left hip pocket. The bank notes used to pay the above mentioned balance were of large denominations, but the exact amount of the notes is unknown.

Before Crowe closed the automobile trade with Weaver, he called the Chevrolet dealer at Clyde, Ohio, from whom Weaver stated he purchased the Chevrolet Sedan, by long-distance telephone, and was advised by the dealer that the Chevrolet Sedan in question had been paid for.

It was noted in the report of reference that Myrtle Eaton, alias Mrs. J. W. Osborne, gave her address as 517 West Maples Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, at the time she purchased Tennessee License Plates No. 151-912, for instant Oldsmobile Sedan. In an

attempt to determine whether or not anyone was traveling with Weaver and Eaton, employees of the Motor Sales Company were questioned relative to this matter, but they stated that they saw no one with them. The city directory of Johnson City was checked and it was learned that 517 West Maples Street is a vacant lot. A neighborhood investigation was then made in the 400 and 500 blocks on West Maples Street to determine if any one took in transient roomers. The results of this investigation was negative. The register at the Maples Tourist Home, 715 West Maples Street, Johnson City, was checked and revealed that no one registered at the tourist home on the night of March 14, 1935, and that no one using the name "Osborne" registered during the month of March. Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Mrs. H. E. Haun, owner of the Maples Tourist Home, but she was unable to make an identification, stating that she has never seen any member of the gang.

AT JONESBORO, TENNESSEE:

Agent checked the records of automobile registrations in the County Clerk's office at Jonesboro, which disclosed that, on March 15, 1935, Tennessee license plates No. 151-912 were issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne, 517 West Maples Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, for a new Oldsmobile Sedan, and that the license plates were issued by John Carson, Deputy County Clerk.

Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Carson, but he was unable to make an identification, and stated that he did not recall issuing the above described license plates.

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October 9, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

The Chicago office has advised the Bureau that Bruno Austin recently entered a plea of not guilty to a murder charge in the State Court in Chicago, Illinois and that this case was set to come up for trial on September 16, 1935.

Please advise the Bureau immediately of the disposition of this case with regard to Bruno Austin.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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J Edgar Hoover

About 6 months ago Edgar Knowles owner of the Park Filling Station Tarpon Springs Fla. thought he was a gambler and went every night to the Lincoln Club, Tampa. They soon broke him but he seems to have made friends. About a month later he lost his car and then a friend in Bradenton loaned him one, which he has used until about a month ago, when friend came one evening, they went out got drunk came home about 3 A.M. The next morning about 10 A.M. the friend who stayed all night with him came out the back door. He was a short man, full face but pulled his straw had down on his face, rode off in his car and I heard had gone to Texas. Sept. 15 Edgar K. went to Bradenton and brought the same car back. Sept. 18 a Blonde woman came to the station, gave Edgar a note, he got in the car and took it to his garage rear of his home, closed the doors and the car is still there. They never speak of the man or car, But I hear he has cars in most every city, and what little I hear he seems to be hiding out near Dade City. As a rule he must live in Bradenton but stays in Tampa most of the time. This car is a blue-green La Salle with a canvas top. He seems to have plenty of money and guns. I am not signing my name for most of my mail is opened. H. Joe Smith City Clerk, Sam Michael Dupy Sheriff, Jim Hope, Fera boss, John Boyd Bad customers are around the station.

Margaret Sperry lived here about a year wrote a book "Portrait of Eden" pub. by Liveright. describes E. Knowles as Ex Fire chief the man with horse teeth and Webb Hill Ex police chief as the murderer of Dr. McAllister here. Knowles weakness, whisky, ladies and swearing. Miss Hannah King nurse at the hospital is a close friend.

The Knowles never speak of this stranger You must be hot on his trail now as they are extra quiet.

There is a garage apartment back of Knowles house if you are interested in watching the La Salle.

If I can do anything for you put an ad in Tampa Tribune, Personal "as Dick Tate" write - Hardware Co P.O. Box. Tampa.

*Alvin Tarpon*

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Remember I was taken to the woods twice to shoot but luck was with me.

I am sending this to a friend in Pittsburg to mail.

I beloive this man to be Karpis.

Yours

/s/ Dick Tate

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October 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am forwarding to you herewith copies of a letter dated September 22, 1935 purporting to have been written by one Dick Tate, which was received at the Bureau on September 23, 1935. In his letter Mr. Tate indicates that one Edgar Knowles, owner of the Park Filling Station at Tarpon Springs, Florida, may be harboring fugitives.

In the event you have an Agent in Tarpon Springs in the near future, it is requested that an appropriate, discreet investigation be made to determine whether it is possible for Edgar Knowles to be presently harboring or assisting any fugitives in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure No. 661009

cc-STE. PERMITS SECTION  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
E.J. Connelley (Chicago)  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 8, 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

There is quoted herein memorandum submitted by  
Special Agent R. C. Suran at Mankato, Minnesota, and re-  
ceived in this office on October 5, 1935:

"Agents Paulson and Tonis have advised me  
that they have obtained information through [redacted]  
[redacted] that Mrs. Ole Anderson has returned to  
Mankato and visited a neighbor [redacted] the  
other day. They state that the information that was  
obtained [redacted] was to  
the effect that Mrs. Anderson talked plenty. From  
the information obtained and other circumstances re-  
lated from time to time in the telephone log, I  
believe that Mrs. Anderson should be talked to by  
Agents of the Bureau. She no doubt could furnish us  
with information concerning Fitzgerald and further  
tell us of all of the activities of Belle for the  
past several months. It will be remembered that  
Mrs. Anderson lived on Belle's farm while Belle was  
traveling over the country with Fitzgerald, and it  
is not entirely impossible that she would have  
information as to the present whereabouts of Fitz-  
gerald if he is alive. I suggest that the matter  
be put up to Mr. Connelley, and Mrs. Anderson would  
no doubt be interested in a little cash."

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I am still of the opinion that it is not advisable  
to interview Mrs. Ole Anderson until the surveillance at  
Mankato is discontinued. It appears to me that if she is in  
a position where she desires to talk now, there is no logical  
reason why she should not be interviewed at this time.  
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reason why she will not be willing to cooperate at a later date. In view thereof, and unless instructed to the contrary by the Bureau or Mr. Connelley, no action will be taken at the present time.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati  
cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago

C O P Y

Saint Paul  
October 7, 1935.

The Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: U.S. v. Barker, Karpis, McDonald, et al.-  
Bremer kidnaping case.

Sir:

Joseph H. Adams, manager of the El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, appeared before a recent Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, called to consider further indictment in the Bremer kidnaping case, and extensions in point of time of the conspiracy, and inclusion of other defendants in the conspiracy indictment.

Mr. Adams appeared as a Government witness and gave valuable testimony which tends to tie Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer and William Harrison in the conspiracy. Mr. Adams was very friendly towards the Government and his testimony before the Grand Jury was freely given, and he has expressed a desire and willingness to cooperate with the Government in the prosecution of this case.

According to the information in this office, Mr. Adams is under indictment, or indictments, in the District of Florida, charging him and others with harboring Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. In the event those cases against him were prosecuted at this time, or before the trial of the Bremer kidnaping case, it would no doubt cause Adams to feel unfriendly towards the Government and much of his usefulness as a witness in the trial of the Bremer kidnaping case would be destroyed. The Bremer kidnaping case will probably come on for trial in St. Paul about November 12, 1935.

I respectfully request that your Department go into the advisability of the continuance of the cases against Adams in the District of Florida to the end that a trial of such cases be not had until after the trial of the Bremer kidnaping case. If the continuance of the cases against Adams in Florida meets with your approval, I ask that you kindly take up such continuance with the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and that you advise me with respect to his intentions as to a continuance of such cases until after the Bremer kidnaping case has been tried.

Respectfully,

OCT 14 1935

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 8, 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

For the information of the Bureau and each of the offices indicated below, I am attaching to Bureau copies of this communication and copies designated for other offices, letter from the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, under date of October 7, 1935 addressed to the Attorney General.

It will be noted that United States Attorney Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, in his communication requests the Department to consider the advisability of having the cases against Joseph H. Adams, Miami, Florida, postponed until after the trial of captioned case in St. Paul. It should be noted that the United States Attorney contemplates bringing this case to trial on November 12, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*  
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H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago (Encl.)

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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. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau advising that arrangements have been made to secure typewritten copies of all communications sent and received by Elmer Farmer, register number 47103, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Transmitted herewith are typewritten copies of the following communications.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois, postmarked September 19, 1935.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois, postmarked September 21, 1935.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Blanche Erabaut, postmarked Melrose Park, September 20, 1935.

Letter to Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois, from Elmer Farmer, dated September 22, 1935.

Letter to Blanche Erabaut, Elmhurst, Illinois, from Elmer Farmer, dated September 24, 1935.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois, postmarked September 25, 1935.

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Very truly yours

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago (Encls.)  
cc - St. Paul (Encls.)  
cc - Cincinnati (Encls.)

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Copy of letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103,  
from Helen Conliff, 4143 West End Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

postmarked, Chicago, Sept. 19, 1935.

Dearest Elmer:-

Wednesday Eve.

I received your letter late today and believe me I was glad to hear from you. I thought something had happened to you when I did not hear from you yesterday. I am so glad you are feeling so well. I am sorry I did not write to you much last week but I was so upset, you see we gave up the apartment and my mother and I are living with May and Mick for a few days. We took Irene to school and they would not let her go back into her second year so she is back in Bensenville and staying at Jenkins. She really wanted to go back there so it is just as well she did until we know where we are at. Now about my mother and I. Of course you know things are rather hard for us and have not been so good for us but it looks as if things are going to get better. You see honey there is a Tavern over north and my mother is thinking of taking the kitchen and running it. You know the concession and we will know tomorrow definitely. Tomorrow, and I will write and tell you all about it. If it does not turn out the way we plan, why then I will proceed to go and get another job, meanwhile we are staying here with May and Mick but I hope not for very long. Montie's wife is lucky to have a tearoom, isn't she, I do not ever call her you told me not to, you know. So it was Ladala who was down to see you. You must be an important person that they come all the way from Chicago to see you. I did not know Mike had Sam for his lawyer. I don't think he did. I think he had a man by the name of Brust from Oak Park. I met Bert and his wife on Grand Ave the other night on the street car and he asked for you and said to say hello to you. I do not hear from Martha so very often but I guess she is getting along nicely. You know I thought perhaps I wrote down there you would get to work sooner but perhaps it is best not to. I hope you do go to work soon I t will be much better for you if you do. How is Harold getting along now,

Well honey, sure would like to see you. I still miss you a whole lot. You asked about Limpeter. Well, I guess it is just for the town I doubt very much if he could handle the County. I tried to call Lil and was going to ask her about Mike and I also wanted to find out about the rings that Mike and I took out to that Beck in Aurora but I suppose I would get them back without any trouble, don't you, That is if I had the money. As yet have not heard from McMerkon. I hope those agents have you alone they should because if you won't help there and I am glad you won't and they know it, they should not be coming there annoying you. It has been real nice here the past week. Warm enough to go out without a coat in the evenings. I will tell Bill and Rose you said hello and sent your regards, Bill will be glad to hear from you. You know honey, I must have disappointed you terribly last week neglecting to write to you but I honestly did not know just what I was doing so tho I am very sorry that dont help much. I promise I will not wait so long again, my dearest, overlook it this time. Mick has worried too about not hear-

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ing from you I thought you were sick, gee don't let that happen.  
Everyone is pretty good and they all say hello. Well dearest I'll  
write to you tomorrow and let you know how we made out so meanwhile  
send my next letter here I will enclose the address and then we  
should be located next week and have a permanent address, so hoping  
you are getting along nicely and I will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff

address your next letter to:  
4113 West End Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Copy of letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Blanche Brabant -  
no address, however, postmarked, Melrose Park, Sept. 20, 1935.

September 20, 1935.

Dear Elmer

I received your letter Wednesday afternoon, I looked for it Tuesday as I know you write it on Sunday, but I suppose they have a lot of mail to look over, you wrote it Sunday but it did not leave until Tuesday. Well I am glad to know you are feeling so well, a rest is a fine thing for any one. I hope they will give you work soon as it must get very monotonous with nothing to do. I hope they dont bother you anymore about any case, you are thru with that, and thats settled. Gifford saw Rud's brother-in-law and he said Rud is always on a vacation. Gifford said he would like to meet him when he is in town, so if he gets the chance to talk to him, he will. As soon as you get work I will come to see you. Its been such a long time since I have seen you. When you get out in the yard you can see then what you would like to study, I would take something up as it will help pass the time and be a benefit to you. Thats fine that they have a school right there, a business course if very good, also English, if you read the right books, they are a great help. I know you never cared much about reading but after you get started you would like it.

I was in Chicago yesterday, I wanted to write your letter and mail it from Chi. but I didn't have time so I am writing this now at 7:30 A.M. its cold and raining heretoday, but we had a week of real summer weather.

We are well. I haven't seen Chub since I wrote you last but things are going along alright over there. i'll send you your ten dollars in the next letter, could I put the \$10 dollar bill in the letter or must it be a money order. Gifford says "Hello" he's going out to mail this now and I hope you receive it Sat.

Love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant

Copy of letter to Elmer Farmer<sup>47103</sup>, from Helen Conliff, 4143 West End Ave. Chicago, Postmarked Chicago, Sept. 21, 1935.

Friday evening.

Dearest Elmer:

I thought you would be looking for a letter from me, so here it is.

Well honey I guess I told you we were waiting to hear from that woman about getting the concession in that tavern for the kitchen but so far we have not heard from her as to whether we can have it definitely or not so cannot tell you but I will let you know. How are you getting along dearest, I hope you are getting along as nicely as you were last week. We are still staying here with Mick and May but not for long I hope, gosh, if I stayed very long I would go batty you know all they do is "sing the blues" and how I love that. However please send my letter here and I will be sure of receiving it and when I reply I will let you know of any changes in my address. Martha called here for me yesterday and though I have not had so very much to do with her since I lived here in Chicago but I thought I would go out with her so we went to the show and had supper downtown. She is getting along very nicely and I guess Bert is too. Scottie is staying here with us but I think when Irene comes in for her clothes I will let her take him back to Bensenville with her for a little while. anyway. I bet you think that it wont be long before we are living back there but not me Elmer, perhaps if you were there I might but as it is - no thank you. I hope you go to work soon and doing the work you want to do. Everyone is just fine and they all say hello to you.

I am going out to Marys house in a little while, there is not much else to do around here so I will mail your letter.

I was talking to Sam this morning and I intend to see him Monday so will let you know what he has to say. Well honey this is about all I guess for this time and please dont wait so long to write to me this week. I look forward to receiving your letters so much and I am disappointed when they are late. I will write to you Sunday so until then take good care of yourself and write to me as soon as you can.

With lots of love

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Copy of letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Miss Helen Conliff,  
4134 West End Ave., Chicago.

Leavenworth, September 22, 1935

Dear Helen

Received your letter Friday night. so you and your mother ar living with Nick and May now. say hellow to them for me. I think of them often and hope some day to see them agin. I rean went back to school in Bensenville agin mabe that's the best place for her as she will get through school sooner out there then in Chicago. and she knows every one going to school out there. I hope you and your mother get that kitchen concession up north then thing would be much better for you. I see in the paper Mische also pleaded guilty and got one to life along with the other three. I had another government agent here to see me from Kansas City he talked to me and Harold at the same time about going up to StPaul but we would not go back as we do not know those people up there. so now they are sending Brennen from StPaul down here to see us. I suppose he will be here some time this coming week. Monte is there for that purpose so let him do it. I am not doing anything down here yet just resting up. hope they give me something to do soon as they said they would. so you were talking to Berth and his wife. I dont suppose Bishops like to see him get married and leave Bensenville as he was a good roomer for them. we are still having fine weather down here its been quite warm onley rained one day this week. I suppose scottie is alright by now he must have a good time around Nick and May as they both like him. I am writing this letter to you on Saturday night so if I hear from you Sunday night will not be able to answer untill next week. but thought I better write you now so you would get it thuesday. I will mail this letter to you in the morning going to breakfast. I havent mised any meals since I am down here and go to bed on time every night but its seems to agree with me as I am picken up some weight but hope to take it of agin when I go to work. I am getting the papers from Chicago and Kansas City regular now and know most everything that is going on. I spend most of my time reading papers and book. I can get all the books I want to read from the library in here. They have plenty of book and kind you want to read. Well this is about all for this week. best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer

Copy of letter written by Elmer Farmer #47103 to Blanche Brabant,  
275 Geneva Ave., Elmhurst, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas Sept. 24th, 1935.

Dear Blanche

Received your letter last night. was glad to hear from you. I thought mabey you were sick when I didnt hear from you on Saturday or Sunday. so you didnt get my letter until wensday last week. I dont suppose you will get this one untill some time the last of this week as it wont go out of here untill tomorrow. I had another agent to see me and Allerton last week about going to St. Paul. but neather of us would go, as we dont know those people up there. he told us they were comming down from St. Paul to see us now. I sure wish they would leave me alone as I dont intend to go up there and I told them so. I am not working yet and dont suppose I will as long as those agents come to see me. so it has been raining in Chicago. we havent had any down here this last week. It has been very nice. you can send the ten dollars in the letter it would be alright. so you dont see Jim very often I suppose he is buisy and dont get away much. this is not much of a letter as I want to mail it on my way to breakfast so it will leave here some time today. hope Gifford get to see Rud for me. best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Copy of letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Helen Conliff, 4443 West  
End Ave., Chicago, Postmarked, Sept. 25, 1935.

Wednesday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your nice letter late yesterday. I am glad you are  
feeling so well.

Be careful with that Brennan if he come to see you. You remember  
how he was on the stand. I really mean that, he was so sure of himself.  
Harold does just whatever you do, doesn't he, You and him must be very valuable  
to them to be sending so many agents to see you. You are right to say that  
about Montie. I went to see Sam Monday as I told you I was going to do. He  
was not Miki's lawyer. I told you I did not think he was. I tried to call  
Lil so many times but her phone is disconnected, so have not been able to  
find out any news. Some said you could do as you pleased, it was entirely up  
to you, but it would not do you any harm to go to St. Paul if they wanted you  
to. It might help you later on, but you do as you please about it. I told  
you in the letter I wrote to you Sunday that we did not get that concession  
over north. I have my application in at two agencies so hope to be called  
to work soon. Clara has a brother who is working on the north side in a  
Drugstore and he is trying to get me a job there. I am still on call as a  
Relief girl at Raklioc but would much rather be working steady and know  
just what I will make each week. Well anyway here's hoping things change  
for me, I hate to write blue letters to you. I know how you hate to hear  
anyone singing the blues. Irene was in to see us last night and she is getting  
along very nicely. Said to say "hello" to you. Everyone is getting along  
pretty good. Tho' finally Mick decided to go to the doctors today. You know  
I told you that every time he eats anything he seems to choke. His face  
just gets purple. He leaves the table about four or five times during a meal.  
I was out to Mary's last night and Mary was telling me that she seen Jim and  
he had Frenchy and Henry with him and they were in a saloon in Hanson Pk. and  
as usual plastered. He had quite a bit of money. You know how he is when  
he has money. Have not heard anything about him to tell you about. How  
is Blanche and Gifford getting along, Is he still working, Bill Palmer  
is on his vacation and Rose and him are going to Wisconsin. Martha was  
telling me that she had heard Bill Bishop was in a sanitarium in Lombard.  
You remember I told you he was not very well. He did not work from  
December until June and he had all of his teeth pulled. Too bad, he is so  
sick. I was going to write Margaret and tell her I was so sorry but have not  
as yet but intend to soon. Well, honey, I wish you would get to work soon  
and perhaps I can come to see you. How about you, would you like to have me  
come down there. Well, honey, I will just as soon as I can.

Scottie got over his accident nicely and he has a nice home here, that  
is, sometimes, when my aunt is not hollering at him. I hope I can get away  
from here soon. It is not homelike at all, but anyway it wont be for very  
long, I hope. Albert is still running away from work. He is away on his usual  
week end trip. He left here Saturday and this is Wednesday and he is not at  
home yet. "Nize"; Well, honey, I guess this is about all for this time so hope  
you continue to keep well and get along so nicely. You made a mistake on

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the address so I will enclose it again, please send my next letter here.  
Will close, with lots of love and write real soon and be careful talking  
to those agents.

(Signed) Helen Conliff  
4113 West End Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
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FILE NO. **7-3 JV**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-9-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-2,3,4,-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT C. HENDON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. #1238, 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="text-align: center;">Joseph Peter Dowling and E. M. "Jack" Lents, admittedly card-sharps, acknowledged accidental contact with W. B. Meade in Charleston, S. C., March 1935, but stated they have no information as to his present whereabouts. G. R. Meade, Charleston, S. C. and Mrs. L. F. Mead, Miami, Fla., registered Hotel De Soto, Savannah, while Dowling was there, probably not connected instant case. Photograph of Meade exhibited to Hotel employees and contacts of Dowling and Lents but not recognized.</p>			
			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. B. Leekie, Charlotte, dated September 10, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:</u>  <p>F. J. Sweeney, Savannah Police Department, advised that Savannah license #8362 had been issued this year to Miss Lulu Mae Jones, 1230 East 31st Street, for Plymouth Sedan, motor #PF-31125-C. It will be noted that reference report requested Laura May Jones, 1231 East 31st Street, to be interviewed. Personal observation disclosed that there was no 1231 East 31st Street.</p> <p>When questioned, Lulu Mae Jones stated that she knew no one by the name of Joseph Peter Dowling or any of his aliases. Upon</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. A. Rous etc</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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reference being made to the Hotel Francis Marion at Charleston, South Carolina, she immediately stated that once last Spring or summer when she was staying at that hotel she met a fellow by the name of Jack Lynch (spelling phonetic, according to her). She advised that this person had approached her in the lobby of the Francis Marion and had later taken her out to a night club in Charleston. She stated that she had at the time met a fellow with him whose name she could not recall. Miss Jones then described Lynch in such a manner as to leave no doubt but that it was the Lents referred to in reference report. She advised that he had told her he was in the contracting business, that his home was in Atlanta, Georgia, but that he was then living in Miami, Florida. She related that she gave him her phone number and address in Savannah and that about three months ago he had called her when in town, but that she had not then gone out with him.

Miss Jones continued that on Saturday night, September 28, 1935, Lents called her and asked her to pick him up at the Savannah Hotel where he was staying. She said that accordingly she, Miss Demah Aiken, 725 Mawpaw Avenue; and Miss Julia Anderson, Oglethorpe Street, had gone to the Hotel in her car. She stated that Lents had met them in front of the Hotel and had then gone back into the Hotel and gotten a girl, whose name she could not remember, and had taken her along. She said that they then went to the De Soto Hotel where they picked up a fellow by the name of "Joe". Her description of Joe tallied well with that of Joe Dowling. She continued that after they had obtained something to eat they had taken Lents and his girl back to the Savannah Hotel and that then Miss Aiken had taken Joe home alone. She stated that she had not heard from either of the men since that time.

Miss Jones said that she was employed by the Keller Dairy Company, 1516 Bull Street, of which company Miss Aiken was the manager.

Miss Demah Aiken substantiated that part of Miss Jones' statement concerning her and added that she could not remember Joe's last name further than that it was "English sounding". She stated that after they had left the rest of the party she had taken Joe back to the De Soto Hotel where he told her he was occupying room 406 and should she care to call him. She stated that the number was impressed upon her due to the fact that Lents had stated that he was occupying the same room number at the Savannah Hotel. Her description of both men fitted generally that given of Dowling and Lents in previous reports.

Andrew A. Smith, Manager, Savannah Hotel, stated that a party giving the name of Jack Lance had registered into room 406 on September 25, 1935. He said that on September 30, 1935 Jack or Jimmie Kiley, well known local gambler who could be located through Bo Peep's Billiard Parlor, 19 East Congress Street, had called the Hotel and said that Lents had been called out of town and for them to hold his baggage for the bill which Lents would return for on October 4, 1935. Smith advised that he was then holding the baggage for the bill which was for the amount of \$40.00. The baggage was superficially searched by writer for anything which might tie Lents up with William Elmer Meade but nothing of value in that connection was discovered. The only document contained in the baggage was an envelope addressed to Jack Lance, Savannah Hotel, postmarked at Miami, Florida on September 26, 1935 and bearing a return address to Mrs. E. M. Lents, 606 Tuttle Hotel, Miami, Florida.

It was ascertained from R. N. Hardeman, attorney and house man for the Savannah Hotel, that Lents is the Lents that was acquitted of the murder in Atlanta's famous Donaldson case which occurred approximately fifteen years ago, and that Solicitor General Boykin of Atlanta would accordingly know Lents very well.

Hardeman and Smith were requested to get in touch with writer immediately at the De Soto Hotel or through the District Attorney's office should Lents return for his baggage.

Mr. A. J. Browne, Assistant Manager, De Soto Hotel, stated that John P. Downey registered at 4:17 A. M., September 26, 1935, in room 455, giving Miami, Florida as his address. He stated that, according to his records, Downey was moved on the following morning to room 406 where he stayed the next four nights. His registration card, #9527, was exhibited to writer and indicated that on September 30, 1935, a Mr. "Cuyly" called and informed the Hotel that Downey had left town for a few days but would return for his baggage and pay his bill on Wednesday, October 2, 1935. Mr. Browne advised that the person who had called was probably Jimmie or Jack Kiley, local gamblers. He further stated that his night telephone operator, Mrs. Flo Wagner, was Jack Kiley's mistress and that accordingly care should be taken in placing any phone calls in instant case.

Browne stated that Downey's bag was being held for his bill. The baggage was superficially searched by writer and complete notes made of its contents which will not be listed.

The notes, however, will be retained in the Atlanta file. The articles found therein included several thousand-dollar bill wrappers; five, ten, twenty and fifty dollar phoney paper bills; a nickel, on one side of which was cemented a mirror (a card sharp device), and various other things which would indicate that their owner was engaged in the crooked card racket. A packet of correspondence was taken to writer's room for a minute study thereof. A cursory survey of the correspondence failed to disclose anything connecting Dowling with Meade. As writer prepared to make a more detailed study of the correspondence, Mr. Browne sent word by the house detective that Dowling was just checking back into the hotel and was asking for his baggage. The packet of correspondence was accordingly returned to Dowling's bag in order not to arouse his suspicion that he was being watched.

Upon being again contacted, Mr. Browne stated that Dowling had come in by himself and had been assigned to room 104. As writer had stepped off the elevator just prior thereto, he noticed a young man meet an elderly man in the back lobby and proceed towards the Tavern, located in the hotel basement. Later it was stated by Bell Captain Robert that the younger man was Dowling. The older man seemed to be about the size of Meade and wore glasses but seemed to be somewhat younger. An effort was made immediately to locate the two in the Tavern but they had left. Mr. Browne was then requested to check for any registrations under the name of Meade or any of his aliases. This check indicated that on registration card #9547 D. O. Mead, 532 Hagur St., Charleston, South Carolina, had been assigned to room 217 on September 26, 1935, paying \$2.50 in advance and had checked out on the following day. Registration card #9165 indicated that a Mrs. L. F. Mead and a Mrs. L. J. Cushman, 311 N. E. 28th Street, Miami, Florida had registered on September 24, 1935 in room 119 and had occupied the room for one night. A subsequent effort was made to get photostatic copies of the two registrations but it was impossible since there was no available machine in Savannah.

The Atlanta Office was requested telephonically to forward a picture of Mead to Agent so that it would arrive the following morning and arrangements were made through Mr. Browne to be notified immediately should there be any indication that Dowling was checking out during the night. The following morning a surveillance was maintained on the hotel desk to prevent Dowling's leaving and to observe any persons resembling Meade. Upon the receipt of Meade's photograph in the morning mail it was exhibited

to Mr. Browne; Miss Zama Brown, cigar counter clerk; Mrs. Alceia Richardson, mail clerk, and to Robert, the colored bell captain, all of whom stated they had not seen anyone of that appearance in the hotel that they could remember.

Agent proceeded to room 104 where, posing as a telegraph messenger, he gained entrance to find Dowling had not yet arisen. He was evidently surprised and frightened that a Special Agent wanted to question him. To the direct question he stated that he did not know anyone by the name of Meade and had never known anyone by that name. He was then shown the picture of Meade whereupon he immediately stated that he knew the person and had met him in Charleston, South Carolina, the past Spring under the name of Miller. He stated that he had not seen the man before that time nor had he seen him since. When asked to state the circumstances of the meeting in Charleston he related that he and his partner, Lents, had been working Charleston with the card racket and had been approached by "Miller" at that place. He denied that they had attempted to rean Hastings on a confidence game, but stated that he may have tried to get Hastings to "tout" him on a horse-race. He readily admitted that he was a card-sharp and stated that he and Lents had "beat" a guest in the Sumpter Hotel which led to his arrest in Charleston. He stated that he was merely a card-sharp and nothing else, that he had no allusions of grandeur and had never had anything to do with the confidence racket. He stated that his meeting with Meade in Charleston was purely accidental and that he knew nothing whatsoever concerning the man. Dowling advised that when he had left Savannah on October 30th he and Lents had been driven to Jacksonville by Jimmie Kiley where they caught a boat to Miami for the purpose of playing cards on the way down. He stated that they made the round-trip on the boat and that he and James McHugh had returned from Jacksonville the night before by train. He stated that McHugh was staying with him in his room but had not registered in as they were riding hard luck and were short of cash. Dowling said that Lents was returning to Savannah by car but that he did not know just when he would arrive. He volunteered that he could always be reached through General Delivery, Miami, Florida.

Before the conclusion of the interview with Dowling, James McHugh entered the room. He was immediately recognized as the elderly man who had been seen with Dowling the previous evening. He was asked to separately state his activities and told a story that exactly fitted that given by Dowling. He also readily admitted

that he was a card-sharp who had joined Lents and Dowling in Miami. He stated that he lived at the Del Rio Apartments in that city with his wife and five children, where he could always be located should he be wanted for further questioning. When shown the picture of Meade, he stated that he did not recognize it as any person he had ever seen. When Meade's name was mentioned, he stated that he knew him by reputation but that further than that he knew nothing. Dowling was requested to place a call to the Savannah Hotel and inquire if Lents had yet registered. The switch-board operator there told him that Lents was registered, but had left word not to be disturbed and refused to place the call.

Agent proceeded immediately to the Savannah Hotel, first receiving a message from the District Attorney's office that Mr. Smith of that hotel wished to see him. At the Savannah Hotel it was ascertained that Lents had registered about 3:00 A. M. in room 310. At room 310 Agent awakened Lents and used a ruse to gain admittance. Upon entering the room Lents was found to be unclad and a woman in negligee was in bed. The woman was asked to adjourn to the bath-room and Lents was questioned. He was naturally extremely frightened and nervous and willing to tell anything apparently. He recognized the picture of Meade and stated the man's correct name. Lents stated that he had last seen Meade in Charleston, South Carolina in March, 1935, at which time he and his partner, Joe Dowling, were working that town with the card racket. He stated that he had previously casually met Meade in Jacksonville, Florida about three years previous to that time. He related that while sitting in the lobby of the Sumpter Hotel in Charleston, Meade had approached him and begun a conversation. He stated that he, Meade, Joe and a prospective sucker whose name he did not recall had all been in his, Lents, room at one time. He stated that there had been no plan to pull a confidence game on the stranger but that they had attempted to get him to "tout" them on a horse-race and to also get him into a card game. He stated that Dowling had picked the man up and that he had appeared to be too smart and that they had dropped him.

Lents advised that he had never done a "Hickel's" worth of business with Meade in his life and that he had never participated in a con game. Lents denied pointing Meade out to Hastings as stated in the report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett, Boston, August 28, 1935. He stated that he had not been with Meade longer than an hour and a half during his stay in Charleston. He continued that Meade had questioned him concerning the possibility of operating a confidence game in Savannah whereupon he gave him his address in Savannah and said that he would look the situation over and would advise Meade if

he would call him there. Lents stated that Dowling had been arrested in Charleston for beating someone in a card game and that he had left hurriedly for Savannah where he registered in the De Soto Hotel about March 28 or 29, 1935. He said that after his arrival in Savannah Meade had called him from the Savannah Hotel. Lents continued that he had gone to Meade's room there, which he was occupying with Mrs. Meade, whom Lents described in conformity with the description as given of Kate Meade. Lents stated that their room was a large one with twin beds. He said that he had told Meade that there was'nt a chance to pull a payoff in Savannah, and after talking to him a bit longer, had left. Lents stated that he had not seen or heard of Meade since that time and had no idea where he might be located. Lents begged for leniency on the White Slave Traffic Violation in which he was caught red-handed, admitting that he had brought the woman with him from Jacksonville the night before, and it is believed that had he possessed any information concerning Meade he would have spilled it in hopes of not being prosecuted. The White Slave Traffic angle is handled in a separate report, the U. S. Attorney refusing prosecution. Despite denials on the part of Agent, Lents considered the failure to prosecute as a personal favor and in several subsequent conversations repeatedly stated that he knew nothing of the whereabouts of Meade, saying that if he did he would give the information in return for the break he received. Lents stated that he lived in Apartment 606, Tuttle Hotel, Miami, Florida, with a woman not his wife and that he could be reached there until December 10, 1935, when his lease expired.

George F. Paysant, clerk, Savannah Hotel furnished his arrival and checkout books for the month of April and May, 1935, which were searched for the possible registration of Meade and his wife under the name of Miller or his other aliases, but nothing could be found that could be established as being the proper one.

The photograph of Meade was exhibited to all of the Savannah Hotel clerks, Mr. E. A. Smith, Mr. Hardeman, and to several of the bell-boys, all of whom stated that they did not recognize the picture as resembling any guest at the Hotel which they could recall.

At the Bo Peep Billiard Parlor, 19 East Congress Street, it was ascertained that Jimmie and Jack Kiley were brothers who operated a gambling joint known as "The Club" at 111 1/2 West Congress Street. At "The Club" both were separately interviewed. Jimmie Kiley stated that it had been he who had called the two hotels on September 30, 1935, to advise them that Joe Dowling and Jack Lents had left town. He then substantiated

their statements as to the boat trip to Miami and back. Kiley stated that they were known as card-sharps and that they had never operated in the con game. Jack Kiley made the same general statements. The picture of Meade was exhibited to both and they stated that they had never seen anyone resembling him. General inquiry developed that the Kileys were raised in Savannah and bear a fairly good reputation in that city with the exception of their gambling activities.

It will be observed in the above report that all material parties were contacted unexpectedly and separately and that all of their stories were the same. In view of the investigation it is thought that the O. E. Mead and Mrs. L. F. Mead who were registered at the De Soto as set out have no connection with William E. Meade but leads are being set out to definitely check them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at Charleston, South Carolina, will ascertain the identity of D. O. Mead, 532 Hagur Street.

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Florida, will ascertain the identity of Mrs. L. F. Mead, 311 N. E. 28th Street.

•PENDING-

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 7, 1935.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
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Time - 11:04 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

The following are verbatim excerpts from a telephonic conversation which I had with Walter Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

BARLOW: With reference to the case against Joe Adams down in Miami, last Friday we came to the conclusion that we would proceed to trial as to all the defendants. We had considered nolle prosequing as to Heller, who was the man from Havana (Nathaniel Heller), and we have got a very weak case against him, but Mr. Keenan determined that he thought it best to submit the matter to the court. You will recall that some time ago they requested taking of depositions in Cuba for Heller, and then I had that matter postponed because we were very doubtful as to whether we would proceed as to Heller. I sent a telegram to the United States Attorney down there and told him to advise the attorney for Mr. Heller that we would proceed and asked him to advise us whether he would insist upon taking these depositions in Cuba. I haven't had a reply to that yet. However, I did get word that the court will re-convene down there on the 15th, and that the United States Attorney will move that this case be one of the first set.

TAMM: Mr. Barlow, I was wondering if you are giving consideration to the fact that Cassius McDonald is under indictment in St. Paul.

BARLOW: I was just coming to that. At a prior hearing on this matter, the local counsel for Cash McDonald intimated that he wanted to file a motion for severance, and we are going to file a motion to consolidate all these harboring and conspiracy to harbor indictments in one case. We determined that rather than do anything about Cash McDonald right at the moment, we would wait until we see whether or not they file a motion for a severance. If they do file a motion for a severance, we want to oppose it. If they do not, then my instructions are prior to proceeding to trial to dismiss as to McDonald down there, because we wouldn't want to try him down there before he was tried in St. Paul. We think we have a much better case against him in St. Paul.

TAMM: Now there is one thing there, Mr. Barlow, that I might mention. One of the defendants in Florida, I believe it was Joe Adams, waived all immunity, went before the grand jury in St. Paul and testified very freely about the whole transaction down there. He is a potential and a very valuable witness in the prosecution in St. Paul. I wonder if the best interests of the Government wouldn't be served by undertaking prosecution of him after he has had a chance to testify in St. Paul. In other words, no promises or inducements have been made to him.

Edw. L. P. ...

K.M.

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BARLOW: I'll be perfectly frank with you in this matter, as I have been in my memoranda. I am doubtful whether or not our testimony as to knowledge is going to be sufficient to convict Joe Adams. I am very doubtful. We got a letter from the United States Attorney at St. Paul saying that he had tentatively set that case for the 12th of November, but he hadn't succeeded in getting Cash McDonald removed as yet. I believe that with the testimony of Joe Adams we can convict Cash McDonald, even if we didn't have anyone else. Certainly with his testimony added to the testimony of the men from the bank in Cuba who positively identified Cash McDonald, I don't think there would be any question. \* \* \* If you will review the testimony relative to Cash McDonald, you will notice that all of the overt acts committed by him were committed prior to the time that we put Alvin Karpis in Florida, and none of them was preparing a place of hiding or refuge for Karpis in Florida. They were merely engaged in activities of exchanging the money, all of which was done prior to the date when Karpis came into the state. I am fearful, as we all are, that while that testimony is very strong for the St. Paul case, that we just indicted him in the wrong box. For that reason, we don't propose to be forced to trial as to him until after he has been tried in St. Paul at least. \* \* \* Of course, I don't know and won't know until after the 15th of the month as to what date we can get a setting in Florida. If they conflict, we will all have to get together and decide what is to be done in the light of the conflict. I am hopeful that we can get a setting around the latter part of this month. I would like to get this off my chest because I have all those cases up in New Jersey, those bank cases, and they are still hanging over my head. I have finally gotten a tentative setting in them, though. The United States Attorney up there has not been at all favorable toward these cases, and I have had great difficulty getting settings. I like to try my cases, as you well know.

TAMM: You contemplate then not proceeding against Joe Adams until after the St. Paul trial?

BARLOW: No, I contemplate trying to get a setting, keeping my left eye on St. Paul, and if I can get a setting for the latter part of this month, I could finish this trial in Miami for all the defendants except Cash McDonald.

TAMM: How do you think that is going to affect the testimony that Adams will give against Cash McDonald. In other words, if Joe Adams wasn't prosecuted until after he testified in St. Paul, wouldn't his statements and his admissions on the witness stand there be of value to your prosecution of Florida?

BARLOW: Well, I don't know; we have some very lengthy statements from him, you know. He came before us voluntarily, Hanson, McKee and I when we were down there, and we had a conference with him which lasted a day and a half. He answered everything very freely, and after admitting for instance about that telegram that he wrote it and signed it "Cash" but it was at the direction of McDonald, we were having the handwriting checked, and he said that he wrote the telegram himself, and then wrote it out in longhand again for us. Except for squirming a little as to why he sent Duke Randall to Tennessee along about Christmas time where they had frightened

him at that time, his statements have been pretty nearly true, and we haven't caught him in many lies. Of course, I don't want to do anything that would jeopardize the conviction of McDonald in St. Paul.

TAMM: Yes, well, you let us know when you hear about the depositions.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
October 7, 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 HERMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of October 3, 1935, (7-576) advising that the Secret Service Division in Washington under date of September 25, 1935, furnished the Bureau with a letter directed to Mr. James H. Beary, P.O. Box 4853, Jacksonville, Florida, by Morris Hermer, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, dated September 18, 1935, in which Mr. Hermer informed that Alvin Karpis might be located at one of the three following places:

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On the outskirts of Hamilton, Ohio,  
Ironton, Ohio, or  
A point on the Ohio and Indiana border.

instructing that Mr. Hermer be immediately interviewed to obtain specific information in connection with the subject matter of his letter and that appropriate leads which might warrant attention of interested offices be set out.

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Please be advised that Special Agent F. F. Yearsley interviewed Morris Hermer, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, on October 6, 1935. Hermer resides at 1624 Burlington Avenue, St. Petersburg, in a modest home, and is the manager of the May Dress Shop at 660 Central Avenue. He has been in the City of St. Petersburg for approximately three years. Prior to coming to that point he resided in Cleveland, Ohio, and operated a chain of dress stores. This business went into bankruptcy, the details of which were not secured. He is a native of Libau, Russia, coming to the United States in 1903, and on January 3, 1924, at Cleveland, Ohio, received his final citizenship papers, which he displayed. He is 45 years of age, 5' 8" in height, weighs 160 pounds, medium build, gray hair - curly and bushy, eyes brown, olive complexion, smooth shaven, good teeth, American (naturalized) of Russian Jewish extraction.

Hermer stated that during the spring of 1932, particularly January, February and March, he was an investigator employed by the

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Sheriff at Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked with Joe Schaefer of the same office, who was formerly Chief of Detectives of the Cincinnati Police Department. Further that he investigated the well known "DAGO RED and BOB ZWIG" case, which involved crimes of murder, bank robbery, et cetera.

At this point Hermer inquired of Agent Yearaley if he had a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS. Agent Yearaley then exhibited to him the strip of photographs of the Bremer kidnapers, with the names deleted. Whereupon, he selected the photographs of ARTHUR BARKER, FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL as persons who resembled Karpis, that is the ALVIN KARPIS he alleges he observed in Ohio, as will be related hereinafter. He did not select the photograph of Karpis, and stated that it did not look like the man known to him as Alvin Karpis.

Hermer then related that some time ago he had noticed several Wanted notices in the Post Office at Tampa, Florida, among which he recalled ALVIN KARPIS and one BARR, the latter wanted somewhere in the West upon a mail fraud charge, which prompted him to correspond with James H. Beary in Jacksonville on September 18, 1935.

Hermer stated that in 1932 when he was investigating the above cases in Ohio he contacted one VAN NESS, who resides on Morris Road, some two or three miles out of Hamilton, Ohio, and had heard this man Van Ness speak of Alvin Karpis. Further, while passing from one room to another in the Van Ness home he observed Alvin Karpis in another room with several other persons, none of whom were known to Hermer. It is here noted that Hermer could not identify the photograph of Karpis when displayed to him but nevertheless he insists he saw Karpis as above noted.

He further states that after completing his work at the Van Ness home he proceeded to a filling station operated by one MR. AURADEN, located in Hamilton, Ohio, where he alleges Karpis and his gang then hung out and purchased their gasoline and auto supplies. Further, that his investigation also took him to Eaton, Ohio, and to a "joint" on the Richman Pike near the State line just outside of Eaton, Ohio, which "joint" is on the right hand side of the road, and is owned and operated by a very large man, and this joint is a hang-out for many tough gangsters, including Karpis. This large man, whose name Hermer could not recall, also has a large home just outside of Hamilton, Ohio, between the Mason and Dierfield Road, where Karpis and other underworld characters hide out. This large man was described by Hermer as being about 48 years old, more than six feet tall, weighing more than 200 pounds, very large build, dark hair and dark eyes; no glasses; smooth shaven.

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Hermer further explained that if the Postmaster of Hamilton, Ohio, is contacted he can give information about a man who worked for the only paper company in Hamilton, and who worked with Hermer on the Dago Red and Bob Zwig case. Hermer cannot recall the name of this individual, the name of the paper company for which he worked, or any details of value, adding that the man would have probably changed a great deal by this time and he could not describe him fully because he had worked with so many people on this case it was difficult for him to remember them all.

Hermer also advised that the Chief of Police at Ashland, Kentucky, has a brother-in-law, name unknown, who resides in Ironton, Ohio, who is an associate of Karpis, adding that he, Hermer, had recognized Karpis at the home of this brother-in-law with two other men. Further, that one Hays, of Covington, Kentucky, was an associate of Karpis and other underworld characters, and that he was the man who had taken Bob Zwig to a hospital when he had been shot.

Agent Yearsley questioned Hermer in detail concerning these details but he was unable to supply more definite information, descriptions, addresses, et cetera. The information supplied by Hermer was from his recollection. He volunteered that it would be difficult for a stranger to locate any of the persons or places mentioned, but that he would be glad to receive an appointment to work for the Government and endeavor to locate Alvin Karpis in the State of Ohio.

Concerning the man BARR, Hermer informed that he had a son in Columbus, Ohio, and that he visited him on various occasions, adding that the Sheriff at Columbus has all of this information.

Agent Yearsley advised that he was unable to pin Hermer down, and all of the information supplied was very vague and merely general allegations, all based upon Hermer's investigation of the Dago Red case. In Agent Yearsley's opinion, Hermer has a "detective complex" and, more than anything else, desires a position as a "detective" and undoubtedly has a very vivid imagination.

Hermer stated that he was working under cover on the above noted cases and that persons contacted by him did not know his identity. He could not give a complete description of Karpis, nor could he furnish a description of the "joints" he referred to, stating that they were just "joints", and could not otherwise describe them, but felt sure that if employed he could locate them if he were sent to Ohio.

Agent Yearsley informs that the dress shop operated by Hermer in St. Petersburg is the type found in the Bowery in the lower east side

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of New York City.

It is not believed that the information furnished by this informant is of any value whatsoever. Possibly an attempt to confirm the connection of Hermer with the office of the Sheriff of Cincinnati, Ohio, might definitely clear up this matter and eliminate any further inquiry or investigation.

It is suggested that the Cincinnati Office confer with the Sheriff's Office in Cincinnati in an endeavor to obtain some information relative to Hermer's knowledge of the characters referred to in this connection.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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2 Chicago (Mr. Connelley)  
2 St. Paul  
2 Cleveland  
2 Indianapolis.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/26, 30/35 10/1/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. R. RAMSEY - NY</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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.</b>

ET AL;  
**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim**  
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ray Green, 3617 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California, is not subject Karpis.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Portland Office dated September 25, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

At San Francisco, California.

Immediately upon receipt of letter of reference Agent communicated with Mrs. M. Martin, National Automobile Theft Bureau, San Francisco, who caused a check to be made with reference to Chrysler Sedan, Motor No. CM-37356, 1935 California license No. 9-D-9863, allegedly registered to Ray Green, 3617 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California.

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This check developed that an operator's license No. A-876871 was issued February 17, 1930, to Ray Green, 5015 I Street, Sacramento, California, wherein he was described as 21, six feet, 170 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, date of birth October 6, 1908.

This check also developed that an additional operator's license, No. B-780494, had been issued February 13, 1932, to Ray Green, 2423 41st Street, Sacramento, with identical description as noted above with the exception of age, which was noted as 25 years.

The records reflected that a chauffeur's license had been issued January 4, 1934, to Ray Green of 5016 10th Avenue, Sacramento with identical description as noted above with the exception of age, which was given as 25 years.

Mrs. Martin ascertained that the above referred to Chrysler had been sold to Ray Green of 2617 Stockton Blvd. as second hand on May 1, 1935, transfer of the 1935 license being made on May 10th with the legal owner as the Commercial Discount Company, 1414 16th Street, Sacramento.

Through the Sacramento representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, Mrs. Martin secured tracings of the signature of Ray Green contained on all of the operator's licenses referred to above as well as on the application for registration of the above referred to Chrysler Sedan and it was noted that all of these signatures appeared to be identical and written by the same person; the owner of instant Chrysler Sedan apparently being identical with the person to whom the operator's licenses had been issued in previous years.

Inasmuch as this Ray Green has apparently resided in Sacramento, California, for the past five years and does not fit the description of subject Karpis, no further investigation is being conducted with regard to the possibility that he might be a subject of this case, unless otherwise instructed by the office of origin.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 818  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 7, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim - KID-  
NAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to letter of the Chicago office under date of July 26, 1935 indicating that the Chicago office was in possession of \$1143.47 property of Volney Davis, being the money taken from his person at the time he was apprehended the first time at Kansas City, Missouri, and at which time there was also in his possession a one hundred dollar counterfeit bill.

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Subsequent authority of the Bureau authorized the surrender of this \$100.00 counterfeit bill to the United States Secret Service at Chicago, which was done. It is noted in the letter of June 14, 1935 of the St. Paul office that on June 14, 1935 the United States Attorney George Sullivan instructed that the personal property of Volney Davis be surrendered to him, particularly referring to that in possession of the Chicago Bureau office.

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In view of the recent valuable cooperation rendered by Volney Davis to the Bureau in connection with information which he has furnished, it is believed desirable that if agreeable to the Bureau and the U.S. Attorney at St. Paul, this money, in the absence of any identification of same as being ransom money, should be surrendered to Volney Davis or his designated representative, and it is requested therefore that you please immediately advise if the Bureau is agreeable that Chicago forward this money to the Kansas City office in order that they may arrange for the return of same to Davis. I understand that he desires this money to furnish certain things to his parents who are in need of same, and it is believed that this might further promote his close cooperation with the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*

CC Kansas City; St. Paul; Cincinnati  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT EJC:JMS

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 24, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1214, et al,  
Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

With reference to your letter of October 7, 1935, the Bureau observes that there is now in the possession of the Chicago Office the sum of \$1,143.47, which is the property of Volney Davis, the same having been taken from him when he was apprehended on February 6, 1935 at Kansas City, Missouri.

In view of the statement of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota to the effect that this personal property should be returned to Volney Davis, the Bureau concurs in your opinion in regard thereto. The Bureau feels, however, that a signed statement should be obtained from Davis as to whether he desires this money to be turned over to prison authorities for his own use, or desires that the money be delivered to a person to be designated by him.

The Kansas City Office should, therefore, follow the above suggestion and after the wishes of Davis have been ascertained and a signed statement obtained from him relative thereto, the money can then be transmitted by the Chicago Office to the Kansas City Office for such disposition as is designated by Volney Davis. L E D

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc St. Paul  
Kansas City  
Cincinnati

c  
KRM

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, 1934 Model,  
Motor #883450, seized from Harry  
Campbell.

Under date of September 4, 1935 this office acknowledged receipt from the Detroit office of the above described car which, under Bureau instructions, was to be returned to the United States District Court for appropriate disposition.

On September 4, 1935 after a conference with United States Attorney E. B. Freed this office directed a communication to the said United States Attorney forwarding to him the bill of sale for the said car and requesting that appropriate action be initiated with the view to effecting the disposal of the car by sale. On October 3, 1935 the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, after diligent search of authorities, directed a communication to this office, a copy of which is attached hereto, wherein it will be noted that he suggests that this car be disposed of in the manner provided for the disposition of property belonging to the United States and in the custody of the Bureau. It might be indicated that Honorable E. L. Foot, Assistant United States Attorney, who handled the matter of attempting to effect a disposition of this car through the courts of Cleveland, advised that he had also discussed this matter with United States District Court Judge West, who indicated that the court, at the present time, has no jurisdiction with reference to ordering a disposition, other than as already been made of the said car.

*Eden B. Brewer*

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Final order was issued by the court at Cleveland, Ohio vesting title to this car in the United States. The car is presently the property of the United States and it is the view of the United States Attorney here that this car can only be disposed of in the manner provided for the disposition of surplus property of the United States.

It will be appreciated if the Bureau will advise what steps should be taken by this office to effect the sale, or other disposition of the said car. The car is, at the present time, being stored in the Metropolitan Garage at Cleveland, Ohio.

It will be appreciated if immediate advice in the premises is furnished to this office.

Very truly yours,

JPM/EJB  
Enclosure

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

September 25, 1935

RAA:SLH

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; etc.

Please be advised that yesterday Eugene Bowling of Salem, Arkansas, a nephew of subject Phoenix Donald alias William Weaver, and other aliases, who now has charge of Weaver's property near Allandale, Florida, called at the Jacksonville office to obtain papers relating to Weaver's Oldsmobile sedan and Ford pick-up truck which were located in the garage on the premises when Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were apprehended by Bureau Agents on September 1, 1935. Certain papers pertaining to aforementioned cars were found by investigating Bureau Agents in the dash compartment of the Oldsmobile sedan. I refused to turn the papers over to Mr. Bowling, telling him that the investigation in this matter had not as yet been completed.

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The following are the papers referred to:

New Car Order of Motor Sales Co., Johnson City, Tenn., dated 3-15-35, for Oldsmobile 6, Model 1935, Touring Sedan; cash delivered price of \$972.50, used allowance of \$560.00 on Chevrolet 1934 Master Sedan, cash on delivery \$412.50; buyer: Mrs. J. W. (Jane) Osborne, Clyde, Ohio (buyer's signature)

Owner Identification Card - Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Clyde, Ohio - from Motor Sales Co., Johnson City, Tenn., 3/15/35, for Oldsmobile touring sedan, serial no. TS-121752, engine no. F 424262, signed Motor Sales Co., by Minnie Breeden.

1935 Certificate of Automobile Registration, State of Tennessee - License No. 151-912 for Oldsmobile, motor no. F 424262 - in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tenn.

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1935 Florida Automobile Registration Card - in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Rollins Hotel, 312 W. Forsyth St., Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida, for Oldsmobile touring sedan, engine no. F 424262, 1935 model - dated 3-19-35 - tag no. D 18-088.

*Property of (illegible)*

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*SLH*

Jax #7-24  
To the Director

9/25/35

Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title, State of Florida, dated at Tallahassee, Fla., April 9, 1935, Appn. No. 408698, Cert. No. 990298, for Oldsmobile touring sedan, engine no. F 424262, model F 35, year 1935, serial no. TS121752, in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Rollins Hotel, 412 W. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Certificate of Passenger Car Registration for 1934, Ohio Department of Highways—Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Reg. No. 140-582, fee paid \$5.00, in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Clyde, Ohio, for Chevrolet 1934 sedan, motor no. 4482615, factory no. LDA06-43592, issued July 25, 1934, Cert. No. G 173.

Certificate of Passenger Car Registration for 1935, Ohio Department of Highways—Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Reg. No. 729 DH, in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, for Chevrolet sedan, motor no. 4482615, serial no. LDA06-43592, fee paid \$10.00, issued January 12, 1935, Cert. No. E 296639.

Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title, State of Florida, dated at Tallahassee, Fla., Apr. 8, 1935, Appn. No. 533003, Cert. No. 639911-A, for Ford pickup, engine number A 276856, Model A, year 1928, in name of J. M. White, P. O. Box 821, Port Orange, Fla.

They are being enclosed, and it is respectfully requested that four photostatic copies of each be made and sent this office together with the originals.

The Bureau's advice is requested concerning the turning over of the aforementioned papers to Weaver's nephew, Eugene Bowling. Mr. Bowling stated that he had a communication from his uncle instructing that he call at this office for these documents.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures - REGISTERED  
cc St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
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# MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

CERT. No.  
639911-A

STATE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Apr 8, 1935

SATISFACTORY PROOF HAVING BEEN MADE UNDER CHAPTER 9187, ACTS OF 1923, THAT TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IS VESTED IN THE OWNER NAMED BELOW. THIS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS ISSUED FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME AND MAKE Ford TYPE Pickup WHEELS wire  
ENGINE NUMBER A 276856 MODEL A CYLS. 4  
SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF MAKE 1928 OTHER DESCRIPTIVE FEATURES \_\_\_\_\_

LIENS: None (Kind of Liens)

NAME: J M White  
ADDRESS: P O Box 821  
Port Orange, Florida



*Ernest W. ...*  
Acting Motor Vehicle Commissioner

POST PRINTING COMPANY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 2984

APPN. NO.  
408698

# MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

CERT. NO.  
990298

STATE OF FLORIDA

April 9 1935

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

SATISFACTORY PROOF HAVING BEEN MADE UNDER CHAPTER 9187, ACTS OF 1923, THAT TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IS VESTED IN THE OWNER NAMED BELOW. THIS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS ISSUED FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME AND MAKE Oldsmobile TYPE Touring Sedan WHEELS steel  
ENGINE NUMBER F424262 MODEL F 35 CYLS. 6  
SERIAL NO. T8121752 YEAR OF MAKE 1936 OTHER DESCRIPTIVE FEATURES \_\_\_\_\_

LIENS: None (Kind of Liens)

NAME: Mrs J.W. Osborne  
ADDRESS: Rollins Hotel 412 W. Forsyth St  
Jacksonville Florida



*Ernest W. ...*  
Acting Motor Vehicle Commissioner

POST PRINTING COMPANY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 2178

**CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION 1935  
STATE OF TENNESSEE**

License No. 1-913  
 Make of Car Olds Motor No. 7424262  
 Year Model 1935 Type Body 4 Old (X) New  
 Owner's Name Mrs. J. W. Osborne  
317 Maple  
City County W

State Fee \$ 1.50  
 Clerk's Fee 3.50  
 Total \$ 5.00

Signature of Owner.

This is to certify that the vehicle above described is duly registered with the Department of Finance and Taxation, State of Tennessee.

3-15-35

*Dancy*  
 Commissioner.

*Ernest J. Hill* County Court Clerk.

It is necessary that correct motor number and horsepower be given. The dealer should retain a copy of registration.

Olds 1935  
 Number 7424262  
 e Number 157-912

**NEW CAR ORDER**

DEALER'S NAME Motor Sales Co  
 ADDRESS Johnson City, Tenn  
 DATE 3-15-35

PLEASE ENTER MY ORDER FOR ONE  
 MAKE Olds 6 MODEL 1935 TYPE 4  
 MOTOR NO. SERIAL NO. TO BE DELIVERED at once

CASH DELIVERED PRICE 972.50  
 EXTRA EQUIPMENT  
 TAX

TOTAL DELIVERED PRICE 972.50

DEPOSIT ON ORDER  
 USED CAR ALLOWANCE \$ 500.00  
 LESS: BAL. DUE ON MY CAR \$ 412.50  
 CASH ON DELIVERY 412.50

RECORD OF CAR TRADED IN	TOTAL CREDIT	<u>972.50</u>
MAKE <u>Chev. Truck</u> YEAR <u>1934</u>	BALANCE DUE	<u>412.50</u>
MOTOR NO. TYPE <u>Delaware</u>	FINANCE CHARGES	
SERIAL NO. MODEL	AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	

TO BE PAID IN Cash PAYMENTS OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ EACH

It is agreed that this car is purchased by me, subject to the Manufacturer's Warranty which is printed on the reverse side hereof and is a part of this order and agreed to the same as if it were printed herein above my signature, and it is the only Warranty either expressed or implied made under this order. The price listed above is for immediate delivery. If the price should be increased before I have taken delivery, this order shall be construed as if the increased price was originally inserted. If this order is cancelled, the Dealer reserves the right to retain all deposits sufficient to cover liquidating damages. The title to the car to be delivered to me shall remain with you until the price is paid to you in full. I certify that I am 21 years of age or over, that the car I am trading in is my property and free from all encumbrances whatsoever, except balance due as noted above. This order is not valid unless signed and accepted by an officer of this Company and purchaser's credit has been O.K. d by Finance Company as to any deferred balance.

BUYER'S SIGNATURE J. W. Osborne  
 ADDRESS 317 Maple PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Ohio SALESMAN  
 ACCEPTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 (DEALER'S SIGNATURE)

**OWNER IDENTIFICATION CARD**  
 This is to certify that  
*Mrs. J. W. Osborne*  
 of *Cincinnati, Ohio*  
 took delivery of Oldsmobile car, No. *4482615*  
 from *John Sales Co* on *3/15/35*  
 (State)  
 and is entitled to receive PROMPT, EFFICIENT and COURTEOUS service from ANY AUTHORIZED OLDSMOBILE SERVICE STATION. Upon presentation of this card is also entitled to receive service in accordance with the terms of the Standard Oldsmobile Owner Service Policy.

**FEE PAID**  
**\$10.00**  
 OFFICIAL STAMP

**Certificate of Passenger Car Registration**  
 Reg. No. *729DH*  
 Name *Mrs J W Osborne*  
 Street or R. R. *Hollins Hotel*  
 P. O. *Cincinnati, Ohio*  
 Make of Car *Oldsmobile* Type  *Sedan H 263*  
 Motor No. *4482615* Serial No. *124064372*  
 Issued by *Robert Hawk*  
 Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles.  
 At *CINCINNATI* Ohio,  
 on the *JAN 1 20 1935* day of *1935*  
 Cert. No. **E 296639**

**1935—FLORIDA AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION CARD—1935**  
 Owner *Mrs J. W. Osborne* Tag No. *D 17-11*  
 Street Address *Hollins Hotel*  
*312 W. Forsyth St.*  
 County *Duval* City *Jax* FLORIDA  
 Date *3-19-35* Make of Car *Oldsmobile* Type *Touring Sedan*  
 Engine No. *FL21262* Pass Capacity *5* Weight  
 T. C. No. *App1* Date Acquired *3-15-35* Year Made *1935*  
 Model *F 35* Serial No. *TS121752* '34 Tag No. *New*  
 Use *Pri* No. Wheels *5*  
 Amt. Sent with Appn. \$ *15.00*  
 Additional Paid \$  
 lbs. *41* per cwt. \$  
 Pas. @ *each* \$  
 Back Tax \$  
 MAIL PLATE TO:  
 Address *RR* Credit No.  
 Motor Vehicle Commissioner  
 Tallahassee  
 Florida  
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**OFFICIAL STAMP**  
**FEE PAID**  
**\$5.00**  
 Reg. No. *140-582*  
**Certificate of Passenger Car Registration**  
 for 1934  
 Department of Highways—Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
 Director *C. G. Maxwell*  
 Governor *George White*  
 Name *W. C. Osborn*  
 Street *Clyde* Ohio  
 P. O. *Open 1934* Type *Sedan*  
 Make of Car *Open 1934* Type *Sedan*  
 Motor No. *4482615*  
 Factory No. *1840643392 H P 263*  
 Issued by *F. M. BARNHART, Dep.*  
 Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles.  
 At *FINLEY* Ohio  
 on the *25* day of *July* 1934.  
 Cert. No. **G 173**

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RECORDED 7-576 - 7633 October 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

In keeping with the request contained in your letter of September 25, 1935, I am forwarding herewith four photostatic copies of certain papers which were found in the dashboard compartment of William Weaver's Oldsmobile sedan by Agents of the Jacksonville Office. The originals of these papers are returned herewith and copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Cincinnati and St. Paul Offices, and to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, so that they may be advised as to the location of these papers in the event they are desired for purposes of trial.

The originals of these papers should not be turned over to Eugene Seuling of Salen, Arkansas, and he should be advised that these papers must be retained in the possession of the Bureau until after the trials of William Weaver and Eyrile Eaton. He may be informed that after that time, if the United States Attorneys for the District of Minnesota and the Southern District of Florida have no further use for such papers, they will be delivered to him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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Enclosure #26794.  
REGISTERED MAIL  
CC Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago



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- Mr. Daughman .....
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- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE.  
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HUDSON COUPE OHIO LICENSE H372M MOTOR 60348 PURCHASED AUGUST FIRST LAST  
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POLICE ADVISED UNKNOWN THERE PARKER ALSO USED NAME HUNTER AND REPORTED  
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BY TOMMY COLTMAN AND HAROLD KING ALL REPORTED CLEVELAND GAMBLERS  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 9, 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.

Copy and Specimens Retained in Laboratory  
10/12/35

Dear Sir:

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

As a result of the cover placed on the mail of Arthur Barker, register number 46928, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there is being transmitted herewith the original letter from Arthur Barker to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, for appropriate analysis by the Technical Laboratory.

A copy of this letter is being transmitted to the offices designated below together with copy of the enclosure.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago (Encl.)  
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(Copy of letter addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P.O.B. 721,  
from Arthur Barker, #46928, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.)

"Post Office Box 7

Leavenworth, Kansas, Sept. 15th, 1935.

Mr. G. E. Barker

Dear Dad I will anser your letter recevied the other day. was glad to hear you were in Better health. This leave me feeling ok. about that agreement on that money. hou was that I did not want no agreement on it they wanted to come to and agreement with me. that is to take half of it I would not do it. There is no way they could of got it. I guess that the way I guess that is the way your attorney came to and agreement with. Hou much was their fee as I told you befor I dont want you to give that attorney nothing in St. paul for he has been payed in full. and beside he got one of my cars he was not to of got. I want to see you as soon as you are abel to come up well Dad I will close for this tine your son as ever

/s/ Arthur Barker.

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-7635

Specimens: 7-576-7635 A. Original letter dated Sept. 15, 1935 and signed  
Arthur Barker.  
" B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker with  
register No. 46928.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 10-12-35

Examination requested: Fring out hidden writing

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

cc- (Mr. Connelley) Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

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

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. C. Coulter, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 5, 1935, wherein a lead was set out to contact Richard Galatas and interview him along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent A. A. Mussey, Detroit, Michigan, dated May 13, 1935.

From a review of the file in this case at the Kansas City Office, I am unable to locate a copy of Agent Mussey's report above described.

Through a teletype received from the Omaha Bureau Office in the Kansas City massacre case it was noted that Galatas was at Omaha, Nebraska, on October 7, 1935, in connection with the arguments in his appeal before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in that case. On October 8, 1935, through the cooperation of Galatas' attorney, Mr. James Daleo of Kansas City, Missouri, Galatas was contacted by phone late that evening, at which time Galatas advised he might leave Kansas City that night, October 8, 1935, or the following day, to return to his home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He stated that he might, however, remain over a little longer in connection with some business dealings here. However, he promised that immediately upon returning to Arkansas he would get in touch with Special Agent E. C. Coulter.

It is therefore requested that the lead set out in Agent Coulter's report above described be covered by your office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS:cs  
cc - Bureau  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Cincinnati  
cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
cc - Oklahoma City

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 9, 1935.

Fred C. Zerkow, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: E. H. Eckhardt, Secretary

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
September 17, 1935, enclosing the original letter written by  
Arthur Barker, No. 925, to his father, G.E. Barker, Joplin,  
Missouri.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your cooperation  
in this and other matters, I am

Very truly yours,

E. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fug., et al  
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Mr. F. G. Zerbst, Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: Mr. E. H. Eckhardt.

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Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters which you forwarded to this office relative to mail of Elmer Farmer, your number 47103:

Your letter dated September 28, 1935, enclosing a copy of two letters from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated September 22nd and 26th, 1935, respectively;

Your letter dated September 30, 1935, enclosing copy of letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff, dated September 29, 1935, and copy of letter from Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated September 30, 1935;

Your letter dated October 2, 1935, enclosing copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer dated September 28, 1935;

Your letter dated October 4, 1935, enclosing letter from Blanche Brabant to Farmer, dated October 2, 1935;

Your letter dated October 4, 1935, enclosing a copy of two letters written from Helen Conliff to Farmer, both dated October 2, 1935.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/9/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/9/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. L. NICHOLSON</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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Commissioner's hearing on removal of Cassius McDonald postponed until October 14, 1935.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Michigan, 9/30/35.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At Detroit, Michigan</b>			
<p>The Commissioner's hearing on the removal of Cassius McDonald to St. Paul, Minnesota, which was scheduled to be held on October 8, 1935, was postponed on motion of the attorney for McDonald to October 14, 1935.</p> <p>Special Agents J. H. Hansen and S. K. McKee, who are necessary witnesses at Detroit for the removal of McDonald have been advised of the change of date for the removal hearing.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. L. Nicholson</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-7636</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>OCT 12 1935</b>
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- Mr. Tamm .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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PHONE. BREKID. NO DEVELOPMENTS AS TO CONTACT. [REDACTED]

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

FILE NO. 91-4

REPORT MADE AT <b>Louisville, Kentucky</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-8-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-3-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. E. HURLEY</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD WILHELM BENTZ, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1242; AVERY SIMONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1247; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (3); FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MOORESVILLE, MOORESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BANK ROBBERY</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, Louisville, Ky., former wife of the deceased Gus Winkeler, states that "Old Chuck" Fitzgerald and "Old Gus" Stone, known as "Schnozzle" to her, are different persons, but have been members of the same gang. "Old Gus's" history is not known to her. Advises that same is known to Lillian Holden who is in close touch with Fitzgerald. Mrs. Marsh desires to obtain the address of Lillian Holden in order to communicate with her. Gus Stone believed dead. Whereabouts of "Old Chuck" and "Old Gus" Stone are not known to her. Subjects Bentz and Simons are not known to Mrs. Marsh.</b>			
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REFERENCES: <b>Letter from the Chicago Office dated 8-9-35; Bureau letter dated 8-14-35; and report of Special Agent M. J. Cassidy, Chicago, Ill., dated 8-19-35.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Agent again interviewed Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, former wife of the deceased Gus Winkeler, Chicago gangster, at her place of business, the Triangle Restaurant, 1604 Bardstown Road, Louisville.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Marsh stated that she has been unable to ascertain the identity of the woman known in this investigation as "Ginger"; that she</p>			
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Mrs. Marsh  
 Chicago  
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 Louisville

Let Mr. Cassidy  
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 St. Paul  
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 Louisville  
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was of the opinion that it was Lillian Holden because of the fact that the latter has red or auburn hair. Mrs. Marsh also advised that she is very well acquainted with Charles J. Fitzgerald, a gangster better known as "Old Chuck"; that Fitzgerald and his wife, Isabelle "Belle" (Born) Fitzgerald, were very good friends of Gus Winkeler prior to the latter's death; that Fitzgerald, a member of the syndicate made up of former members of the Al Capone gang of racketeers, has made it a point for years to pay Lillian Holden an allotted sum of money as the wife of an imprisoned gangster; that Fitzgerald personally attends, or has attended to, this matter; that by locating Lillian Holden and "tagging" her it should be comparatively easy to locate and effect the arrest of Fitzgerald. Mrs. Marsh admitted that she has no ill feelings for Fitzgerald because of any unfair act he may have committed toward Gus Winkeler or herself; that she would be willing to "turn him in" to the Bureau, however, only because she has grown bitter toward all racketeers. Mrs. Marsh advised that Isabelle (Born) Fitzgerald is a very clever woman; that she has for some time been delegated by her husband to map out roads and get-a-way routes for him and his companions in bank robbing activities; that she "rides" all of the roads favorable to an escape and has been so skillful in this connection that her husband and his associates have complete confidence in her work; that Mrs. Fitzgerald quite often visits her farm which is located near Mankato, Minnesota. Mrs. Marsh admitted that she knew all of the activities of Lillian Holden, Fitzgerald and his wife, and other members of the gang prior to her departure from Chicago with the intention of making her home in Louisville; that she has not been in direct touch with any of them since that time; that she and Lillian Holden are still friendly; that should she be given the address of Lillian, Mrs. Marsh would write to Lillian immediately and urge her to visit Louisville; that by engaging Lillian in direct conversation, Mrs. Marsh feels certain that she can gain valuable information as to the present whereabouts of "Old Chuck" Fitzgerald and the latter's wife whom she claims to despise. Furthermore, Mrs. Marsh stated that she would very willingly cooperate with the Bureau in this connection; that she would not hesitate to "turn in" any of the Fitzgerald gang or members of any other gang; that she would not hesitate to meet Bureau representatives in Chicago for this purpose at her own expense.

Mrs. Marsh continued to state that she is aware of the fact that "Old Chuck" Fitzgerald and "Old Gus", better known to her as "Old Schnozzle", are two different persons. She advised that Fitzgerald and Gus Winkeler were golfing pals although Fitz was very poor at the game;

that Chuck was intensely interested in Golfing and as a consequence "his game" was tolerated by Winkler and other sporting leaders of the gang at that time; that "Old Gus", however, never played golf but always made it a point to remain in as obscure environments as possible until his services were wanted; that "Old Gus", or "Schnozzle", as she prefers to call him, was a very shrewd fellow who dressed inconspicuously and never visited golf clubs, or attended cabarets or night clubs. Mrs. Marsh is of the opinion that "Old Gus" is dead but is not certain that such is a fact. She stated that during a past conversation with Frank Pierce, a Lieutenant of "Lefty Louie" of Chicago, Pierce stated that Gus had been "rubbed out"; that she has never believed anything that Pierce told her and therefore, does not place any confidence in his statement; that she has since learned, however, of an indication that Gus either actually died or was "rubbed out". In this latter connection, Mrs. Marsh advised that one "Buck" Kempster, (or some such named person), a former member of the Illinois State Hi-Way Patrol, whom Mrs. Marsh states is well known at the Chicago Bureau Office, can definitely furnish information as to "Old Gus", particularly as to whether he is dead or alive. Mrs. Marsh seemed certain that "Old Gus", a Dutchman, underwent a surgical operation some time ago and had his nose straightened. She claims that the personal history of "Schnozzle" is not known to her; that this information might be learned by her from Lillian Holden in the event that she is able to contact the latter. Mrs. Marsh advised that "Old Gus" and "Schnozzle" are the same persons.

Agent tactfully intimated that Irene Dorsey, wife of the deceased Fred Goets, knew nothing as to the identity of "Old Gus", sometimes known as Stone. Mrs. Marsh stated in an irritated manner that "Irene is a liar. She knows every member of that gang and all about them. She has been in or near Chicago ever since the death of Goets. She is on their pay-roll, as the wife of a deceased gangster. She knows all about them and is keeping herself well informed. She doesn't intend to tell the "dicks" anything she can avoid. She cannot be trusted to tell the truth to them. Possibly she may, in fear of some of the gangsters, but it is more likely that she does not care to tell on any of them.

Mrs. Marsh again stated that she does not know Subjects Bents or Simons.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, is requested to ascertain the address of Mrs. Lillian Holden, wife of Thomas Holden, a prisoner at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in order that same may be given to Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, Louisville, Kentucky, with whom the latter desires to communicate. In the event it is obtained, same should be forwarded to the Louisville Office for further attention.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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RECORDED

November 11, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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  
F. E. Hurley, dated at Louisville, Kentucky, October 8, 1935,  
in the case entitled Edward Wilhelm Ments, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1242; Ivory Simons, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. #1247; Unknown Subjects (3); First National Bank of  
Mooreville, Mooreville, North Carolina; Bank Robbery, which  
discloses a recent interview with Mrs. Kelter (Georgette)  
Marsh, the former wife of the deceased Gus Winkler, Chicago  
gangster.

The Bureau observes that Mrs. Marsh has advised that  
by "tagging" Lillian Holden it would be comparatively easy to  
locate and effect the arrest of Charles J. Fitzgerald. She has  
also expressed a willingness to turn Fitzgerald in to the Bureau.  
Mrs. Marsh has further informed that she and Lillian Holden are  
still friendly, and that if she were given the address of Lillian  
Holden she would gladly write to the latter and urge the Holden  
woman to visit her at Louisville, Kentucky; that by engaging  
Lillian Holden in direct conversation, Mrs. Marsh feels certain  
that she can gain valuable information as to the present where-  
abouts of Fitzgerald. It is also observed that Mrs. Marsh says  
that she would willingly cooperate with the Bureau, and that she  
would not hesitate to meet Bureau representatives in Chicago for  
this purpose at her own expense.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley

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of making appropriate use of the services which Mrs. Marsh is apparently willing to tender to the Bureau. It is believed desirable at this time to furnish the Louisville Office with the address of Lillian Holden, so that Mrs. Marsh may communicate with her. Lillian Holden's address is 1002 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is desired that an Agent of the Louisville Office immediately contact Mrs. Marsh, informing her of Lillian Holden's address, and then make arrangements with Mrs. Marsh so that he will be advised of the contents of the letters which Mrs. Marsh desires to transmit to Lillian Holden. It is requested that the Agent making this investigation carefully scrutinize the letters so that no information detrimental to the interests of the Bureau may be contained therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul.  
Cincinnati.  
Charlotte.  
Louisville.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter dated September 16, 1935,  
relative to the cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer  
Farmer, register number 47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and  
to each of the Field Offices designated herein below, copies of  
the following correspondence:

Two letters from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated  
September 22nd and 26th, 1935, respectively;

Letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff dated September 29,  
1935;

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated September  
30, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, dated September  
28, 1935;

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated October  
2, 1935.

Two letters from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, both dated  
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Very truly,  
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W. A. SMITH U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Copy of letter from Helen Conliff sent to Elmer Farmer, #47103, c/o Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minn. and forwarded to this institution.

Postmarked, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28, 1935.

Friday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

I received the surprise of my life when I received your letter from St. Paul. How did you happen to go up there? Did Brennan talk to you or Madola or who? Do you think it will help you to stay up there?

Your letter did not tell me much. What kind of clothes are you wearing? When you write tell me. I know I will come up there to see you, if no other way by bus. You find out if I can get in to see you up there.

I wrote you two letters, one Wednesday and one yesterday, perhaps they will forward them to you. I will write to McKeekon and have him stop in to see you and he might write to me. Did you tell Blanche to send you some money?

I would Elmer, if I could but honestly, honey, I am just getting by here until I can get to working steady. How are you getting along ol' dear? Well, ol' dear, this is rather short, but my other two letters were long ones so perhaps you will have them by this time and I will write you in a day or so as I want to talk to some so answer immediately and I will enclose an airmail stamp for you. Hoping to hear from you soon, will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Are the same men in charge of you up there, that you had when you were there before? I hope so.

Goodbye.

Get Harold to give you his mother's address, I would like to write to her and when you answer enclose it please.

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Copy of letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Blanche Brabant, postmarked Chicago.

Wednesday Oct. 3.

Dear Elmer:

I just received your letter written the 30th this afternoon, am glad to know you are back there again, I got your letter mailed from Des Moines Monday so I knew you were on your way back. You must have passed through Chicago. Well it was a change for you and it probably did you good. The meals on the train are generally good. I always liked to travel. I got your first letter written on your way up there and the letter written from Leavenworth on the same day. Shub was over that day and I asked him for some money, he gave me \$20. I was going to mail you that but thought you might be sent back before my letter reached you so just put the ten in - I am enclosing \$5 in this letter. He was over again today. I told him you were back there, he said Mr. Dunteman asked for you, how you are and asked if he could write to you. I told him yes, you would be pleased to hear from him and I gave Chub your address to give to him. Mr. Dunteman said, don't think he has forgotten you, he has been so nice, and he will go on your parole, he wants to help you.

Do you think Sullivan would have you transferred to some other place, if it would be closer to Chicago that would be better, otherwise I think from what you say that's a good place where you are. It's nice that you are outside now and working. I'll come and see you after you are working a while and settled. Yes, the "Ford" is still running that was some car, it looks awful. Gifford was going to paint it, but it seems he never has the time, he says it runs fine. I drive it too, but not alone. Gifford is working every day, he gets home about 6:15 now, it's 5 now and I will start dinner. The heavy frost killed our tomatoes last night. It's very cold here. We have the furnace going, everything is going along alright Elmer and I hope you won't have to stay away so long.

Chub didn't answer and to-day he showed me a letter for him to appear in court about it. There is nothing owed to him, you paid McMeekin and I don't think Fisher can collect anymore money on the case. They did not do anything for you. I'll let you know after I see Chub how it turns out.

The Itasca Country Club burned last week, no one was burned, but the building was badly damaged. Well I'll stop now and we may go to Chi tonite, if we do I'll mail this from there and you'll get it sooner. We are well and that's about all the news for this time.

Much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant.

Copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked Oct. 3.

Wednesday Evening.

Dearest Elmer:

I wrote you a letter this morning and received your very nice letter this afternoon. I was so glad to hear from you. I really was worried and wondered what had happened to you. Did you receive my letter up in St. Paul? I wrote you one immediately upon receiving yours, telling me you were up there. I am glad you enjoyed the trip. Sullivan was nice. I am so glad, but honey, if you were to be transferred where would you go? Nice of him to ask for me. Believe, I will write to him real soon about the pass. You are not one half as anxious to see me as I am to see you. I thought Bill and all the rest of the guards had forgotten me. I really am flattered. I am glad they treated you so nicely, but what else could they do, you were always very nice as usual to them. I am glad that ol' Monte is sick, you know what I always did think of him. I never did call his wife up and she cannot reach me, for which I am glad. I told you in my letter that McMeekin had wrote to me and he asked me to write him and I will as soon as I finish your letter. Looks bad for McMeekin. What about DeCourcy, did you hear anything about him? Gee, honey, I hope you do continue to keep your job and can work. I am sure you will feel so much better if you have something to keep you busy. You are sweet to try and cheer me up. I guess I needed it, but I told you Sue was going to let me have some money and I know then that things will be better for me. I hate to sing the blues to you, but you have always been the one I went to at all times so I guess it just comes natural, so honey, if I bore you at times overlook it. Well, ol' dear, I certainly am glad you are feeling so well. What did you wear on your trip? Tell me when you write. I will come to see you before the holidays of that I am sure, so dearest, we can look forward to that. I guess this is about all for this time. Oh yes, Nick is just about the same, but he is going to write to you, I guess. Well write to me as soon as you can and take good care of yourself. Will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.

Copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked Oct. 2.

Wednesday Noon.

Dearest Elmer:

I have been looking for a letter from you and I wondered what had happened to you, until this morning when I received a letter from Mr. McMeekin and he told me, he went to see you Monday morning but found that both you and Harold had left St. Paul Sunday. So when you write tell me what its all about, your letter did not tell me much.

Did you have have a nice trip back and forth? I hope you were not too tired. Well, honey I suppose you received both of my letters when you returned to Leavenworth, so there is not very much news to tell you about. I guess from my letters you know that things have been a little tough and I don't know we do not seem to be able to get a start, so I asked Sue to let me have some money and she is going to let me have \$50.00 Saturday and believe me that is going to help a great deal.

You know Sue is that girl from Hanson Park whose husband was killed in that auto accident and she has a little money in the bank. So dearest, my letters should be a little more cheerful from now on. You know the Itasca Country Club burned down last week and I think Jim had some boxes in there. What did they take you all the way to St. Paul for? Give me all the necessary information. You know how curious I am.

I thought if you were going to be in St. Paul I would get up to see you. I surely would like to. I guess I am lonesome for you. What kind of work did they assign you to down there? Well, honey, I guess this is just about all for this time, so write to me as soon as you can and I hope you are getting along nicely. Everyone is just fine and they all say hello to you, so will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103 - Postmarked  
Sept. 26, 1935.

Tuesday Afternoon (26th)

Dearest Elmer:

I wrote to you yesterday and I told you about the letter I wrote to you Sunday. Well, ol' dear, my uncle was supposed to mail it for me and he just discovered he forgot to mail it so I will mail it now.

It's a cold rainy day and so dark and nasty.

You know I met that Johnny who was a partner of Joe Sullivan's at Madison & Crawford the other night and he was asking all about you and said to say "hello" to you. He has not been able to do a thing since Joe died he said. He has all his boxes down. Well ol' dearest how are you getting along? Has that Brennan been in to see you yet? You must be a very valuable witness to them to send so many to see you. Well, honey there is not very much news to tell you about. I wrote a long letter to you yesterday so you should get it tonight.

What kind of books do you read there? Hoping you are getting along nicely and that I hear from you soon will close with lots of love.

HELEN CONLIFF

Copy.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103.

Sunday afternoon (22nd)

Dearest Elmer:

I suppose you are writing a letter to me today too, so thought I would write to you. How are you getting along dearest? It's rather cold to-day. Its getting just like fall should be. Well, we never did hear from that woman in regard to the Tavern, you remember I told you about the concession we were supposed to get, so evidently she gave it to someone else. I plan on seeing Sam tomorrow afternoon, however, I plan on going to an Employment agency in the morning. I hope I do get located. Gee, honey, you cannot imagine how hard it is going along without you. I never did realize it could be so hard when I lived in Bensenville but I don't like to "sing the blues" to you so we will skip it. I doubt very much if I will be here very long, honestly Elmer, it is the most depressing place I was ever in. Irene was in to see us yesterday and is quite pleased to be back in Bensenville again. She has started back to school again and is going along O.K. She was telling me Irma Burwood had quite an accident and her and another teacher are in the hospital. She is a dumbbell. I think she needs glasses, you know old age creeping on the gal. Did I tell you before that Ed Muller's sister, Mrs. Koelker, out in Bensenville jumped in the same cistern her daughter committed suicide in about three months ago? You know her and her husband had the hardware store on York Road. Mick is not so very well, you know whenever he eats he chokes up and cannot swallow. He absolutely will not go to see a doctor. He has weak spells too. I wonder if he would be getting a goitre. How is Harold getting along? Do you ever see any of the men you know there? I hope you go to work soon and when you do, believe me I will be down to see you as soon as I can. Well, ol' dear, I guess this is just about all for this time and tho its not a very newsy letter I did want to write to you and let you know I was thinking of you, which I do quite frequently.

I hope you are feeling OK and write as soon as you can so goodbye honey and until I hear from you will close with lots of love

HELEN CONLIFF

Copy.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, 47103, to Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Sept. 29, 1935.

Dear Helen:

Received your two letters last night as I came back from St. Paul Sunday morning. I left here Tuesday night six and got in St. Paul eight in the morning. It was a nice trip. Harold was with me, we had a sleeper both ways. I wrote to you from up there. Sullivan wanted to talk to us so that's why we were sent up there. We were in his office every day we were there. We didn't know any of those people in the next trial so that's why he didn't keep us up there any longer. He was real nice and said he would do anything he could to help me. He said he would write to Washington and have me transferred to some other place. He also wanted to know how you were. I didn't see McMeeken while I was there, but was told that he was in bad and may be disbarred up there, so that's a fine lawyer I have. Sullivan told me he was up to see him about me down here. Things seem to be the same in the Ramsey jail all the same guards are there yet and asked about you. Bill wanted to know if you were coming up, he thought we would be there for some time, but was surprised when we left so soon. Monte is still there I didn't see him but was told he is in pretty bad shape. His wife was to see him a few days before we got there she comes up there quite often I was told. No one seems to like him up there so he stays in his cell all the time. We had a fine trip both ways and I think it did me good as I feel good now. It was quite a change from being in here all the time, and something different to eat. We had money so bought our meals while we were up there. I guess I told you about going to work the same day I left here. I was working in the yard cleaning up around so hope they let me out working from now on. I see the ones I know down here but don't get to talk to them yet. Maby I will soon. Now I am out every day its nice. I would like to have you come down but not until you are working and things are going along better for you. I know things are not very good for you now but they will before long and then you can come down. Sullivan can arrange to get you in here. I think you might write to him about it. I will be here for some time so you don't have to hurry and I may be better settled after while, and then things will be better for both of us. So Irean is back in Bensenville going to school that's nice. I sure hope Nick gets to feeling good agin, give my regards to him and May, also to Irean and your mother and hope you find some kind of steady work soon. I don't think those agents will bother any more now.

Elmer Farmer.

Copy.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, 47103, to Blanche Brabant, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Sept. 30, 1935.

Dear Blanche:

I wrote to you Saturday night on the way back here. We were only up to St. Paul a few days, I thought we would be there longer. It was a nice trip both ways and the ride did me good. I had my meals sent in from the Hotel up there so the money you sent me I paid for them and had four dollars left when I got back here. I didn't see McKeekan while I was there, but was told he was in bad and may be disbarred up there, so at that rate I don't think he could do me any good in St. Paul. Sullivan the United States Attorney was talking to me for two days. I told him I didn't know any of those people in the trial that is coming up soon. He had me look at them and I told him I never seen them befor. So Allerton told him the same as I did, so they sent us right back here. I don't want to go back to any of those trials up there and told Sullivan that, he said he didn't blame me. Last Tuesday morning was the first day I went to work down here and at noon I was told to get ready to go to St. Paul, so that was all the work I did, but hope they put me back on the job today. I was working in the yard cleaning up around, not any hard work and plenty offresh air and sunshine. Sullivan was talking about having me transferred to some other place. He said he would write to Washington about it and I would hear some thing soon. I told him if I was working down here I would like it alright. So if I hear anything about it will let you know. You can send me five dollars down here as thats all I am allowed as I have four dollars in the office now. I suppose you were suprised when you received a letter from me saying I was on my way back to St. Paul. It was a surprise to me when they told me I had to go back there. Every one was very nice to us up there, and we had a berth both ways and had our meals on the train. They sure serve good meals. The weather was nice only when we got to St. Paul it was raining but in the afternoon it was nice, and it stayed that way all the time we were there. How is Gifford getting along with his work and is the car still running, that sure was a good ford. I suppose business is pretty good for Jim now and you don't see much of him. I hope everything goes along alright and I can get my sentence out so I can get out in a few years, thats about the only thing I can look for now. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 9, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to trial of MATTHEW GLEASON charged with having harbored Volney Davis on or about February 6, 1935 at Aurora, Illinois, this case was set down for trial today at Chicago but no witnesses had been called for same, and Assistant United States Attorney Austin Hall telephoned and advised that he was having this continued to a later date for trial, and requested advice as to whether there was any understanding that this case was to be dismissed.

Mr. Hall was advised that we knew of no reason why this trial should not proceed in the usual manner, based upon the information which had been previously furnished to them in summary report, provided the subject did not enter plea of guilty. It was indicated to Assistant U.S. Attorney Hall that possibly this man would agree to enter a plea of guilty and accept a suspended sentence or probation, which would avoid the necessity of bringing in a number of witnesses from distant points to try such case.

Very truly yours,

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

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Buffalo, N.Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/10/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/6, 7, 9, 13, 15, 23, 27/35; 9/6, 15/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. J. COTTER</b>
TITLE <b>Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, FUGITIVE; 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. Edward George Bremer - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Saratoga, New York revealed that Arthur J. Bradley not identical with subject William E. Meade, and that Freddie Freed was not identical with Fred Flower, with aliases. Postmaster at Saratoga responsible for unfounded report that Alvin Karpis had hide out near there. Investigation at Saratoga based on informant's report that Karpis was there recently, was negative. No one having concession at Riley's gambling casino is known to have resided at Greenland House, Franklin Street, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.</p>			
<p>REFERENCES: Teletype from Boston office dated 8/6/35. Teletype from SAC Stapleton to Director and Boston office dated 8/7/35. Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Mass. 8/8/35. Bureau letter dated 8/10/35. Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Mass. 8/15/35. Report of Special Agent J. P. Lacour dated at Jacksonville, Fla. 8/16/35. Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub dated at Washington 8/19/35. Letter of SAC Stapleton to Director dated 8/26/35. Report</p>			
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of Special Agent F. J. Blake dated at Dallas, Texas 8/26/35. Report of Special Agent C. E. Pelletier dated at Philadelphia, Pa. 8/27/35. Report of G. V. Doherty, Special Agent dated at Buffalo, N.Y. 8/29/35. Report of Special Agent F. J. Blake dated at Dallas, Texas 9/3/35. Bureau letter to New York City dated 9/7/35. Bureau letter dated 9/7/35. Report of SAC E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Ill. 9/7/35. Report of Special Agent J. P. Laour dated at Jacksonville, Florida 9/18/35. Report of Special Agent Wm. J. McNulty dated at New York City 10/3/35.

DETAILS:

AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.

As the result of information received by teletype message from the Boston Bureau office dated August 6, 1935, to the effect that William E. Meade, with aliases, was possibly identical with one Arthur J. Bradley, Post Office Box #216, Saratoga Springs, New York, and that Fred Flower was possibly identical with Freddie Freed, same address, investigation was made at the Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. which revealed that Post Office Box #216 was rented in the name of Ransom Varney, a local roofer of good reputation. Further investigation revealed that said Varney also operated a rooming house, and solicited roomers by a large sign placed outside his residence which was on the outskirts of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

I. VanWagner, Night Postal Clerk on duty at said Post Office advised that Freddie Freed had boarded with the Varney family for the past several years, during the racing season, and was a gambler who operated a Roulette wheel at one of the gambling casinos in the resort city. VanWagner also advised that there were several other individuals whom he thought were gamblers, who also resided with Freed at the Varney home. Upon making examination of Box #216, there was found to be a letter addressed to Mr. C. J. Freed,

Box #216, Saratoga Springs, New York, which was postmarked at Miami, Florida, August 5, 1935, 8:00 A.M., and which had a return address of C. Freed, 167 N.W. 45th Street, Miami, Florida. There was also a letter addressed to Mr. Arthur Bradley, Saratoga Springs, New York, Box #216, which was postmarked Providence, Rhode Island, August 5, 1935, 12:00 midnight. Tracings were made of said letters, which tracings will be forwarded to the office of origin with copies of this report.

Postmaster John Corey was interviewed and advised that he would place a mail cover on said box and would also hold up any letters addressed to Freed or Bradley until examined by this Agent, as long as Agent remained in the vicinity of Saratoga.

When Postmaster Corey was questioned relative to the Varney home, in regard to this Agent taking a room there, he stated that Varney was a local roofer of good reputation, who operated a rooming house, thereupon Agent rented said room. Mr. Varney suggested that he had a sport cabriolet car, which he used very little, and which he would be only too pleased to have Agent use when at the Varney home. Accordingly Agent parked the Bureau car in Varney's garage, obtained Mr. Varney's car and procured a set of dummy plates from Chief of Police Pattie Rocks, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Agent stayed at the Varney home for three days and returned there several times thereafter for over-night.

Mrs. Varney advised Agent that Freddie Freed was a gambler, who operated a Roulette wheel at Riley's casino, who had boarded at their home for the past five or six years, and whose home was in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Varney stated that Freed had a family of six or seven children, and that altho Freed traveled about the country being employed in the various gambling houses, his family remained in Florida. She stated that he also operated a factory in Florida for the manufacture of gambling material.

Mrs. Varney advised that Arthur J. Bradley was a friend of Freddie Freed's, who had also worked in a gambling casino for awhile at Saratoga, but who had lost his position and returned to his home in Massachusetts or Rhode Island.

A picture of William E. Meade was displayed to Mrs. Varney under the pretext that it was someone whom she ought to

know, and she advised Agent that she had never seen anyone resembling said picture. Mrs. Varney described Arthur J. Bradley as a man between 50 and 60 years of age, tall, alightly gray, no physical defects.

Agent on one occasion conversed with Freddie Freed concerning his position at the gambling casino. It was noted from personal observation that Freed could be described as follows:

Name	Freddie Freed
Age	About 38 years
Height	5'7"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Stout
Color of Hair	Black
Color of Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	Oval face, hair parted in the middle
Nationality	American
Dress	Very nicely dressed and presented a good appearance.

Thru the Post Office, a forwarding address was procured for Arthur J. Bradley, 170 Waverly Street, Providence, Rhode Island. From the investigation conducted at Saratoga it would appear that Arthur J. Bradley is not identical with subject William E. Meade, with aliases; and Freddie Freed is not identical with Fred Flowers, with aliases; however in that Freddie Freed was considered at Saratoga as a person of slightly doubtful and questionable background, and was very well known among the confidence men and gamblers, it is thought that he would be well acquainted with subject William E. Meade, but it was not thought advisable to contact him in reference to this matter at this time.

On August 28, 1935, Agent was in Saratoga on another matter and noticed a story in the Saratogan, a local newspaper, concerning the fact that Karpis was hiding out near said city in a farm house near Loughberry Lake, and that Federal Agents had raided him a few hours after he had left said hiding place, copy of which newspaper clipping, and a follow-up in said paper on August 29, 1935, is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report.

Agent contacted Chief of Police Rocks, Saratoga Springs, New York, who was unable to advise the origin of said story. Agent then contacted Postmaster John Corey, who advised that he had given a written statement to the local newspaper that wherein he had said that a public enemy was being hunted in Saratoga and that said public enemy was a member of one of the western kidnaping gangs. He stated that he was prompted to do this as the local newspaper reporter was asking him for news, and that although Agent had advised him to treat the matter of the investigation at the Post Office as confidential, as no names were mentioned, he thought no particular harm would be done. Mr. Corey was very upset to think that the newspaper had changed his story and inserted the name of Karpis. The story was wholly a fiction of Mr. Corey's mind based on a few facts he had obtained from this agent in connection with the investigation. As a result of the newspaper article there were several false rumors that Karpis was seen in and about Saratoga.

In reference to Bureau letter dated September 7, 1935 from Assistant Director Harold Nathan, advising that Informant Bernard Levy, had reported seeing Karpis in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and suggesting proper investigation at Greenland House, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., concerning the "tip off" which was supposed to have been given Karpis by a man who had a concession in Riley's Gambling House; investigation was made at 60 Franklin Street, and it was ascertained that the Greenland House was a summer hotel for Jewish residents, and which had been closed.

From a neighbor next door, it was ascertained that the manager of said house was Mrs. Sadie Wolf, 1570 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and a lead is accordingly be addressed to the New York City office. Said neighbor who did not give her name advised that there was no individual who had a gambling concession at Riley's, who resided at the Greenland House during the season, to her knowledge.

In company with Chief of Police Pattie Rocks, agent contacted the management of Riley's Gambling House, located on the Lake Road outside of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and from Scottie Morrison, who was the "bank roll" of said casino, the following list of gamblers operating in said Casino was obtained.

Harold Fishough  
 Jimmy Trainor  
 Ralph Livingston  
 Joe Virgilio  
 Mike Bliss  
 Bob Weir  
 Dick Gorman  
 John Mosher  
 Donald Seigel  
 Matt Rielly  
 Fred Freed  
 Johnny Grogan

Jim White  
 Bob Auclol  
 John Harris  
 Ray Ryan  
 Phil Duncan  
 John Chism  
 George Roney  
 Gabe Kennedy  
 Jerome Potter  
 Jim Brennan  
 Clarence Laubs  
 Phil O'Brien

He advised that he did not know all the addresses. Said Scottie Morrison, Nat Dunn, Manager of said Casino, and Doc Louis Darone, part owner thereof, advised that there was no rumor of Karpis' presence in Saratoga which had ever circulated at their casino during the season, and that they doubted very much the authenticity of said statement.

Chief of Police Rocks advised Frank C. Clark, 47 Church Street, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., had reported having seen Karpis but that Clark was a rather queer individual, who sold horseradish about the streets, and nobody had given the matter much consideration.

Charles Clark, brother of Frank C. Clark, 250 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. was interviewed and he advised that the individual whom his brother had advised the police was Karpis, was a man who had stayed over night at his (Charles Clark's) rooming house, and that said individual was at least fifty years old, and did not resemble Karpis any more than his "mother".

The mail tracings taken from Box #216 rented in the name of R. Varney, are being forwarded to the office of origin with copies of this report, in that it is thought that subject Meade or subject Flowers, with aliases, may have communicated with Freed or his other gambling friends residing at the Varney Home.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE at BROOKLYN, N.Y. will interview Mrs. Sadie Wolf, 1570 President Street, and ascertain whether there was anyone residing at her boarding house during the past season, who operated a concession at Riley's or other gambling casinos at the resort city; and will ascertain whether she heard any rumors relative to subject Karpis being seen in or about Saratoga, or about his being "tipped off" by anyone residing at her house.

THE JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA OFFICE will locate and interview Freddie Freed, who is reported to have relatives at 167 No. West 45th Street, Miami, Florida, and ascertain from him whether he is acquainted with subject William E. Meade, with aliases, and whether he can give any information concerning subject Meade's present whereabouts. Freed should not be advised of the Bureau's knowledge of his Saratoga activities, or at least the manner in which same was obtained.

- P E N D I N G -

## Farmhouse Near Loughberry Lake Revealed as Karpis Hiding Place; Visited City Twice During August

Public Enemy Number One, Long Sought,  
Eluded Capture Six Hours Before Trap Was  
To Be Sprung—Returned for Single Day

Six hours is hardly to be considered a long period of time. Yet it was just six hours that kept an obscure little farm house back of Loughberry Lake from being perhaps the last hiding place of Alvin Karpis, public enemy Number One.

Details of a search for Karpis, wanted in Minneapolis for the Bremer kidnaping and other crimes throughout the country, were revealed today by a source close to federal operatives on the trail of the man who recently threatened to "get" J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men.

Karpis had been arrested in Northampton, Mass., on a minor traffic charge two days before he arrived in this city. He was not recognized, posted \$200 cash bail and skipped town, leaving his car behind. Finger prints from the car were sent to Washington and proved to be those of the man hunted by Hoover's sleuths.

The gangster spent three days at the little farm house back of Loughberry Lake, attending the races daily and taking a minor part in Saratoga's night life. Six hours before a federal operative arrived at the farm house his prey left.

The trail led to Providence, R. I., to Boston, Mass., and back to this city, where Karpis again dropped in at the racetrack. He spent only a day this time, leaving that night for Providence, where the trail has been lost, according to information made public today.

Saratoga Springs police were prepared to throw an ambush around the farm house here at a moment's notice when the federal operative arrived and made his request to police officials.

The time of Karpis' first flight from this city was Aug. 14.

7-576-7640

The Saratogan  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
August 29, 1935

## SARATOGA COUNTY GANGSTER INQUIRY ASKED OF LEHMAN

Crime Prevention League  
Charges Underworld Char-  
acters Operated in City

### TRACE KARPIS STORY

Kidnaping Pal of Public  
Enemy No. 1 Eluded Police  
in Northampton, Mass.

Close on reports that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, spent three days in Saratoga Springs during the August racing season this year. The Associated Press carried a report today that G. Rowland Munroe, attorney for the National Crime Prevention League, announced he was appealing to Governor Lehman to investigate whether other underworld figures have been here, and "operated without fear of interference."

Reports of the presence of Karpis remained unverified officially, but it was disclosed one of his aides, William Elmer Mead, slipped out of the hands of the Northampton, Mass., police July 12.

The Associated Press, in a dispatch from this city, said today:

"Reports that Alvin Karpis, the notorious Minnesota kidnaper, escaped a federal trap set at the height of the racing season here, spread through Saratoga Springs today, but no confirmation was forthcoming from federal or city authorities.

"At the same time, it was disclosed at Northampton, Mass., that one of Karpis' supposed aides in the notorious Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul—William Elmer Mead slipped through the hands of the Northampton police on July 12.

"The reports of Karpis' escape persisted in the night clubs of the Saratoga Springs area, and the Saratoga Springs Saratogian quoted an undisclosed source close to federal authorities that Karpis had been traced to a farmhouse on nearby Loughberry Lake, but disappeared six hours before a federal raid had been planned on Aug. 16.

the life that drew Karpis to Saratoga Springs—if he actually was here—and according to the night club reports, the criminal had considerable money to the bookmakers during his three-day stay. The Saratogian says Karpis later was traced to Boston and Providence. This could not be confirmed.

### Pal Escaped in Northampton

"Mead, one of Karpis' suspected lieutenants in the Bremer kidnaping, is known to have been operating within 100 miles of this resort as recently as July 12, when he was arrested in Northampton, Mass., on traffic violation charges.

Under an assumed name, Mead posted \$200 bond, and left the city without his automobile. A check of mutilated fingerprints on the car disclosed that its occupant had been the Karpis lieutenant, and that he also was wanted in Jacksonville, Fla., in connection with a mail holdup.

"Karpis recently was reported to have mailed to Washington from Ohio a threat against the life of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men who have been tracking down public enemies. Other such threats were branded as fakes.

### Asks Investigation

"Concurrent with the Karpis report, G. Rowland Munroe, attorney for the National Crime Prevention League, announced it was appealing to Gov. Herbert H. Lehman to investigate Saratoga County.

"The league said it was sending a letter to the Governor charging that the Saratoga racing season has afforded a rich harvest for the underworld characters who have thronged there, and operated without any apparent fear of interference."

## SARATOGA COUNTY

(Continued from Page 1)

"Governor Lehman was attending the State Fair at Syracuse today. At his office in Albany it was said his staff did not know whether he had received the league's letter.

"The league said it had asked the Governor to order an investigation of alleged rackets and gambling in Saratoga County. It also recommended that Saratoga County be studied as an 'excellent example' for the Governor's forthcoming October crime conference."

As newspaper men checked up on the Karpis Saratoga Springs story The Associated Press sent out the following from Buffalo:

"A Saratoga Springs report today that Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, had slipped away from there just ahead of federal agents hunting him was called 'just another story' by Theodore N. Stapleton, in charge of the Buffalo office of the Department of Justice.

"Reminded that similar denials had been made in the cases of other wanted men until they were tracked down, Stapleton merely laughed. He said he had heard the Saratoga Springs 'rumor' last night."

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

In re: 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1235  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

In connection with a surveillance being maintained on  
the telephone conversations of EDITH BARRY at ADAMS 4612, 524 Southard  
Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, a house of prostitution and a call house, it having  
been indicated that Edith Barry is in definite contact with Alvin Karpis  
and Harry Campbell.

It is indicated that she called from  
ADAMS 4612 on December 19, 1934, CEDAR 4135 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
A call was also made again in a similar manner to this same number on  
February 9, 1935.

It is also noted that a similar call was made from  
Edith Barry's place on December 28, 1934 to COLFAX 2916, St. Louis,  
Missouri, and a call again made on March 28, 1935 to this same number at  
St. Louis.

The Pittsburgh and St. Louis offices are requested to  
advise the name of the party to whom these telephones were listed on  
the dates indicated, and make a very discreet confidential inquiry as to  
who and what these people may be, keeping in mind the possibility that they  
may be contacts with whom Karpis and Campbell may now be connecting,  
although possibly this may be only calls incidental to the house of pro-  
stitution run by Edith Barry, she having a clientele of business men who  
call at Toledo and who usually make their calls from the Cecor Hotel.

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Any inquiry made must be conducted with understanding  
that no information shall get back to Edith Barry at Toledo,

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Should anything  
develop at these numbers it is requested that you communicate with me  
at Chicago, in order that we may definitely decide what if any further  
investigation is necessary before any direct investigative action is  
taken by either St. Louis or Pittsburgh.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 9, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to telephone conversation of Mr. E.A. Tamm with Mr. D. M. Ladd at Chicago, Illinois October 3, 1935, referring to telegram which had been received by Agent McIntire, then in re-training school at Washington from one BILL REILLY, Ripon, Wisconsin, indicating that Reilly was a petit larceny hoodlum from Birmingham, Ala. who claimed connections with the Touhy gang, it being indicated that this telegram advised that Karpis had been in and out of the Twin Cities; that Tommy Carroll's brother is a bartender at a saloon at Seven Corners, 3rd and Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and requesting further that he be wired ten dollars at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

On the night of October 3, 1935 this individual William Reilly appeared at the Chicago Bureau office, he being 20 years of age; height 5 ft. 9 inches; weight 150 pounds; black hair; gray eyes; wearing light gray top coat, green suit; red tie and white shirt, this description being set out for possible identification should he appear elsewhere. This party indicated he had seen Charles Carroll only to know him but was not personally acquainted with him, and his general information indicated he was not particularly familiar with the criminal setup in St. Paul or Minneapolis. He claimed to have been arrested with Tommy Carroll and numerous others in connection with the robbery of the Kraft State Bank three years ago at the time the son of the cashier of such bank was killed in the robbery; that he was released after being held a

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short time as to this, and he claims he has no criminal record. Apparently his knowledge of criminals who were previously around St. Paul is based on the fact that he supposedly was one of the "hangers on" at the corner where these individuals congregated.

When asked directly as to what his information was that Karpis was in and out of the Twin Cities, he indicated he had absolutely no information whatever as to this; that this was only a "hunch"; that he believed he could find Karpis. However, this is very doubtful, and he was advised to furnish us any information he might obtain but it was indicated to him that he would not be considered for position as a paid informant. He indicated that his mother, Mrs. Rose Reilly, is living at St. Cloud, Minnesota; that he attended the St. Cloud Cathedral High School and one year at St. Thomas College, 1932 to 1933; that he went to Ripon, Wisconsin with a friend who was going there for the ride and intended to proceed to Birmingham, Alabama. He advised he was acquainted with Pat Reilly at the time he was around the saloon of Harry Sawyer. Reilly indicated he was employed by the Fleming Transfer Company at Birmingham; that the Hollywood Country Club, a night club, was being operated in his name at that point but that he had nothing to do with same.

It is not believed that this individual has any information of value, and no time should be lost in consideration of his alleged "hunches."

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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CC St. Paul  
CC Cincinnati  
CC Birmingham

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N.W.,  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218 et al.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau under date of October 7, 1935, relative to one Morris Hermer, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, who claims to have had information in 1932 concerning Alvin Karpis being located on the outskirts of Hamilton, Ohio, or at Ironton, Ohio, or at a point on the Ohio and Indiana borders.

It is noted in the last paragraph of the letter of reference that the suggestion is made that the Cincinnati Office confer with the Sheriff's office in Cincinnati relative to this individual. The present personnel of the Sheriff's office at Cincinnati has changed entirely since 1932 but contact has been made with Emil Gau, formerly Chief Investigator for the Sheriff's office during the time that office investigated the so-called Bob Zwick and "Dago" Rose case. Mr. Gau advises that from the description of Morris Hermer he immediately recognized him as an individual who was employed as a confidential informant during the above investigation. Gau advises that this man has a criminal record, having served terms in Sing Sing and in the Ohio Penitentiary. He believes the last term was served under the name of Katz. Gau states that this man came to him and claimed to have considerable information about Zwick and his associates and the informant was therefore given some money and instructed to proceed to Hamilton, Ohio, and vicinity; that after about ten days bills began to pour into the Sheriff's office for items purchased by this individual and hotel bills incurred by him charging these various items to the Sheriff's office; that the informant never did report back to the office and the last they heard of him was when a bill came in from some hotel in Florida; that he is absolutely unreliable and is undoubtedly attempting to secure money from the Bureau under a similar scheme.

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Mr. Gan advises that although this man did not use the name Hermer at that time, it can not possibly be any other individual inasmuch as there were no informants or other persons connected with the Sheriff's office who could possibly answer this description.

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[REDACTED] who, according to Mr. Gan, secured the information which lead to the apprehension of Zwick. [REDACTED] is a confidential informant of the Cincinnati Office and is in frequent contact with the Agents at this office. He is well acquainted with conditions at Hamilton, Ohio, and has furnished this Bureau with very valuable information on various occasions. Special Agent H. D. Harris was recently in contact with [REDACTED] at which time the possibility of subjects Karpis and Campbell being in this part of Ohio was discussed and [REDACTED] advised that he has heard nothing to indicate that these individuals have ever frequented this part of the State, but that he will notify the Cincinnati office immediately if there is any possibility of their visiting this section.

Under the circumstances, it is not believed that any credence can be placed in any statements made by Hermer.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Connelley*  
E. E. CONNELLEY, J. H. H.  
Special Agent in Charge.

- CC Jacksonville (2)
- Chicago (2) (S.A.C. Connelley)
- St. Paul (2)
- Cleveland
- Indianapolis

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

As instructed in Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935,  
there are being transmitted herewith two copies of the report  
of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom in the above entitled case,  
dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 9-26-35.

It is requested that your office conduct the investi-  
gation suggested in paragraph 3, page 2 of the above mentioned  
Bureau letter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WAS:cs  
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cc - Bureau  
cc - Chicago  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Cincinnati

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769 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

October 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith to your Office, copy of a letter sent to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, along with copies of a memorandum of Special Agent W. J. Devereux, from the Detroit Office, to Louisville, Kentucky.

Inasmuch as Mr. Connelley did not report to Louisville, Kentucky, the above referred to copies are being sent to you, for delivery to Mr. Connelley.

Very truly yours,

O. C. DEWEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Denver, Colorado

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul  
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**BREKID INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST MIRTLE EATON WA NINTH INSTANT ORLANDO FLORIDA AND FILED JACKSONVILLE TODAY TWO COUNTS CHARGING HARBORING WEAVER ABOUT SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE NEAR ALLANDALE FLORIDA THIRD COUNT CHARGES CONSPIRACY WITH WEAVER AND OTHERS UNKNOWN TO VIOLATE SECTION ONE FOUR ONE CRIMINAL CODE STOP CERTIFICATIONS BEING FORWARDED USA ST PAUL BOND TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS RETURNABLE JACKSONVILLE FORTHWITH**

*Ed. George Bremer*

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Via AIR MAIL\*\*\*

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your oral request of September 29, 1935, to Special Agent E. M. Hirsch of this office relative to individuals owning certain telephones, please be advised that Special Agent J. L. Willard of this office ascertained that reference telephones are listed to the following individuals at the following addresses:

Garfield 9241 - Hollywood Royal Club  
1916 East 81st St., Cleveland, Ohio

Garfield 4780 - Mrs. Ardell Quinn  
1916 East 81st St., Cleveland, Ohio  
(operator of the Hollywood Royal Club)

Lakewood 4585 - Boulevard Club (pay station)  
1382 West 116th St., Cleveland, Ohio

Main 4700 - J. C. Thompson,  
Hotel Hollenden

Ardell Quinn possesses a questionable character and reputation and is a notorious character in Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau

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Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Chief Clerk .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Edwards .....
Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Foxworth .....
Mr. Harbo .....
Mr. Joseph .....
Mr. Keith .....
Mr. Lester .....
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Mr. Tamm .....
Mr. Tracy .....
Miss Gandy .....

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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 CHARGES CONSPIRACY WITH WEAVER AND OTHERS UNKNOWN TO  
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 ADVISED AND CERTIFICATIONS BEING FORWARDED

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/10/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/8/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. H. WILLIAMS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218 - 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:**

E. F. Parker, alias Hunter, Tommy Coleman and Harold King, reputed Cleveland, Ohio, gamblers recently seen in Hot Springs, Arkansas, are unknown to local police and sheriff's offices.

**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Little Rock office, dated 10/8/35.

**DETAILS:**

On October 8th, 1935, the Cleveland office received a teletype from the Little Rock office requesting that the identity of E. F. Parker alias Hunter, Tommy Coleman and Harold King, reputed Cleveland gamblers seen recently in Hot Springs, Arkansas, be established. The teletype advised that Parker was driving a 1935 Hudson Coupe, Ohio license #H 372 M, Motor #60348, purchased August 1st, 1935, from the Manning Marion Company, Youngstown, Ohio, for cash. It is advised that the state registration records reflect that Parker resides at 323 N. Phelps Street, Youngstown, Ohio, but that the police in that city advised that he is unknown there. He is reported to be accompanied by a man by the name of George, last name unknown, who is driving a similar automobile with Ohio license plate #H 85 M.

Agent interviewed Captain Frank Story, Detective Bureau, Sargeant Bernard Wolf, Homocide Squad and Lieutenant William Ziemann, Gambling Squad and they each advised that E. F. Parker alias Hunter, Tommy Coleman and Harold King were persons unknown to them and stated

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that if these were their correct names that they were not from Cleveland. They advised that if a photograph or physical description was given them that they might be able to identify them.

Agent interviewed Mr. George Koestle, Chief of the Identification Unit, Cleveland Police Department, and after a search was made of his records advised that he had no record of any of those three men.

Agent interviewed Mr. Bruce Sontall, Chief of the Identification Unit, Sheriff's office, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, and after a search was made of his records, advised that he had no information on these three men.

The Little Rock office was informed by teletype dated October 8, 1935, that Parker, Coleman and King were unknown in Cleveland.

No undeveloped leads are being set out to have physical descriptions forwarded to this office, it being left within the discretion of the Little Rock office whether a description or a photograph be sent in a further attempt to identify the men in question.

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*Advised J.P. Bremer*

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM**

Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired as to the truth of a report that \$92,000 had been found in Harbor Oaks, Florida, where William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were taken into custody. I advised Colonel Gates that there was no foundation to such a report.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
AIR MAIL

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  
October 5, 1935 (Bureau file 7-576) requesting this office  
to obtain a transcript of the testimony of JOE ADAMS before  
the Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 26, 1935.

Enclosed herewith is a transcript embodying  
the testimony of LOUISE DEEMER, BRYAN BOLTON, ELMER FARMER,  
JOSEPH E. ADAMS and HAROLD ALLDERTON.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen  
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H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

RE: SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS  
IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 19, 1935, in which you advised that certain firearms had been received at the New York City Office for the purpose of having comparisons made at the factories of the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company.

Please advise the Bureau immediately as to the progress being made in connection with this comparison.

Very truly yours,  
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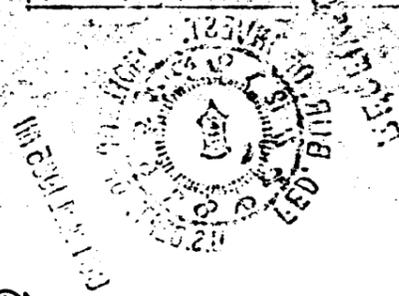
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cc - Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

October 10, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

I wish at this time to invite the Bureau's attention to the several letters which have passed between the Bureau and this Office (62-28539) wherein the Jacksonville Office was directed to dispose of three seized automobiles, namely: A Buick Coupe, a Ford Coupe and a Ford Sedan.

Special attention is invited to my letter to the Bureau, dated September 30, 1935, wherein I advised that the Sheriff at Ocala, Florida, refuses to accept the Buick. Special attention is also invited to a letter, dated October 1, 1935, from the Trenton Office to the Jacksonville Office wherein it is shown that Henry Randall has requested that the Ford Coupe be delivered to him at Newark, New Jersey, and it is indicated that Gregory I. Codomo has refused to accept the Ford Sedan.

I am just as desirous of disposing of these automobiles and terminating my responsibility therefor as the Bureau is and I therefore request that advice be given me as to what steps the Bureau proposes to take in the matter and especially what action I should take, if any, with respect to delivering the Ford Coupe to Henry Randall at Newark, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in charge.

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cc Cincinnati  
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 18, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

Re: CONFISCATED CARS IN POSSESSION OF THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE SEIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BREMER CASE.

The Jacksonville Office is holding at the present time three automobiles seized in connection with the Bremer Case. Effort has been made by the Jacksonville Office to turn these cars over to the United States District Court for appropriate disposal. However, the Federal Judge there has declined to assume jurisdiction over the cars.

The particular action taken in connection with each car is set out below:

\* FORD SEDAN, Motor #18-1190702. This car was seized from Gregory I. Codomo. On August 31, 1935 a letter was sent to the Jacksonville Office, requesting that this car, if possible, be returned to Codomo. Under date of October 10, 1935 the Jacksonville Office advised that the Trenton Office had advised them that Codomo had refused to accept the Ford Sedan.

\* FORD COUPE, Motor #18-1037480. This car was seized from Henry (Duke) Randall. On August 31, 1935 the Jacksonville Office was advised by letter to return this car to Randall, if possible. On October 10, 1935 the Jacksonville Office was advised that the Trenton Office had contacted Randall and he had requested that the Ford Coupe be delivered to him at Newark, New Jersey.

\* BUICK COUPE, Motor #2884746. This car was seized at Oklawaha, Florida. On August 31, 1935 the Jacksonville Office was requested to turn this car over to the sheriff having jurisdiction over the place where it was seized, in order that he might sell it at public sale. On September 30, 1935 the Jacksonville Office advised that the sheriff had refused to take custody of this car. In connection with this case effort is being made to have the Administrators of the Barker Estate, who are located in Joplin, Missouri, take possession of this car.

The Jacksonville Office desires further instructions regarding the disposition of these cars.

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Respectfully,

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D. C. R. M. H.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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*H. J. Mc Clure  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Your attention is invited to the attached communication received from the Jacksonville Office regarding the disposition of confiscated automobiles in its possession. Your attention is invited also to a memorandum addressed to me concerning this matter.

*on 11/1/35*

It is believed that this Bureau might be able to turn these cars over to the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department, for assignment to other Federal Agencies. It is understood, of course, that such a procedure is not the most desirable one. However, it appears to be the only possible way in which this Bureau can dispose of these cars, unless they are taken off and purposely abandoned.

Respectfully,

*W. R. Glavin*

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*Memo to Mr. Mc Clure Gen. Agt  
adv. cars listed, attached memo  
available for transfer  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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New Orleans, Louisiana.  
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Director,  
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U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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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 your letter dated September 3, 1935,  
in which it is suggested that each office review its files and ascer-  
tain the number of photographs of subjects and suspects in the above  
entitled case which will be needed to conduct investigative work in  
its district.

The files in the New Orleans Office have been reviewed, and  
it is requested that ten photographs of the following be forwarded to  
the New Orleans Office:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. 1218 - Fugitive;  
Harry Campbell, with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
William J. Harrison, with aliases, I. O. 1239.

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Very truly yours,

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D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of recent date,  
I am transmitting herewith the following photographs:

Ten photographs each of Alvin Karpis, Harry  
Campbell, Dr. Joseph P. Moran and William J. Harrison.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-15** **SW**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-11-35.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-1-35.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. H. OLSON</b>
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:** All banks located in the New Orleans Office District circularized relative fifty \$1,000.00 Federal Reserve Notes. Stop Orders placed on Pontiac Sedan, Motor 933155, and Chevrolet Sedan, Motor 4543555. Letter written to Bureau requesting additional photographs of subjects not apprehended. Della Marie, 416 Ingleside, Lake Charles, Louisiana, referred to in report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York, 7-22-35, as a known associate of confidence workers, is a young girl, just out of a Convent, and investigation indicates she is the daughter of Wm. R. Day.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York, 7-22-35. Bureau letter dated 9-3-35. New Orleans Office letter to the Bureau dated 8-11-35.

**DETAILS:** AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.  
Under date of August 11, 1935, a circular letter was sent to all banks located in the New Orleans Office District relative fifty \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, with serial numbers 00022451A to F-00022500A.

In response to the circular letter, the following banks have advised that they have no record of the bills, and in event any of them come into their possession they will notify the New Orleans Office:

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First National Bank, Jeanerette, Louisiana.  
Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Natchez, Mississippi.  
Commercial National Bank & Trust Company, Laurel, Mississippi.  
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana.  
First National Bank, Biloxi, Mississippi.  
Homer National Bank, Homer, Louisiana.

A review of the files reflects that Stop Orders have been placed with the Motor Vehicle Registration Departments in Jackson, Mississippi, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, relative Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #4543656, and Pontiac Sedan, Motor #35155.

A letter has been written to the Bureau requesting additional photographs of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1218; Harry Campbell, with aliases, I. O. 1236; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. 1232; William J. Harrison, with aliases, I. O. 1239.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York, dated 7-22-35, in which it is set out that one "Della Marie" of 416 Ingleside, Lake Charles, Louisiana, is a known associate of confidence men, while in Lake Charles, Louisiana, agent conducted the following investigation for the purpose of determining the identity of "Della Marie." The investigation was conducted in a very discreet manner and persons contacted do not know the purpose for which information was requested relative this party.

416 Ingleside Avenue, Lake Charles, Louisiana, is a single story white frame house, having either four large rooms or six small rooms, with two doors leading out on the front porch. There are no garages around this house and the house is about fifty yards away from the houses on each side. A surveillance was maintained on this place by agent for several hours, and during this time one elderly lady, about seventy years of age, a middle-aged woman, and one man was observed. This man was driving a pick-up truck for the Halburton Oil Company. Nothing of a suspicious nature was observed.

B. H. Landry, Service Desk, Light and Power Company, Lake Charles, Louisiana, made an examination of his records which revealed that a woman by the name of Mrs. Marie Duhon owned this property and paid the electric light bills. From the account it did not appear that very much electricity was used in this house as the bill did not go over the minimum of \$1.00 a month, indicating that no parties were held at this house and no late hours maintained.

From the City Directory it was determined that Mrs. Marie Duhon is a widow of Jules Duhon, and the City Directory did not indicate that anyone else was living at this residence.

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[REDACTED] from the records on file in her office, showed that this home had been built in May of 1934 and is the property of Mrs. Duhon; that Mrs. Duhon has been living with her daughter,

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Mrs. Freda Day, and her granddaughter, Della Marie Day, who is the daughter of Mrs. Freda Day. From discreet telephone calls by [redacted] it was determined that Della Marie is about eighteen or nineteen years of age; that she completed her schooling in a Convent located in Lake Charles, Louisiana, last year and is now taking a business course in a local business school. Telephonic inquiries developed that the husband of Mrs. Freda Day is Glen C. Day, who is supposed to be a traveling salesman and who has not been seen around Lake Charles, Louisiana, for some time, and his present whereabouts is evidently unknown.

The City Directory shows that Glen C. Day did live in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1917. The files of [redacted] do not have a record of Glen C. Day or of Mrs. Glen C. Day.

W. J. Wise, Mail Carrier who delivers mail to 415 Ingleside Avenue, and who is acquainted with Mrs. Duhon, Mrs. Day, and Della Marie as a result of delivering mail at this address, advised that Della Marie and her mother have been living here for over a year; that they receive very little mail; that occasionally a letter comes addressed to Della Marie; that there are no men around this place with the exception of W. G. Drummond, who is employed by the Halburton Oil Company, and who rents one of the rooms in this house. W. J. Wise stated that he knows that Della Marie is a very refined young lady; that she does not go out often and has very few friends; that he has not seen her father and has never heard anyone mention him.

In view of this information it appears that WM. R. DAY, as mentioned in the report of Special Agent Doherty, is possibly GLEN C. DAY, the husband of Mrs. Freda Day and the father of Della Marie Day.

No further investigation is being conducted at this time relative the identity of "Della Marie."

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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 AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information that Karpis, Campbell and "Doc" Moran had been seen in Phoenix unverified by investigation. 1935 Arizona license NS37 in possession of Mrs. Homer Harris, Roll, Arizona, who states she has not been out of the State of Arizona. All banks in Arizona circularized for information as to location of certain \$1000 bills.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, El Paso, dated 7/8/35. Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelly, Chicago, dated 8/16/35.

**DETAILS:**

On June 3, 1935, Special Agent O. C. Dewey, who was on that date on special assignment at Phoenix, Arizona, on the Jurob case, submitted a memorandum to the Los Angeles office, a copy of which was furnished the Phoenix Bureau office, regarding the interview had by Special Agent Dewey with James M. Pyle, United States Indian Service, Tucson, Arizona, who resides at 1509 East 9th Street, Tucson.

Mr. Pyle advised Agent Dewey that several days prior thereto he had talked with a friend of his, George Pratt, who was a second-hand automobile salesman at Phoenix, Arizona, and Pratt had advised him that two weeks prior thereto he had talked with Harry Campbell in Phoenix, Arizona.

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Memorandum of Special Agent Dewey further sets forth that both Mr. Pyle and Mr. Pratt came from around Muskogee, Oklahoma, and according to Pyle, both knew all of the Karpis-Barker gang and Pratt is said to have known Campbell well before he left Oklahoma and before he became mixed up with large gangs. Pyle was unable to give Pratt's address and could only advise that he was a used-car salesman in Phoenix, Arizona.

Subsequent investigation was conducted in Phoenix, Arizona, by Special Agent C. J. Endres for the purpose of locating George Pratt and the memorandum submitted by Agent Endres reflected that H. V. Petersen, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, and J. J. McGrath, Chief of Detectives, and Harry Diehl, Detective, in charge of auto thefts, advised Pratt was unknown to them, that investigation by Agent Endres at used-car lots in Phoenix and automobile agencies failed to reveal any information regarding Pratt.

James M. Pyle, United States Indian Service, Tucson, Arizona, was interviewed by the writer and advised prior to 1933 he was connected with the Indian Service in the Osage Indian country and had been in Oklahoma for a period of ten years, that he is well acquainted in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and knows Harry Campbell and his family very well. Pyle stated that during the early part of June, 1935, he had been in Phoenix, Arizona, and had accidentally run into a man by the name of George Pratt, whom he had known in Muskogee, Oklahoma, that Pratt had advised him he had, a week or two prior thereto, talked to Harry Campbell on the streets of Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Pyle stated he did not know a great deal regarding Pratt's past history and was not well acquainted with him but had known him for about ten years. Mr. Pyle stated he had not seen Pratt since the occasion in June, when Pratt had advised of his conversation with Harry Campbell and that he did not know Mr. Pratt's address in Phoenix, Arizona, but had been told by Pratt that he was working on a used-car lot situated on Van Buren Street in Phoenix. Mr. Pyle could furnish no further information regarding Pratt, and stated he had not seen Harry Campbell since he became a criminal and could furnish no information whatever regarding Campbell or his activities. Mr. Pyle stated if Pratt is not in Phoenix, Arizona, he has probably returned to Fairfax, Oklahoma, where he had formerly worked and that Pratt had told him he might possibly return to Fairfax.

Enquiry at the Post Office, Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Phoenix, Arizona, revealed George Pratt is unknown at any of those places.

Enquiry at all used-car lots situated on Van Buren Street, Phoenix, Arizona, revealed George Pratt is unknown at any of these used-car lots.

Enquiry at the Packard-Phoenix Motor Company Used-Car Lot, 4th Avenue and Van Buren Street, Phoenix, Arizona, revealed that W. J. Wagner is originally from Oklahoma and at one time worked in Fairfax, Oklahoma.

W. J. Wagner, Packard-Phoenix Motor Company Used-Car Lot, Phoenix, Arizona, advised James M. Pyle of the U. S. Indian Service, Tucson, Arizona, and Harry Campbell

approached lights were turned on in the apartment. Shortly after dark agents observed an individual come out of the front door of 14 Church Street and proceed back down the driveway to where the car bearing the Florida license was parked. As this individual turned up the driveway he was accosted by agents representing themselves to be inspectors of the Motor Vehicle Department. Inquiry was made as to the identity of the party accosted and as was asked if he was the owner of the automobile. The individual stated that his name was Lou Whitney and that the car belonged to him. He stated that he had arrived in Massachusetts about three weeks ago from New York City. Agents stated that they were required to check all out of state cars and had been informed that he had been in the State of Massachusetts for a longer period. He stated he could not understand why the state of Massachusetts should check his license, that the state of Florida permitted Massachusetts cars to stay indefinitely without being molested. Agents assured him that it was merely a routine matter and his having a car bearing Florida license plates was something which they did not believe was of much importance. Mr. Whitney then started a general conversation with agents and stated that he was married to a Salem girl and that she customarily came to Massachusetts every summer, staying a considerable period of time. He stated that his wife's family name was Sweeney, whose family lived on Charter Street and were well known in Salem. Mr. Whitney stated that he had been employed at Miami, Florida with the Embassy Club and Bradley's as a croupier and in consequence of such employ was well acquainted with the gambling fraternity and prior to his coming to Massachusetts had been employed in an unnamed club on Long Island. He stated also that a party known as Finn had employed him at Saratoga Springs, New York but that he had discontinued that employment after one night. In view of Mr. Whitney's declarations together with the facts of the trail tracing it was deemed inadvisable that the name of subject Meade be mentioned to Mr. Whitney inasmuch as agents felt that he had a close connection with confidence men and other associates of Meade and would undoubtedly apprise them of the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. Whitney exhibited his papers covering registration of car which indicated that his address was c/o Elks Club, Miami, Florida and that he operated a Chevrolet Sedan bearing Motor Number 5405276, Serial Number 2EACB-53633 and that the car was financed through the G.M.A.C., Jamaica, Long Island. It was observed that the car bore Florida license plates D670.

Agents observed Mr. Whitney's fingers and no mutilation was apparent. It is noted that the upper half of Whitney's features resemble a great deal the similar features of Meade but Whitney is positively not Meade.

Before agents had accosted Mr. Whitney they had been approached by the patrolman directing traffic in front of the apartment house on Church Street and questioned about the parking of Bureau automobiles in restricted areas. Agent identified themselves and the officer permitted agents to leave the cars parked as they were which was essential to properly block escape from the driveway.

After agents left Mr. Whitney it was observed that he approached and talked to this patrolman and shortly after Mr. Whitney had re-entered his apartment this agent contacted the patrolman who stated that Mr. Whitney had asked

him "who those fellows were" and wanted to know whether or not they were connected with the local police department. The patrolman stated that he did not believe that the agents were connected with the local police department, but believed them to be inspectors from the motor registry.

Agent expressed his appreciation of the officer's help in this matter and in view of what the officer had told Mr. Whitney no further attempt was made to contact him.

The reference report contains the details relative to the parties known as Fred Freed, Finn, and the connection of the Miles Standish Hotel to this investigation.

At North Easton, Massachusetts, Mrs. A. K. Briggs, postmistress, and John Wilde, mail carrier, stated that John Badaracco lived on Harlow Street at North Easton and that Mr. Badaracco apparently was connected with some newspaper typesetters' union with headquarters at Boston, Massachusetts, and further that Mr. Badaracco was apparently a well known political figure in Boston and was recently given a testimonial dinner. Agent was informed that Mr. Badaracco was a man who kept his own counsel and that very little was known about him. He is described as follows:

Age: 50-55 years.  
Height: 5 feet 11 inches.  
Weight: 200 lbs.  
Build: Hasky.  
Complexion: Dark.  
Hair: Streaked with gray.  
Complexion: Dark, clean shaven.  
Neat dresser.  
Marital status: Married.  
Drives Chevrolet car - sedan or coach.

He has been observed to spend his evenings occasionally at the Lake Shore Gardens located just out of North Easton, Massachusetts.

Lester H. Standley, 30 Federal Street, Boston, stated that John Badaracco had offices at 185 Devonshire Street, Room 407, and was the Treasurer of the Pressmen's Union. Mr. Standley was unable to furnish agent with information as to his acquaintances.

As a result of a mail cover which was placed upon the mail of Herbert F. Callahan, the mail tracing had been called for received at his office, address 810 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, New York. The postmark indicated that the letter was mailed at Brooklyn, New York on September 16, 1935 at 2:00 PM.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE BOSTON OFFICE at Boston, Massachusetts will develop and determine the contacts and acquaintances of John Badaracco to determine if he is a friend of William E. Meade and the party who possibly furnished the bail for his release from Northampton jail July 13, 1935.

Will conduct such investigation as is believed advisable in checking

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE at New York City will determine the identity of Samuel Cooper, 810 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

P E N D I N G



/s/ J. L. Gordon,  
Electric Shoe Repair Shop,  
Metropolis, Ill.

Mr. J. L. Gordon was interviewed and advised that his report to the Bureau was based on information he received in overhearing a conversation, or fragments of a conversation of "the underworld" in the person of a couple of strangers who stopped at his place to have their shoes repaired. Mr. Gordon has the front part of his counter covered with photos of men who are wanted by the police. He advised that he "makes a study of crime". When "the underworld" came in this day one of them pointed at Karpis' photo and said "There is one of the boys there". He missed some of the following conversation due to the fact he had his machine running but the next thing he overheard was "Yes, we will see him tonight". That was all the conversation he overheard but advised that there are only three places in town he would meet these men and that would be at either the Green Lantern, the Egyptian or another roadhouse near the glove factory in town. He had no reports direct that Karpis had been seen in town. He pulled a frayed envelope out of his shirt pocket and showed agent two letters he had received from the Director in 1934 regarding information he had submitted as to whereabouts of Baby Face Nelson in Little Rock, Arkansas about the time and after the death of Nelson in Chicago. He further stated that Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., frequented the town of Metropolis but had not seen him personally and apparently was unable to advise agent where his information came from. During the interview the impression was left by this person that he was mentally unbalanced on this subject.

Postmaster E. E. Mitchell and Assistant Postmaster E. G. Korte were interviewed at Metropolis, Illinois and interrogated regarding the reliability of information furnished by Gordon. They advised agent that the old man was just a bit off on the subject of religion and it extended into the field of the criminal and that any information he might furnish would probably not be reliable.

Agent contacted the three night clubs mentioned above and presented the photograph of Karpis together with that of Campbell and Robinson but no one was able to identify the photographs except that each thought it resembled some one in town who had lived there a lifetime.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 12, 1935.

Time - 11:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Cassius McDonald.

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

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Walter Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, telephoned me and advised that this morning, he has been in conference with Mr. Patrick of the Criminal Division, and an attorney from Detroit named Bernard, who represents Cassius McDonald. Among other things, Mr. Bernard is again making demands for the brief case which was seized at the time Cash McDonald was arrested in Florida. Mr. Barlow said that this was also brought up previously in Florida, and that he, upon the hearing on the motion in Florida, represented to Judge Ritter that at that time, while it could not be stated the papers in this brief case were the instrumentality by which the offense was committed, the Government was conducting an investigation of the matters disclosed by the papers, and requested a reasonable time in which to respond to the motion. Judge Ritter had previously stated he felt they were entitled to the papers, but in view of the fact that Agent McKee of the Bureau was going in a short time to Cuba to check up on the matters disclosed by the papers, they got the judge to say that he would not pass upon the motion at that time, but that the Government should have a reasonable length of time in which to conduct its investigation in Cuba. However, the judge informed the attorney in Florida for McDonald that if he would renew the motion after the lapse of a reasonable length of time, he would order the papers returned to them.

In connection with the indictment pending against McDonald in St. Paul, the defense attorneys represent that the papers are necessary in the preparation of their defense, which defense is that the ransom money came to McDonald in the regular course of conducting gambling enterprises in Cuba; that he changed it as he did other money received in the same fashion.

Mr. Barlow said that he is convinced that the matters contained in the brief case are of no value in connection with the prosecution of McDonald in Florida; further, that if the issue is again brought up in Judge Ritter's jurisdiction, it will undoubtedly be returned to the attorneys of McDonald. He continued that unless there appears to be some use for the case and its contents in the prosecution in St. Paul, he believed they should be returned to McDonald's attorneys.

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In view of this attitude on the part of Mr. Barlow, and at his suggestion, I informed him that proper steps would be taken to have the brief case and its contents returned to the United States Attorney at Detroit for transmission to McDonald's attorneys, proper receipt, of course, being obtained therefor.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Los Angeles, California  
October 9, 1935

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

PERSONAL AND  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping  
L. A. File 7-42

I am transmitting herewith for your information and appropriate attention [redacted] by a confidential informant who is cooperating with the Bureau in connection with the instant matter. I believe that the identity of this informant is well known to you, inasmuch as the records in your office will reflect a contact which he made with Special Agents Little and Hansen during the [redacted]

You will note, of course, [redacted] referred to does not on its surface give any indication that fugitive Alvin Karpis is the subject [redacted] however, our informant emphatically believes that [redacted]

[redacted] Karpis has recently been placed in a hideout spot by Margaret Sevier, the wife of William Sevier, who is at the present time an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

May I suggest that after conferring with Special Agent Paul Hansen you take such steps as may appear appropriate to ascertain whether or not it would appear to be desirable at this time to arrange for a further contact between our informant and [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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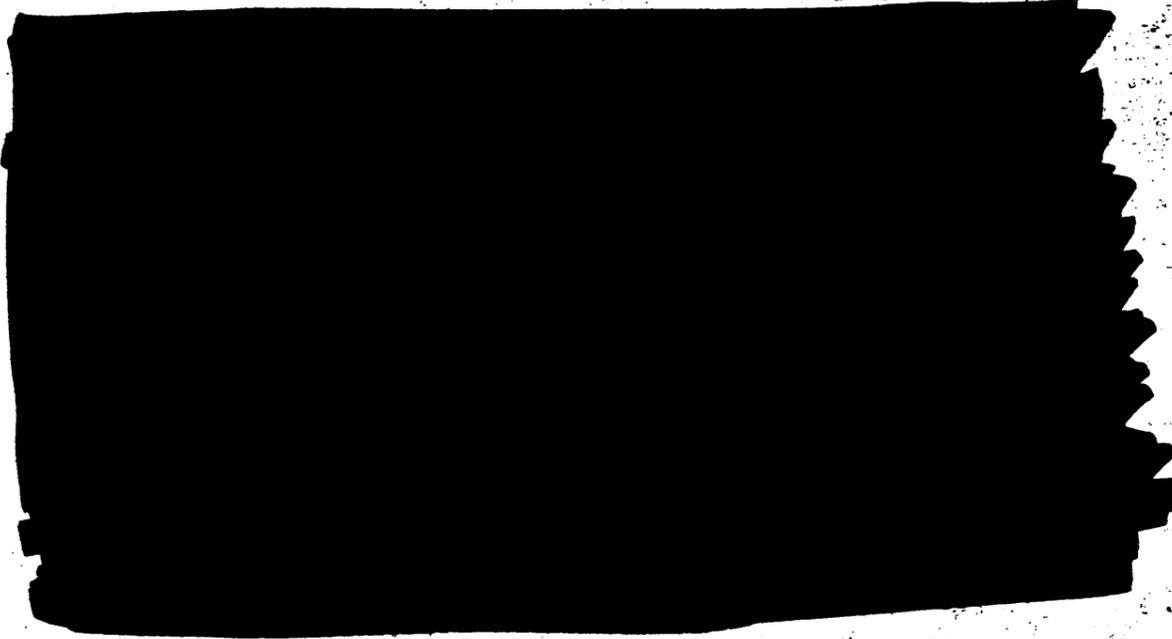
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Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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October 11, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

[REDACTED]

it is believed that this matter is developing satisfactorily; that however it is necessary to await definite developments as apparently this woman is in a position where it will be necessary for her to await the pleasure of these individuals or their contact man with her.

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In connection with the setup at Toledo, Ohio where we have a tap on the telephone of Edith Barry nothing definite has been learned over the telephone other than the prostitution operations of Edith Barry and as to her friends and associates, none of whom apparently are involved with the present setup as to Karpis and Campbell. Unless something develops as to this between now and Sunday October 13, 1935, it is planned to discontinue the tap on the telephone there, with the idea in mind that should developments occur in the future which would warrant same we can immediately restore the tap. Discontinuation of the tap is planned in order to relieve the number of Agents whom it has been necessary to use in order to maintain this tap twenty-four hours per day, and in order to have these Agents return to Chicago where certain other developments can be worked out as to this case. It is planned however, to have Agent C. E. Smith continue at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio in order to maintain contact with our informants there and possibly run out certain leads through the addresses obtained by reason of certain long distance telephone calls made from the telephone of Edith Barry. It is planned to run these out very discreetly in order that we may ascertain whether any of these might be a contact of Karpis and Campbell, without doing anything which might get back to Edith Barry and cause her to be apprehensive in any way.

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[REDACTED] It is with this thought in mind that I believe that discontinuance of our direct activity as to her at Toledo is advisable at this time.

You will be advised further when and if we discontinue the tap as to Edith Barry.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
W. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 12, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below copies of letters written to Wynona Burdette, who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, from her brother, Art, and her sister-in-law, Helen.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sis:-

Just a few lines in answer to your most welcomed letter of a few days ago was more than glad to get but I will have to apologize for Art and I both for not writing sooner. Although Art did write a card it isn't like a letter is it?

We just came back from eating Art tuned a piano this afternoon so I went along (By Request) Ha.)

Pardon me if I make mistakes Art is playing the Violin and every 2 minutes wants me to stop and listen, shall I spank him?

It sure is getting cold here I have been wearing a winter coat, you see Lewistown is in the center of four mountains so you can all most guess what it's like.

Honey you wanted a picture of me like I sent the other girls and I'm really sorry but I don't have any. Art has one and had it hand painted looks real good, I wanted him to let me send it to you but it didn't work, Ha, but I did sell him on giving you this one and it's terrible looks like I have a chew in my mouth. It was taken last winter and another party was with me so Art cut it off and had mine in his pocket book, you know how blonde my hair was when Art and I were married then I had it dyed and after the dyed went my hair got lighter it is almost white in fact. I have had several things change me.

Had my gold tooth taken out and a white one put in looks much better.

Well Honey we have three pieces of paper here and I wrote half so I'm going to let Art have some he has a simple streak in him to night he said tell you he was broke and only in the way, he's sitting on the floor just being funny.

Will close for now hoping to hear from you real soon.

Lovingly

Helen

Dear Sis

I am not going to write very much as I just mailed you a card and helen says I must write a line - I dont no I am down in the mouth - I just made \$5.50 all last week and three of that went for room rent so what do you think we eat on - how I would like to be back in good old Okla. right tonight - woof - woof - Say why dont you drop Opal Davis a card you no the girl at So Coffeyville she would be tickled I'll bet to hear from you.

I have wrote to every one at home but no ans - dad rot it their just so busy they cant find time to do anything ha - well I suppose I'll be here another week so if you can write me -

I'll close for now

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Your loving bro

Art

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U. S. Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California

October 9, 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, ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping  
L. A. File 7-42

I am transmitting herewith an article appearing in  
the October 4, 1935 issue of the Los Angeles Times, entitled  
"Wife of Karpis Seeks Divorce".

Very truly yours,

*J. E. P. Dunn*  
J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Wife of Karpis  
Seeks Divorce**

TULSA (Okla.) Oct. 3. (AP)—Mrs. Alvin Karpis, wife of the current Public Enemy No. 1, filed suit today for divorce, charging her fugitive husband with desertion and non-support.

LOS ANGELES "TIMES"  
OCTOBER 4, 1935.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 9, 1935

KRM/AEK

Time - 10:00 AM  
October 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Interview with Mr. Wint Smith of  
State Highway Patrol, Topeka, Kansas.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
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- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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*J. J. [unclear]*  
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This will advise that on October 8, 1935 Mr. Wint Smith of the State Highway Patrol, Topeka, Kansas, appeared in this office. He stated that Tommy Carpenter was arrested on October 5, 1935 at Neosho, Missouri, and that Carpenter was a former "pal" of Jimmie Lawson, Glenn Roy Wright, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell.

Mr. Smith stated that his Department is very much interested in solving the bank robbery which occurred at Independence, Kansas on or about March 9, 1934. He informed that during his interview with Carpenter the latter advised that Edna Murray had put Volney Davis "on the spot" and she was in a position to state the identity of the participants in the bank robbery at Independence, Kansas. Mr. Smith wanted me to tell him the identity of the persons who participated in the bank robbery at Drexel, Missouri during the spring of 1935. His reason for wishing to know the identity of the participants of this robbery was because he had heard that Preston Paden, the son of Edna Murray, had participated in this robbery with Volney Davis. I advised Mr. Smith that I did not know the identity of the persons participating in the Drexel job but would have been pleased to inform him had I known their identity. He intimated that if he could show definitely Preston Paden participated in the Drexel job he would have a talking point when he interviewed Edna Murray and would tell Edna Murray that if she would disclose the identity of the participants in the Independence, Kansas, robbery he and his fellow officers would "lay-off" her son, Preston Paden.

Practically no other conversation was held, Mr. Smith merely advising he had come here for the purpose of learning the names of the persons who took part in the Drexel robbery.

Respectfully,

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*K. R. McIntire*

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October 11, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan who proceeded to Orlando, Florida in order to appear as a witness before the Grand Jury there on October 7, 1935, returned to Toledo, Ohio on October 9th, where he is engaged in undercover assignment in connection with telephone tap being maintained there as to Edith ~~Barry~~.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. Jacksonville  
cc. Cleveland.

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**POST OFFICE BOX 812  
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October 11, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent W. J. Devereux in conformity with subpoena and advice of the Indianapolis office, arrived at South Bend, Indiana on the afternoon of October 10, 1935, in order to appear before the Grand Jury there as a witness, and he has completed his testimony and is leaving South Bend, Indiana at 3 P.M. today in order to return to Toledo, Ohio where he is engaged in undercover investigation in connection with telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of Edith Barry there.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cleveland

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Special Agent in Charge*

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P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 11, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1234; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; EDWARD GEORGE BRUMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Stop Order placed with the Bureau of  
Motor Vehicles, State Road Commission, Charleston, West  
Virginia on Chevrolet Coupe, Motor Number 4,155,550, pur-  
chased by William Weaver under the name of J. A. Orhood,  
has been withdrawn.

Yours very truly,

C. K. FIERSTONE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
October 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Portland, Oregon

Re: WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. C. #1252-A, et al;  
George Meyerhaeuser, Victim;  
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. C. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated September 24, 1935, requesting investigation at the National Military Home, West Los Angeles (Sawtelle), California, for the purpose of securing information regarding PATRICK J. LYONS in order that he might be located and interviewed regarding the two above-entitled cases.

Special Agent Leon Bone made inquiry at the hospital at the National Military Home and, upon an examination of the records, it was ascertained that Patrick J. Lyons had never been an inmate of that institution. Special Agent Bone also made inquiry at the administration office and was advised that a search of the records failed to indicate that this individual had ever been an inmate of the Soldiers' Home.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

TEB/KL  
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Via Air Mail  
cc/ Bureau  
Chicago, Connelley

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 12, 1935

*William Campbell*

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters addressed to Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution, from her brother, Art, and her sister-in-law, Helen.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperating in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

AAM:R.S  
Enc.  
cc-Bureau ✓

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

St. Louis, Mo.  
October 11, 1935.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. No. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

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You are requested to instruct all Agents attached to your office to familiarize themselves with the details of this report, so that they will have a complete understanding of the background of this case."

Kindly govern yourselves accordingly.

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #1525  
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October 11, 1935

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Chicago, Illinois

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Los Angeles, California  
October 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Portland, Oregon

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 12, 1935

*Alvin Karpis*

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, October 10, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

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 J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1259; et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your  
letter of September 30, 1935, the wanted notices placed by  
this office in the States of Montana and Idaho on Chevrolet  
Coupe, motor #4,135,550, which was purchased by William  
Weaver as J. A. Orhood, have been withdrawn.

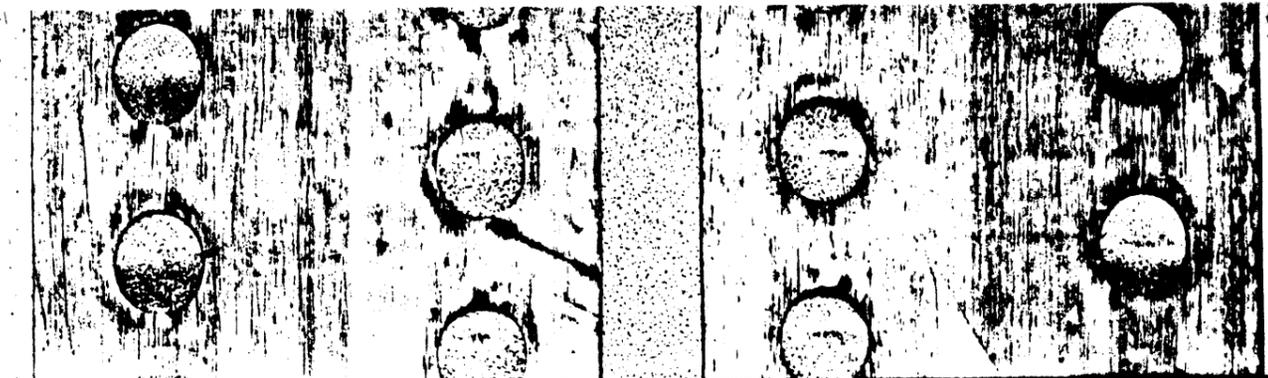
Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

DH/TM

cc Bureau  
St. Paul

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END 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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THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial Cables



All America Cables

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RECEIVER'S NUMBER  
 CHECK  
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Detroit, Michigan  
 October 12, 1935

Mr. R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 570 Lexington Ave., Room 1408  
 New York, N. Y.

BREKID ASAC HANSON NECESSARY WITNESS REMOVAL HEARING CASSIUS McDONALD DETROIT

MONDAY OCTOBER FOURTEENTH

NICHOLSON

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 10:57 A.M.  
 cc - Bureau ✓  
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*Ed. O. S. Brennan*



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*Ed. George Bremer*

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 U. S. Department of Justice,  
 232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,  
 ST. PAUL, MINN.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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October 12, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUC-  
TION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to my conversation with Mr. McIntire of the Bureau indicating that Mr. Tamm had advised that the two zipper brief cases containing personal property of subject Cassius McDonald taken possession of at the time of the arrest of McDonald at Miami, Fla., if in the possession of the St. Paul office should be forwarded to the Detroit office for surrender by the Detroit office to the attorneys for McDonald at Detroit, inasmuch as the attorneys at Detroit had arranged to obtain an order from the U.S. District Court there that these two bags and their contents be surrendered to Cassius McDonald; that provided the U.S. Attorney at St. Paul had no objection to this procedure, it being noted that we have photostatic copies of the complete contents of these two bags as obtained by the Jacksonville office, these should be surrendered in the manner indicated.

Telephone conversation was had with Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein of the St. Paul office today and he was advised in accordance with the above information. At this time particular reference is made to the letter of the Jacksonville office under date of October 4, 1935 addressed to the St. Paul office indicating that they were forwarding by registered mail the two zipper brief cases, together with complete contents, which were surrendered by subject McDonald upon the occasion of his arrest at Miami, to the St. Paul office. The St. Paul office was advised that they should consult with the United States Attorney as to what his wishes were in this matter, and he being agreeable they should comply with the instructions indicated;

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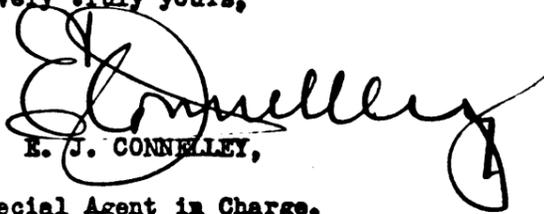
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that however, before forwarding these two bags to the Detroit office they should communicate with the Bureau as to the decision of the United States Attorney, and their intention to forward same to the Detroit office for the purpose indicated.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul  
CC Detroit  
CC Jacksonville

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Oct. 12, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I.O.#1218. ET AL.  
KIDNAPING.

In compliance with telephone requests from Special Agent  
in Charge E. J. Connelley, I am enclosing two zipper brief  
cases, together with contents which were surrendered by CASSIUS  
MAC DONALD upon the occasion of his arrest at Miami, Florida.

This property is being forwarded to you so that you may  
in turn deliver it to the United States Attorney at Detroit who  
will make proper disposition of it in accordance with Court  
order issued in his District. Photostat copies of contents of  
these cases are on file in this office.

I am also attaching a list of the contents.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JEB:SEC  
CC-Bureau  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
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10/16/35  
J. May*



*George Bremer*

St. Paul, Minn.  
Oct. 12, 1935.

One black leather zipper brief case containing:  
blank customers' credit orders,  
customers' drafts,  
transferred checks, on the International Consolida-  
ted Stock Exchange,

One booklet written in Spanish containing financial data rela-  
ting to the Hipodromo, Casino Nacional, and the  
Jockey Club House bearing the name H. Menendes.

Carbon copy of letter from McDonald to Sr. Juan R. Jimenez  
written in Spanish dated May 7, 1934.

One typewritten document entitled "Bases for lease".  
Typewritten document entitled "Their first proposition".  
Typewritten document entitled "Our proposition".  
Typewritten document entitled "Their Second proposition".  
Typewritten document showing income and expenditures from 1926  
to 1933 of the Casino Club.

Typewritten document written in Spanish entitled "Bases for  
arrangements".

Typewritten document entitled "A contract for the term of ten  
years".

Handwritten document dated June 2, 1934, addressed to "Dear Juan".

Letter from Jimenez to McDonald dated at Havana, Apr. 12, 1934.

Typewritten document entitled "General basis for a contract for  
operation of the race track and the Casino".

Telegram to McDonald from McLean dated January 30, 1934, purported  
to have been sent on private wire of Fenner, Beans,  
and Underleider.

Receipt for \$5.00 from McDonald signed Benjamin Martel dated  
Havana, January 26, 1934.

Telegram via Fenner and Beans to M.D. signed "Temp".

Typewritten document entitled "General basis for a contract for  
operation of the race track and the Casino".

Typewritten document in Spanish entitled "General basis for contract  
to operate the Hipodromo and the Casino".

Letter to McDonald from Mario Artesiano written on stationery of  
Marimar Swimming Club, Havana, bearing postmark March  
29, 1934.

Typewritten letter to Jimenez written in Spanish dated June 27,  
1934, signed "Carlos Emauel de la Cruz".

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Handwritten note addressed to "Dear Friend" and signed "McD".  
Letter to Jimenez dated Detroit, June 25, 1934, bearing type-written signature C. M. McDonald.

Letter to Mrs. McDonald dated January 10, 1935 from the Secretary to Senator Couzens.

Letter to McDonald dated Detroit, March 13, 1934 from Charles L. Bartlett, Attorney, Hammond Building, Detroit.

Letter to McDonald from Charles Bartlett, dated Feb. 21, 1934.  
Copy of cablegram to Bartlett from McDonald dated March, 1934.

Letter to Bartlett from Senator Couzens dated March 20, 1934 with enclosure of copy of letter to Senator Couzens from Cordell Full.

Letter to McDonald from Senator Vanderberg dated May 23, 1934.  
Letter from Bartlett to McDonald dated March 23, 1934.

Envelope containing calling cards.

Note to McDonald from C. R. Cameron.

Handwritten letter from Jimenez to McDonald dated April 24, 1934.  
Letter to McDonald signed "John McLean" dated May 4, 1934.

Copy of telegram to Col. Albert Sabath, undated, signed "C.M.McD".  
Letter from Albert Sabath to McDonald dated Aug. 11, 1934.

Letter to McDonald from Joseph Jones, Havana, March 28, 1934.  
Letter to McDonald from Ethel Artesiano, undated.

Newspaper clippings.

1 tube of paste.  
Rubber binders.

Western Union and Postal telegram blanks for messages received.  
Western Union and Postal Telegraph envelopes.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

FAT:CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

October 11, 1935.

Time - 10:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

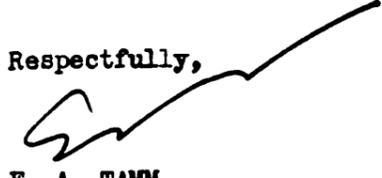
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Miss Gandy	.....

Edward W. Bremer  
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I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Alt at the Jacksonville Office and told him that in the Washington papers today there appears an Associated Press dispatch to the effect that Federal Agents have recently dug up \$92,000 at Harbor Oaks, Florida, near where the Weavers were recently captured. I asked Mr. Alt if he knows anything about this.

He said that he has heard nothing about this at all; that he has had no Agents in that vicinity at all, with the possible exception of Agent Donaldson, who was in that vicinity recently checking at the Western Union, but he certainly did no digging, and more certainly found no money. Mr. Alt continued that none of his Agent has been digging around that farm at all.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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 PHONE. BREKID NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS TODAY.

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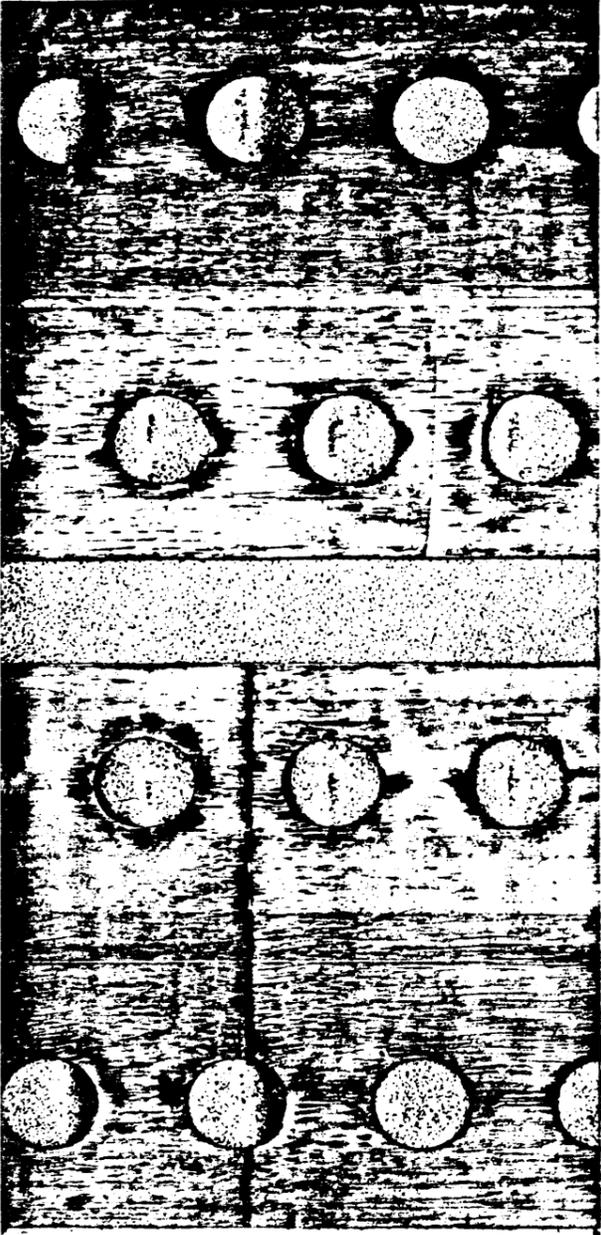
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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID ASSOCIATED PRESS HERE ADVISES ST LOUIS BROADCASTING INFORMATION THAT KARPIS WAS RECENTLY IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, AND THAT FEDERAL AGENTS RAIDED PREMISES WHERE HE WAS STAYING SUBSEQUENT TO HIS DEPARTURE. THIS INFORMATION ERRONEOUS AND PROBABLY RELATES TO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED HOT SPRINGS BY THIS OFFICE 7TH INSTANT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF THREE UNKNOWN PERSONS REPORTED BY CHIEF OF DETECTIVES HERBERT AKERS HOT SPRINGS AS BEING THERE UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT INDICATE IDENTICAL WITH KARPIS AND CAMPBELL. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT PERSONS REFERRED TO WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH EITHER FUGITIVE. INFORMATION PROBABLY RELEASED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES HOT SPRINGS.

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*copy Mr Tamm 10/13/35*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

October 9, 1935

*copy*

*by*

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

Dear Sir:

For the completion of the files  
in this office, it is requested that one  
copy of Apprehension Order #338, re Harry  
Sawyer, with aliases, I. O. #1240, be fur-  
nished.

Very truly yours,

*C. C. Spears*  
C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Sent. 10/16/35*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IDENT UNIT ONE

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio** FILE NO. **7-36**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-11-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/29 - 10/1, and 7/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>John B. Little</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Bodies of <u>Kate</u> and <u>Fred Barker</u> interred <u>Williams Cemetery, Welch, Oklahoma</u> 10-1-35. Nothing of interest observed at ceremonies. <u>George Barker</u> reported presently en route to California with wife of <u>Frank F. Dixon</u>, co-administrator of estate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau wire dated September 27, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: Information having been received to the effect that the burial of <u>Kate Barker</u> and <u>Fred Barker</u> would take place at the <u>Williams Cemetery</u> near <u>Welch, Oklahoma</u> on <u>October 1, 1935</u> at <u>3:00 P. M.</u>, arrangements were made to cover the burial by <u>Special Agents Frank S. Smith, A. Paul Kitchin, and John B. Little.</u></p> <p><u>Agent Little</u> was present in the cemetery, under pretext, before and during the services and the services were covered by <u>Agents Smith and Kitchin</u> from nearby timber.</p> <p>The <u>Williams Cemetery</u> is an unkempt country hillside graveyard, full of undergrowth and weeds. The services were attended by a small number of relatives and curious onlookers. It was estimated that approximately twenty-five people attended the services, altogether, which included six undertakers, <u>Joe Anderson</u> of the <u>Kansas State Highway Patrol</u>, who, it was later ascertained, was responsible for airplane observations of the services, and <u>Dee Watters</u>, and <u>Charles H. DeLaughter</u>, operatives of the <u>Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation</u>. The funeral sermon was preached to the living, with no mention being made of the deceased, and invoking the blessings of the Deity upon the surviving members of the family. It was quite noticeable that the minister</p>			
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qualified the request for such blessings with the statement "if it be Thy will". The bodies were buried next to the grave of Herman Barker. No one attending the funeral corresponded with the descriptions or photographs of any outstanding fugitives in connection with this case.

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[REDACTED] reported that Mr. Barker attended the funeral under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Dixon, Mr. Dixon being the operator of a filling station and cabin camp known as "The Tri-State Oil Company", on east 7th Street in Joplin, Missouri. The home address of the Dixons is 204 South Sargeant Street, Webb City, Missouri. [REDACTED] Mr. Dixon made three trips to Florida representing Mr. Barker and on one occasion he stayed a month; that he also went to Chicago with reference to money which was in the possession of Doc Barker, and was interested in opening a safety deposit box in Chicago; that Mr. Barker visited Doc at Leavenworth on October 4, 1935; that the burials were handled by the undertaking firms of Haines-Woodard of Webb City, Missouri and Durnil of Picher, Oklahoma. [REDACTED] that the funeral was not attended by any outstanding fugitive wanted in connection with the instant case.

[REDACTED] information to the effect that the first trip to Florida on the part of Frank F. Dixon was financed by Claude Kenny, Attorney for the Tri-State Oil Company, Mr. Kenny also making the trip; that the second trip on the part of Dixon to Florida was financed by the Merchants and Miners Bank, of Webb City, Missouri. Dixon returned from the second trip to Florida with a Cashiers Check for \$9,700.00, which was deposited in the Merchants and Miners Bank in Webb City. The total expense of returning the bodies of Fred and Kate Barker was reported as \$3,000.00, the caskets costing \$800.00 each. Kenny and Dixon are reported to have had a slight disagreement over the fact that Kenny wanted fifty per cent of all that Dixon recovered and had promised Mr. Barker twelve and one-half per cent of the fifty per cent, in the event an allowance was made of the fifty per cent. Apparently Mr. Kenny became skeptical and compromised on one-third. Mr. Barker, however, is not to receive any of the one-third, although this has not been definitely decided.

[REDACTED] Dixon had Mrs. Barker's diamonds, consisting of four rings, on his return from Florida, the present whereabouts of these rings being unknown. A. W. Wolfenbarger and his son are on Dixon's bond as co-administrator of the estate. Wolfenbarger is an official of the Tri-State Oil Company of Webb City. One Bowie, an attorney of Ocala, Florida, who assisted in the claim there, demanded a fee of \$1200.00.

[REDACTED] information was received that both Fred and Doc Barker had lived at the Gable Hotel in Webb City, posing as Barnsdall accountants and that the landlady found guns in their room and called law enforcement authorities. It was reported that lists of names were found in this room, which might be of value in establishing connections.

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[REDACTED] to the effect that Dr. Stimson attended Mr. Barker in Webb City after the death of Fred and his mother, at which time Mr. Barker was in the Dixon's home. It is also reported that a Minneapolis attorney representing Doc Barker wrote Mr. Barker regarding furniture and \$6500.00 belonging to Doc, which is presently in Chicago. The attorney paid \$250.00 storage charges on the furniture which is now stored in Webb City in one of the Vanhoose Buildings. The attorney in Minneapolis made an agreement with the Brewery Company for \$1500.00 and the furniture.

[REDACTED] Mr. Barker, Mrs. Dixon, and one Jenny, left Friday, October 4, 1935 about 8:00 A. M. for California, driving a black Chevrolet Sedan, 1934 Model, with Missouri license issued in the name of Frank F. Dixon, Webb City, Missouri. The purpose of this trip was not disclosed. Mrs. Dixon is described [REDACTED] as 5 feet, 3 or 4 inches tall, weight about 130-35 lbs., age 40-45, swarthy complexion, dark hair, dark eyes, loud clothes, and bored expression.

The woman named Jenny, was described [REDACTED] as age 25-30, dark hair, rather attractive appearance, slim build, hazel eyes, height, 5 feet, 1 or 2 inches.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation in Webb City, Missouri, with the view to locating the lists referred to by [REDACTED] as having been found in room occupied by Fred and Doc Barker at the Gable Hotel, in an effort to determine whether such lists might be of value in establishing contacts of the members of the gang, and such other investigation as the details of this report might warrant.

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September 28, 1935

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

Re: Cassius McDonald

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Respectfully,

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October 12, 1935.

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:

On October 2, 1935 Special Agent F. T. McIntyre received a telegram from one Rielly at Ripon, Wisconsin. This telegram advised that Karpis has recently been in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota and that Charlie Carroll, a brother of Tony Carroll, now deceased, is working in a bar at "Even Corner" or at 3rd and Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In this telegram Rielly requested \$20 of Agent McIntyre so that he, Rielly, can go to Kansas City to contact Bert. Copies of the telegram to Agent McIntyre are being forwarded to each office receiving a copy of this letter. In a telephone call made by Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd of the Chicago office on October 3, 1935, the Bureau declined to pay Rielly the \$20 requested.

Special Agent McIntyre advises that Rielly is identical with one Billy Rielly, aged twenty-two years, who formerly resided in the vicinity of Birmingham, Alabama; that Rielly claims he is a former member of the Touhy gang of Chicago, but Agent McIntyre infers that Rielly is more or less of a small time racketeer and petty thief.

In connection with this matter the attention of the Kansas City office is directed to the report of Special Agent A. J. [redacted] dated at Kansas City, Missouri.

These observations are being furnished your office for your information only at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping; Harboring & Obstruction  
of Justice; National Fire-  
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Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Nathaniel H. Heller.

There is attached hereto a memorandum prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire, disclosing all of the evidence available against Nathaniel H. Heller.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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NATHANIAL H. HELLER was arrested on the night of January 31, 1935 by Cuban authorities in Havana, Cuba, as an undesirable alien, on the basis of information which had been obtained by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. He remained in the custody of Cuban officials until February 12, 1935 when he was released on the understanding that he would voluntarily proceed to Miami, Florida. Upon his arrival in Miami on February 12, 1935, he was arrested by the United States Marshal and was immediately placed in the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, in default of \$25,000.00 bond.

On February 7, 1935 at Jacksonville, Florida, Heller had been named in four indictments returned by a Federal Grand Jury. The first indictment charged him with Harboring and Concealing Alvin Karpis. The second indictment charged Heller with Misprision of a Felony, in that he did not disclose that Karpis was a person who had fled in interstate commerce to avoid prosecution for a crime cognizable under the laws of the United States. In the second count of this indictment Heller was charged with the same offense for failing to disclose that Karpis was a person who had fled in interstate commerce to avoid prosecution for a crime cognizable under the laws of the State of Minnesota. A third indictment was returned charging Heller, Duke Randall, Joseph Adams, Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, and Cassius McDonald with Conspiracy to Harbor and Conceal Alvin Karpis. A fourth indictment was returned against Heller charging him with Conspiracy to Commit Misprision of a Felony, in that he and others conspired to conceal the fact that they knew Karpis was wanted for prosecution of a certain crime cognizable under the laws of the United States and had fled in interstate commerce.

Heller is now at liberty on bond.

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SPECIAL AGENT R. D. BROWN,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1443 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

SPECIAL AGENT S. K. MCKEE,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
426 U.S. Custom House and Post Office,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

These witnesses will advise that on the morning of January 31, 1935 they interviewed Nathaniel Heller at the Park View Hotel in Havana, Cuba, at which time he made certain free and voluntary oral admissions which are noted below.

Heller advised that he was born October 23, 1891 in New York City; that he first entered Cuba in January of 1916; that he became interested in the Park View Hotel in 1930 and that he is presently Manager and Coproprietor of the Park View Hotel; that on September 21, 1934 a man and a woman (Karpis and Dolores Delaney) registered at his hotel under the name of E. N. Wagner and wife and brought with them a calling card from Joe Adams, Manager of the Hotel El Comodoro, Miami, Florida, on the back of which card was written - "This man is all right" or words to that effect. Heller has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being E. N. Wagner and a photograph of Kate Barker as being a Mrs. Ryan, who was a guest at the Park View Hotel and who later visited the Wagners at Varadero Beach. He has also identified the photograph of Dolores Delaney as being identical with Mrs. E. N. Wagner. Heller advised that Wagner (Karpis) stated his health was bad and he wanted to obtain a place on a beach somewhere; that Heller suggested Varadero Beach and advised Wagner to get in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Bermudes who operated the Playa Azul Hotel at Varadero. Heller stated that Wagner asked that he be allowed to place an envelope containing money in the hotel safe; that he, Heller, looked in the envelope and saw eleven \$1,000 bills which he placed in the safe. At this point Heller admitted that it was most unusual for a tourist guest to have such a large amount of money in \$1,000 bills.

Heller stated that about four days after the arrival of the Wagners and after the Wagners had rented a home at Varadero Beach, Wagner came to him, Heller, requesting Heller to accompany Mrs. Wagner to a Ford dealer to purchase a car for him, Wagner. Heller admitted that he complied with this request, receiving a commission of \$50.00 from the dealer and that Mrs. Wagner paid for this car in bills of large denomination.

At first Heller staunchly denied that he had ever rented a safety deposit box for Wagner, advising that he had his own safety deposit box in the Royal Bank of Canada, Havana Branch. He later admitted, however, renting a safety deposit box during September of 1934 in his own name, but for the sole use of subject Karpis alias WAGNER.

Heller also admitted that a short time after Wagner had moved to Varadero Beach, Wagner asked him, Heller, to recommend a place where he, Wagner, could purchase a motor for his boat; that Heller took Wagner to the Bassalo Sporting Goods House on Obispo Street, where a motor was purchased by Wagner for \$175.00, same being a Johnson Seahorse. Heller also admitted that he had purchased a radio for Wagner. Heller further admitted that he had carried on several long distance telephone conversations with Wagner from Havana, Cuba to Varadero Beach. He advised that several letters were received for Wagner at the Park View Hotel. He also stated that Wagner received and sent three or four cablegrams while at the Park View Hotel; that when the cablegrams would arrive for Wagner, he, Heller, would telephone the information to Wagner at Varadero Beach. He further stated that Wagner made frequent visits to Havana and admitted that he, Heller, would order Wagner's groceries for him, in order that Wagner might take them back to Varadero with him. At this point Heller was questioned as to whether this was a usual custom with him, to go to such great inconveniences for a guest, to which he replied that he would have done the same for any guest.

Heller further admitted that after Wagner had departed from Varadero Beach he personally went to the Wagner home and secured certain property for them, stating that when Mr. and Mrs. Wagner left Havana they left with him their Ford sedan and told him to keep it until they returned, giving him permission to use same. He stated that shortly after the Wagners left Havana, he received a letter from Mrs. Wagner written on Hotel El Comodoro stationery, requesting him to close the house at Varadero Beach and to remove their effects to the Park View Hotel and to hold them until they returned to Havana; that in reply to this request he drove, using the Wagner's Ford sedan, to Varadero Beach; stored the said property in the Park View Hotel, which property he advised consisted of the motor to the boat, a radio and a small suitcase containing wearing apparel.

(It should be noted that when the Cuban authorities seized the car of E. H. Wagner (Karpis) in Havana, Cuba, the car was found to bear 1935 Cuban license plates AN 753).

During the interview with Special Agents Brown and McKee, Heller admitted that he had personally purchased the new license plates. In this connection he stated that he had purchased said license on January 22, 1935 and that this purchase had been made after he had read a newspaper article concerning the gun battle in Atlantic City; further, that the

license was purchased on his own initiative and without any request from Karpis or his wife. He was asked why he had purchased the new license and he replied that he wanted the car to be ready for operation in the event either Karpis or his wife returned to Havana, Cuba. He was asked if he would have turned the car over to either Mr. or Mrs. Wagner in the event they called for same and he replied that he would have done so if they had paid the storage charges. Heller was asked if he would have notified the police in the event Karpis called for this car and he said that he would not, informing in this connection that he was not a policeman. Heller was then asked if this was his idea of American citizenship, after knowing that Karpis was being sought by every law enforcement agency in the United States and that he was badly wanted and Heller stated that he did not care about that.

(In connection with the purchase of the 1935 Cuban license by Heller, attention is invited to the fact that Dolores Delaney (Mrs. E.H. Wagner) was in custody in Atlantic City, New Jersey at the time this license was secured, while subject Karpis was still a fugitive. The gun battle at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in which Karpis and Campbell escaped and as a result of which Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were captured, occurred during the early morning hours of January 20, 1935).

Heller also informed that on one occasion he introduced Karpis' wife to a Doctor Agramonte, who happens to be the hotel physician at the Park View Hotel and that this doctor was consulted on several occasions by her because of her pregnant condition. Heller advised that Karpis and his wife took by far the greater percentage of their meals in their hotel room on all occasions while they were guests at the Park View Hotel. He stated that their meals were brought to them and was unable to explain the reason for this, but did advise that he did not know of any other guests who had followed this procedure.

Heller advised that he did not have knowledge of Karpis' identity and stated that he did not know the identity of this man until the newspaper publicity following the Atlantic City affray on January 20, 1935. He also stated that he was ignorant of the reason for the sudden departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner; that he did not know the nature of Karpis' business or the reason of his visit to Cuba, but did admit that Karpis told him he, Karpis, was a bootlegger and that Heller believed Karpis was "hot", but that he did not know the reason why Karpis was "hot".

Heller advised that he did not know how Mrs. Wagner left Havana when she departed so suddenly early in December of 1934, but that Karpis traveled to Miami, Florida via P. & O. Steamship to Key West, Florida, thence to Miami by train. Heller stated that he happened to go to Miami on the same boat, but that he did not make the trip with Karpis.

(In this connection, attention is directed to the records of the

Steamship Company disclosed in this report showing that Karpis and Heller traveled on the same boat having the same destination on December 5, 1934. The steamship records also show that Dolores Delaney (Wagner) proceeded to Florida from Havana, Cuba on December 4, 1934.)

Heller was questioned with particular regard to three cablegrams which were addressed to Joe Adams, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida and signed by Heller. Heller denied that he had sent any cablegrams to Adams but stated that on several occasions Karpis, alias Wagner, came to him with a message addressed to Adams and requested that he cable the same. Heller explained his name being signed to these messages by saying that Karpis advised he had several friends at the El Comodoro Hotel who were "broke" and that if they knew where he was then located, they would try to borrow money from him.

(Attention is also directed to one cablegram which was sent to Heller by Joe Adams. Heller could not account for Adams having addressed a cablegram to him and Heller was asked how Adams would understand that the cablegrams signed "Heller" were from Wagner and not Heller and he was totally unable to explain this).

Heller was questioned concerning the identity of the persons referred to in the cablegrams by the names of Ryan and Willie and he stated that after the arrival of Kate Barker at the hotel he realized she was the person referred to as Ryan. He stated that he at no time was aware of the identity of the party Willie.

Heller advised that he was absent from the hotel when Kate Barker, as Mary Ryan, registered at the Park View Hotel in Havana, Cuba; that upon his return to the hotel he found she had left a message for him to the effect that she wanted to see him. He stated he did not know she was coming to the hotel and said that upon his return following her arrival, one of the bellboys told him that a woman had been inquiring for the young married couple who were living in the country. He stated that he went to the room of Mary Ryan, as she had requested, and she asked that she be put in touch with the young couple whose name, according to Heller, she did not know.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, page 41 et seq )

S. K. McKEE,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
426 U. S. Custom House and Post Office Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

This witness will advise that he interviewed Nathaniel H. Heller at the Hotel Parkview on the night of May 11, 1935, at which time Heller admitted that it was his custom to read all Spanish newspapers published in Havana, Cuba and in this connection the papers "El Avance", "Havana Post", and "Diario de la Marina" were among the papers which he admitted it was his practice to read. (This is mentioned because it will be recalled that on December 4, 1934 the photograph of Alvin Karpis and several other persons whose apprehension was then being sought by American authorities appeared in the "El Avance", with a narrative stating that the arrest of these persons was being sought by American authorities).

This witness will further advise that Heller admitted to him that on January 29, 1935 he, Heller, was shown the photograph of Karpis by one of the Econimedes brothers (co-proprietors of the Hotel Parkview) and that this picture appeared in one of the New York papers of several days previous and was in connection with Karpis' escape from Atlantic City on January 20, 1935; that he recognized the photograph as being that of Mr. Wagner; that he tried to telephone the American Consul General, Cameron, at the Consulate, but learned that the American Consul was away from the city.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, pages 37 and 38.)

**"EL AVANCE"  
A Newspaper,  
HAVANA, CUBA.**

Officials of this newspaper will produce an issue of "El Avance" dated December 4, 1934, in which there appeared a two column group of photographs approximately four inches in height showing the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, John Hamilton and Thomas Robinson. A literal translation of the Spanish under this group is as follows:

**"GENTLEMEN OF GANGLAND."**

These four individuals are on file with the Justice Department of the United States as public enemies, and orders have been issued for their arrest wherever they can be found. Their names from left to right, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, John Hamilton and Thomas J. Robinson, Jr."

There is only one copy of the issue of December 4, 1934 in the files of the above mentioned paper and the officials declined to turn this over to Agents, however, it is noted that Mrs. Lenora Berandea, seen earlier in this report, also has a copy of the above mentioned photographs as they appeared in "El Avance". (Particular attention is directed to the witnesses who were employed by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney at Varadero Beach, who advised that after burning numerous papers, Karpis and Dolores Delaney hurriedly departed from Varadero Beach, giving no explanation for their hurried departure. Attention is also directed to the records of the steamship company seen in this report showing that Dolores Delaney left Havana, Cuba on December 4, 1934 and that Alvin Karpis and Heller departed from Havana, Cuba on December 5, 1934 on the same boat for the Florida mainland.)

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville Florida, May 25, 1935, page four)

JOSEPH H. ADAMS,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will produce books and records of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, which will show that Mrs. E. M. Wagner (Dolores Delaney) and Nathaniel Heller registered at that hotel on November 14, 1934; that Mrs. Wagner was assigned to Room 1005, where she remained until November 18, 1934; and that Heller was assigned to Room 1004, where he remained until November 20, 1934.

The records will further show Heller's registration at said hotel on December 5, 1934, where he remained until December 7, 1934 as a guest.

(See report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 102.)

L. E. GRAY,  
Room Clerk,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness furnished a signed statement to Special Agents S. K. McKee and J. H. Hanson of this Bureau at Miami, Florida, on April 12, 1935.

The witness will state that Nathaniel Heller and Dolores Delaney were guests at the El Comodoro Hotel for several days about the middle of November, 1934; that the Delaney woman was using the name "Wagner"; that he saw them together a few times and on one occasion Heller expressed a wish that he had a car as he and the Wagner girl wanted to look at some apartments and houses; that the witness loaned Heller his personally owned Oldsmobile Sedan; and that the witness knows that Heller and Mrs. Wagner used this car for two or three hours one day, the date being after this couple had been in Miami for two or three days. The witness will also state that he saw Heller and Mrs. Wagner (Dolores Delaney) eating together in the dining room of the El Comodoro Hotel about this time; that on the same day Heller borrowed the witness' car Heller asked him if Mrs. Wagner could use said car alone; that as the witness recalls Heller told him that Mrs. Wagner wanted to look at some furniture; and that the witness gave Heller permission for Mrs. Wagner to use said car.

The witness will also state that he recalls registering N. H. Heller of Havana, Cuba, on December 5, 1934 at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, assigning Heller to Room 1005.

(See report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, April 25, 1935, pages 29 and 31.)

MRS. LEONORA CALDWELL BERMUDEZ,  
Playa Azul Inn,  
Varadero Beach, Cuba.

This witness will advise that the Wagners (Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney) were sent to her some time during the latter part of September, 1934 by N. H. Heller, Manager of the Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba; that Mr. Heller had told them to see her and enlist her cooperation in attempting to locate a house; and that through her efforts the Wagners rented a house from Mr. Pedro Acebo, who resides at Carbanas, Cuba. Mrs. Bermudez will advise that she rented the house as an Agent of Mr. Acebo to Mr. Wagner (Karpis), and that the rental period was to extend from October 1, 1934 to February 15, 1935 and for this rental period Mr. Acebo collected from Wagner (Karpis) \$500.00 in large bills. This witness will identify Kate Barker as being a visitor of the Wagners during this period, and will state that Kate Barker was using the name Mrs. Ryan.

She will advise that Wagner advised her Mr. Heller had purchased a motor for his boat, and also stated Heller brought towels and linens from his hotel for the use of the Wagners. This witness will advise that she received a letter from Mr. N. H. Heller, dated December 18, 1934, in which Mr. Heller advised her after the departure of the Wagners that he had decided to close the house at once, as his wife and children could not make the trip to Varadero, and in this letter Heller requested that Mrs. Bermudez express to him a quantity of sheets, pillow cases, blankets, and a Hot-point iron which belonged to him and which had been used by the Wagners, also to place one of the Wagners' dogs in his grip and send it to the Park View Hotel. (This letter is in the possession of the Jacksonville Office of the Bureau.) In this letter Mr. Heller also requested that Mrs. Bermudez return the keys of the house to the owner.

The witness will state that a short time prior to the receipt of this letter Mr. Heller had called personally at Varadero Beach, driving Mr. Wagner's Ford Sedan, and took from the Wagner home the motor for a boat, a radio, and two suitcases, and advised that Mrs. Wagner had instructed him to do this. She will advise that during the first few days of December, 1934, the Wagners departed hurriedly and unexpectedly, giving no notice of their departure.

(The above information is found in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, pages 21 through 25.)

Mrs. Bermudez furnished a signed statement to Special Agents S. K. McKee and W. E. Peters at Varadero Beach, Cuba, on May 16, 1935, in which all of the above information is found, and in which she furnished certain additional information.

This witness will advise that at the request of the Wagners (Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney) she furnished them with a cook, namely, a Korean named Juan Lee Park; that the Wagners became dissatisfied with Juan's services and fired him; and that on two occasions the Wagners secured new cooks through Nathaniel Heller. She will advise that shortly after the Wagners left, Mr. Heller came to the Beach in the Wagners' Ford car and secured some of their personal effects; that at this time the witness told Heller his friends (the Wagners) were very rude, as they had left without saying good-byes; that upon making this statement Heller's face flushed noticeably; that the witness then asked Heller if he knew the address of the Wagners, and at this point Heller replied that Wagner had only told him that he (Wagner) was "Number One in the U. S. A." The witness will further advise that after the Wagners departed she personally inspected their house and found they had burned all papers with the exception of a few magazines.

This witness will also advise that she received a letter from Nathaniel Heller on the stationery of the Hotel Park View, Havana, Cuba, dated December 29, 1934. This letter is in the possession of the Jacksonville Office and is quoted as follows:

Mrs. Julio Bermudez,  
Varadero, Cardenas, Cuba.

Dear Mrs. Bermudez:

I have your letter of recent date regard that rumor about the Wagners. I have not heard anything since they left here, only a Christmas card which arrived yesterday. I have been expecting to hear from them, therefore delayed writing to DuPont and also to Dr. Alcebo. However, I write them both yesterday a letter advising that I would communicate with them as soon as I heard from Mr. Wagner. You know, that he ask me to make a claim for a refund of rental from Dr. Alcebo. I wrote to Mr. Wagner and told him that that was out of question. Dr. Alcebo is making a claim for Elec. Light for \$25.54. I am waiting for an answer, also for him to send me the money. There were bath towels and other things left there as I do not know exactly how many they were we had best forget about it.

I received the spreads, but I thought that you might have kept them as you said in your letter, however, if you need any I will be glad to have the El Escanto send you some.

The price for the seventy-one was \$1.95 and eighty-one  
\$2.25.

With kindest personal regards and wishing you and  
Mr. Bermudez a Happy New Year,

Very truly yours,

(signed) H. E. Heller  
Manager,  
Hotel Park View.

Her baby was due about 15 of Jan."

CONSTANTINO ECONOMIDES,  
Coproprietor, Park View Hotel,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will be able to produce books and records of the Park View Hotel disclosing the following registration record of Kate Barker and Alvin Karpis, Alvin Karpis using the alias E. H. Wagner and Kate Barker using the alias Mary Ryan:

Kate Barker - October 25, 1934 - Room 404,  
Account number 9858, checked out same day.

Alvin Karpis - September 21, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9755, departed September 25, 1934. (This covered room for Karpis and wife).

Alvin Karpis - October 16, 1934 - Room 308,  
Account number 9815, departed October 20, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - October 30, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9849, departed October 31, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - November 2, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9858, remained until the following day.

Alvin Karpis - November 12, 1934 - Room 508,  
Account number 9884, checked out November 15, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - November 18, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9898, checked out November 19, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - November 26, 1934 - Room 412,  
Account number 9919, checked out November 27, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - December 2, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9945, checked out same day.

The same witness will be able to produce a telephone book maintained by the Park View Hotel, showing that two long distance telephone calls were made from the Park View Hotel to Varadero, Cuba on October 1, 1934 and one call on November 19, 1934; that the charge in each instance amounted to \$1.55; that the first two calls were charged to cash, while the third was charged to Wagner.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, pages 49 and 50).

RENALDO GONZALES VILA  
c/o Hotel Park View,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will advise that Heller had been very friendly with Karpis and his wife on the various occasions they stayed at the hotel; that Heller was always going to and from Karpis' room and that his intimacy with Karpis caused the various hotel employees to be suspicious of Karpis, who was known in the hotel as Wagner. This witness will furnish a narrative of Heller's various transactions with Karpis, which are in line with the story furnished by Heller himself. This witness will be able to identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Kate Barker. The witness will further advise that on one occasion Heller was absent from the hotel for a period of about three days; that upon his return he was sunburned and remarked that he had been down to Varadero Beach fishing with Wagner. According to this witness, he will advise that Heller received a registered letter on one occasion from Varadero Beach. The witness will state that Heller had in his possession the following property belonging to Karpis:

A Ford sedan  
An outboard motor  
A radio  
One dark brown suitcase  
One large black suitcase and  
Two bulldogs.

The witness will advise that when Karpis and his wife first came to the hotel, Karpis had a very large suitcase which was extremely heavy and also one other bag; that the large, heavy bag was taken away from the hotel by Karpis; that one night Mr. Heller took a large, heavy black bag out of the hotel; had a bellboy take it to his car and cautioned the boy to be careful of the bag at the time.

(If this person is to be used as a witness, he is reported to be working for a brother in a cigar stand located somewhere on 23rd Street in New York City).

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, pages 47 and 48).

ALBERTO GALAN,  
Sales Manager,  
Auto Universal de Cuba,  
171 Belascoain Street,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will be able to introduce records showing that on September 24, 1934 Dolores Wagner purchased from said Agency a 1934 Ford sedan, motor No. 18-918995, color, black with cream wheels, car containing a radio, sold for \$1,077 in cash. The witness will further advise that this car was sold through the salesroom at Twenty-fifth and Mariana Streets by Augusto Dominguez.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, page twenty-four)

**AUGUSTO DOMINGUEZ,  
Auto Universal de Cuba,  
Twenty-fifth and Mariana Streets,  
Havana, Cuba.**

This witness will advise that on September 24, 1934 Dolores Wagner, accompanied by a large Jewish man who spoke good Spanish, appeared in the Ford Agency at the above address and purchased the automobile noted under the testimony of Alberto Galan. He will advise that \$1,077 in silver pesos was paid for the car immediately and that delivery was made at once. 1934 Cuban license No. FK 212 was purchased by Dolores Wagner for this automobile.

(It is confidently stated that this witness will positively identify Nathaniel Heller as the large Jewish man who accompanied Dolores Wagner at the time of the purchase of this car. It will be noted that Heller has admitted having assisted in the purchase of this car).

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, page twenty-four)

ESTEBAN JUNCADILLA,  
Administrador, Royal Bank of Canada,  
Prado 79-A,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will produce bank records disclosing that safety deposit Box #39, which uses key #13, was rented to W. H. Heller, Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, on September 26, 1934, at a yearly rental of \$5.00; that two keys were given to Heller at the time and the arrangements were such that only Heller had access to the box.

(It should be noted that when Heller was interviewed by Agents McKee and Brown he informed said Agents that he did not know the number of this box but that he had key #13 for this box, which had been given to him by the bank).

This witness will be able to produce records of the bank which will show the following record of entries to Box 39 during the period September 26, 1934 to February 4, 1935:

October 5, 1934  
October 15, 1934  
October 20, 1934  
October 27, 1934  
November 13, 1934.

(No information is available as to the type of property which Heller kept in this box).

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, page 51)

MRS. TORRES,  
Cuban Telephone Company,  
Varadero Beach, Cuba.

This witness is employed by the above mentioned telephone company and will advise that Nathaniel Heller of the Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, made numerous telephonic calls to Mr. Wagner (Karpis). These calls are particularly recalled because it was necessary for someone to go from the Torres Hotel to the Wagner home to advise Wagner to come to the telephons.

(See report of Special Agent E. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, page 20.)

A. HOWARD SOLER,  
Superintendent of Traffic,  
Cuban Telephone Company,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will produce records of the above mentioned company extending from September 15, 1934 to December 10, 1934, which will disclose long distance telephone calls between Havana, Cuba and Varadero Beach, Cuba, as follows:

September 28, 1934, Havana to Varadero Beach - Mr. Heller talked from telephone M-6904 (Hotel Parkview) for four minutes at a cost of \$1.65, to central office in Varadero Beach. Operator #22-B handled the call.

October 1, 1934, Havana to Varadero Beach - Mr. Heller talked from telephone M-6904 (Hotel Parkview) for three minutes, at a cost of \$1.55, to Mr. Wagner at central office telephone. Operator #28-A handled the call.

October 1, 1934, Havana to Varadero Beach - Mr. Heller talked from telephone M-6904 (Hotel Parkview) for three minutes, at a cost of \$1.55, to Mr. Wagner at central office telephone. Operator #29-A handled the call.

November 18, 1934, Havana to Varadero Beach - Mrs. Wagner talked from telephone M-6904 (Hotel Parkview) for three minutes, at a cost of \$1.55, to Mr. Wagner, at central office telephone. Operator #28-A handled the call.

(Mr. Soler advises the procedure to follow in the event it becomes desirable to use these calls as evidence in the United States is to have the American Ambassador in Havana secure an order from the Judge of the proper Cuban court to the telephone company, describing the above calls and demanding that the records relating to the calls be produced before the court.)

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, pages 29 and 30.)

MR. CARY,  
Manager, Western Union Cable Company,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will produce records of the said company disclosing that cablegrams signed by Heller were directed to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida under dates of October 16, October 18 and November 2, 1934 respectively and will show a message received by Heller from Adams under date of October 25, 1934. The cablegrams are set forth as follows:

\*1934 NOV 2 PM 8 18 17 2.85

FULL RATE  
JOE ADAMS  
COMODORE HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

DID ANYONE COME OVER IF NOT WHEN ANSWER IMMEDIATELY COLLECT

HELLER

C A S H  
ROOM 408 HOTEL PARKVIEW

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\*OCT 16/34 25 1.85

LC JOE ADAMS  
EL COMODORE HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

WHEN DOES PARTY EXPECT TO COME OVER HAVE YOU HEARD FROM WILLIE  
ANSWER COLLECT

HELLER  
HOTEL PARKVIEW

C A S H  
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA, CUBA.

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\*1934/OCT 18th/ 10 0.85

LC ADAMS  
EL COMODORE HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

CAN WILLIE COME TO-MORROW

HELLER.

CASH  
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA, CUBA

1954 OCT 25 AM 12 55

NR215 11 CABLE-MIAMI FLO 25 244A

LC MR KELLER  
PARKVIEW HOTEL HAVANA CUBA

RYAN ARRIVES THURSDAY PLANE

ADAMS.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville,  
Florida, dated February 25, 1955, pages fifty-  
seven, fifty-eight and fifty-nine)

MANUAL DuPONT,  
Varadero Beach, Cuba.

This witness will advise that he was employed at the Wagner (Karpis) home on Varadero Beach, Cuba, from approximately October 1, 1934 to December 12, 1934. He will identify the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being E. W. Wagner, Kate Barker as being Mrs. Ryan, and Dolores Delaney as being Mrs. E. W. Wagner. He will advise that Mrs. Ryan (Kate Barker) came to the Wagner home during either October or November, 1934, and remained for approximately three or four days. This witness will also advise that the Wagners left very suddenly early in December; that he was not advised of the reason for the departure; and that shortly after the Wagners departed a hotel man (Heller) from Havana, Cuba, came to the Wagner home driving the Wagners' Ford Sedan and took away a motor which had been used by Karpis in a motor boat, a radio, and other property belonging to the Wagners. He will further advise that Wagner (Karpis) received frequent telephonic calls from someone in Havana, Cuba. He will also state that the Wagners had two small, white bulldogs in which Heller showed considerable interest at a later date.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida,  
February 25, 1935, page 19.)

JUAN LEE PARK,  
Velasque 128,  
Cardenas, Cuba  
(This witness cannot speak  
or understand English. Will  
need a Spanish interpreter.)

This witness will advise that he was hired by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney to act as a cook for them while they lived at Varadero Beach. He will identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney and Kate Bakker, the latter having used the name Mrs. Mary Ryan while visiting Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in October, 1934 at Varadero Beach.

This witness will state that one day Karpis left Varadero Beach early in the morning, stating he was going to Havana to purchase groceries and would be back the following day; that about midnight on that night Karpis returned, bringing no groceries or other packages with him; that Karpis and Dolores Delaney arose on the following morning at about 6 o'clock and instructed this witness and Ramona Saures, another servant, to have everything packed as they were leaving at 9 o'clock; that before leaving Dolores Delaney came into the kitchen and burned numerous papers and letters; that upon their departure Karpis informed the servants that he was going to take a ten day trip to Santiago de Cuba, and that Karpis and Delaney left at about 9 o'clock, as planned.

This witness will advise that he and Ramona Saures remained at the Karpis home, expecting Karpis and Dolores Delaney to return; that about ten days after the departure of Karpis and Delaney, Heller came to the cottage and informed them that the Wagners had sailed; that at this time Heller secured the remainder of the clothes which Karpis had not taken with him and also secured a dog which Karpis had left behind.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, pages 62, 63 and 64).

RAMONA SAUREZ,  
Central Tinguaro, Cuba  
(This witness may also be  
located at the Palya Azul  
Inn, at Varadero Beach, Cuba)

This witness will testify to substantially the same facts  
as are expected from Juan Lee Park.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville,  
Florida, May 23, 1935, pages 64 and 65).

AMERICAN VICE CONSUL EDGAR,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will advise that during the time subject Heller was under arrest in Havana, Cuba, Heller informed him, Edgar, that several days prior to his, Heller's, arrest, he, Heller, learned of Karpis' identity and that he considered the advisability of communicating with the Consul and then decided he did not desire to become involved in the matter and, therefore, took no steps to report his knowledge concerning subject Karpis.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, page 56.)

MARIA XIQUES,  
Telephone Operator,  
American Consulate General,  
Havana, Cuba

This young lady will advise that she is positive Heller made no call to the Consulate on January 29, 1935 inquiring for Mr. Cameron. She will state that she is well acquainted with Heller and would know his voice in case he called, and for this reason she is positive that she received no such call from Mr. Heller.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, page 56.)

C. R. CAMERON,  
American Consul General,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will advise that he was not absent from the American Consulate on January 29, 1935 when Heller alleged that he made efforts to contact Cameron to furnish Cameron with information regarding Karpis. This witness will state that only on January 31, 1935 was he absent from the American Consulate, on which date he made a trip to Matanzas, Cuba. This witness will state that he received no call from Mr. Heller with regard to this matter.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, page 56.)

JOSEPH H. WALLIS,  
District Director,  
Immigration and Naturalization Service,  
U. S. Department of Labor, Room 444,  
U. S. Post Office and Court House Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will produce inward manifests of persons entering the United States of America in District No. 6, which includes Florida, which will disclose that on November 14, 1934 Dolores Wagner (Dolores Delaney) and Nat Heller, age 22 and 42 respectively, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, on the SS. Cuba, occupying Staterooms 240 and 216 respectively, the ticket furnished Dolores Wagner being Number 29157 and the ticket issued to Heller being Number 14475.

He will also produce records showing that on December 5, 1934 Nathaniel H. Heller and Edward H. Wagner (Alvin Karpis), male, age 42 and 28 respectively, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, sailing on the SS. Cuba, and occupying Staterooms 234 and 105 respectively, J. L. Ley being purser and A. R. Wiggin the immigration officer, Havana tickets Number 46919 and Number 29179 respectively.

(NOTE: It is significant to observe that it was on or about December 5, 1934 that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney suddenly departed from Cuba without giving notice of their departure. It is also significant to note that on December 4, 1934 the photograph of Alvin Karpis and other American public enemies appeared in a Cuban newspaper called the "El Avance".)

The witness will also be able to produce records showing that on December 4, 1934 Dolores Wagner (Dolores Delaney), female, 22 years of age, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, travelling on Pan-American Airways plane (Number NC-81-V.R.), O. D. Sullivan being pilot and Paul H. Gray being the immigration inspector.

(See report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 154 and 155.)

ROY RAINY,  
Auditor, P. & O. Steamship Company,  
Florida National Bank Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will be able to produce records of the P. & O. Steamship Company which will show the travel of subjects in this case mentioned under the witness Joseph H. Wallis.

(See report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson,  
Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 133.)

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The criminal record of Nathaniel Heller, as disclosed by the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is as follows:

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

RE: NATHANIEL H. HELLER  
(Bremer Kidnaping Case)

For your assistance in the prosecution of Nathaniel H. Heller, I am transmitting herewith a memorandum containing a summary of all of the available evidence against Heller which has been collected by Special Agents of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 18, 1935.

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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

In re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE.

I thank you for your memorandum of the 13th instant containing information concerning Cassius McDonald, indicted with others in Florida charged with participation in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. The defendant I had in mind, however, was not McDonald but Nathan H. Heller.

The case against Heller is weak in that we have been unable to find any evidence of value indicating that Heller knew Alvin Karpis by any other name than E. M. Wagner. Proof is lacking upon the question of knowledge that Karpis was a fugitive from an indictment charging kidnaping in Minnesota.

I would be glad if you would let me have your views regarding the defendant Heller.

Respectfully,

*Joseph B. Keenan*

JOSEPH B. KEENAN,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Division Three  
 Division Five  
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E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

In conformity with telephone conversation had with Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen from Washington on this date, I secured from United States Attorney George F. Sullivan the attached list of witnesses, with the substance of their testimony, which he deems absolutely necessary to convict Cassius McDonald.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he had prepared this list after consulting with Special Agents S. K. McKee and John H. Hanson as to the necessity to perfect the chain of evidence. He called attention to the two witnesses, Rene Bolivar and Juan P. Ruiz, stating that both will testify to the same transactions, but that he has been advised by Agents McKee and Hanson that it is doubtful if either would stand up alone; that if they are brought here together they will support each other's testimony.

Mr. Sullivan further advised that he is now conferring with Cassius McDonald's attorney for a reduction in bail if McDonald consents to removal to this district.

Very truly yours,

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H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. BOX # 1225  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

October 14, 1935

Postmaster,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS w.a., FUGITIVE I.O. 1218,  
et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation it is  
desired that all mail received by all occupants of 2815 Linwood  
Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., be covered for the period of thirty  
days and that tracings thereof be forwarded to this office as  
soon as made.

In forwarding tracings, it would be greatly appreciated  
if they, the tracings, contain this office's file number 7-39.

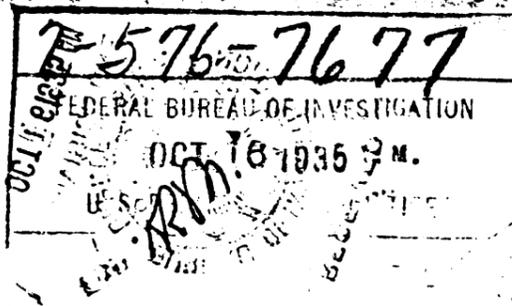
Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

DD:EMR  
CC: Bureau

C. K. FIERSTONE  
Special Agent in Charge

OCT 17 1935



Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Oct. 14, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

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

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Auto Sales and Service Company, Inc. McMinnville, Tennessee, requesting photographs of WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE CATON. It is stated that this company lost a car and would like to see the photographs for comparison. The letter is signed by M. Patrick.

It is suggested that you communicate with the Auto Sales and Service Company at McMinnville, in this regard.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

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 October 5, 1935, addressed to the St. Paul office concerning letter from that office dated September 22 requesting data from the Jacksonville files to be used as evidence in St. Paul in connection with the impending trial in this case.

Your particular attention is invited to the last paragraph on page 2 of your letter concerning the original Bell Boy Records and Arrival and Departure Book of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

Special Agent S. K. McKee and J. H. Hanson have advised me that during their investigation in Miami in April 1935 the above mentioned records were brought to the office of the United States Attorney on an occasion when Mr. Sandercock, Clerk in the El Comodoro Hotel, was interrogated by the Agents and when he was also interrogated by Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. These Agents advise me that these records at that time were left in the office of the United States Attorney along with the rest of his file, which included some other exhibits in this case. They advise that to the best of their recollection they do not know of any instance when the records were taken from the office of the United States Attorney, and it is believed that they are located there at this time, unless he has consented to some official of the El Comodoro Hotel obtaining the return of the records.

It might also be mentioned that Special Agent Hanson recalls that these records were maintained in a file drawer directly opposite the desk of the stenographer in the reception room of the United States Attorney's office.

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It is also suggested by Special Agents McKee and Hanson that if another search of the office of the United States Attorney is unproductive, contact might be had with Clerk Sandercock at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, 6 1935.

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Comodoro Hotel who might be of assistance in locating these records.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nielsen  
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE. BREKID. AT HEARING BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER HERE TODAY CASSIUS MCDONALD WAIVED REMOVAL TO ST. PAUL AND IN DEFAULT OF \$25,000 BOND WAS COMMITTED TO COUNTY JAIL AT DETROIT. THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS EFFECTED BY UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HERE AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AT ST. PAUL, THE LATTER FEARING THAT IN CASE OF CONTESTED REMOVAL, MCDONALD MIGHT FILE PROCEEDINGS THAT WOULD DELAY HIS REMOVAL TO ST. PAUL FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. PRESENT ARRANGEMENT PROVIDES FOR MCDONALDS COMMITMENT TO COUNTY JAIL HERE FOR TWO WEEKS PERIOD DURING WHICH TIME HE WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO FURNISH BAIL FOR HIS APPEARANCE AT ST. PAUL ON DECEMBER 16 NEXT. IF BAIL NOT MADE WITHIN THAT PERIOD HE WILL BE ORDERED REMOVED.

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*Edward Bremer*

BREKID CASSIUS McDONALD PORTFOLIO MAILED YOU TODAY.

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P. O. BOX # 1525  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

October 14, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218  
et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letter dated October 9, 1935 in  
the matter entitled as above.

A preliminary inquiry made by this office has developed  
that telephone number Cedar 4133, Pittsburgh, Pa., was assigned on December  
19, 1934, and is assigned now, to CHARLES A. BECKER, the owner and the  
resident of a two-story home situated at 2615 Linwood Avenue, Northside,  
Pittsburgh, Pa. Charles A. Becker, a widower, is an interior decorator by  
occupation. His wife, Ella, has died within the past year and since the  
death of Mrs. Becker at least two of her three married daughters have been  
making their home at the given address.

According to information received, Charles A. Becker, a man  
of about fifty years of age, has not worked steadily during the past year.  
His financial status has not been determined to date [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] contained no information on the matter. It has been ascertained however

The inquiry is being continued, and a thirty days' cover on  
all mail received by all occupants of 2615 Linwood Avenue has been requested.

Additional information on the matter will be transmitted to  
you as soon as obtained.

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Very truly yours,

C. K. YIN-TONE

Special Agent in Charge

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1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia - Pennsylvania.

October 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Pittsburgh Office to the Philadelphia Office dated October 2, 1935, in the above entitled matter, requesting contact be made with Arthur F. Burdette, 536 Valley St., Lewistown, Pa.

Please be advised that on October 6, 1935, Special Agent E. K. Moss ascertained that Burdette has been residing at the Mrs. Peters' Apartments, 31 Third St., Lewistown for the past two weeks. Burdette was advised as requested in letter of reference of the Bureau rewards presently outstanding for information leading to the arrest of Karpis and Campbell. Burdette admitted that he is in financial straits, that such reward money would be an incentive to him but claimed frankly that at present he had no information of value.

He did, however, recall an incident occurring during the latter part of the month of August, 1935, in which one Danny Dundon, residing at 10th & Walnut Sts., Erie, Pennsylvania, had exhibited to him a magazine, name unknown, containing an article accompanied by a photograph of Karpis attired in woman's clothing, Dundon further remarking that he had seen an individual bearing a marked resemblance to this photograph at Mike Daniles Beer Garden, 1724 Parade St., Erie, Pennsylvania on a few evenings before. Incidentally, Burdette was employed at this beer garden on the evening that this individual was supposed to be present and claimed to Agent Moss that after thinking the matter over this unknown person did bear a resemblance to Karpis. Burdette was unable to furnish any other information concerning Dundon except that he was employed by some railroad and bore a good reputation. Burdette was unable to recollect anything about the companions of this person on that particular evening.

It is entirely possible that Burdette fabricated this incident but it is suggested that contact be made with Danny Dundon unless this matter has been given attention.

Burdette advised that he is giving up his residence in Lewistown, Pa. and may be contacted henceforth at the Hi-de-ho Club, address unknown, Altoona, Pa., where he expects to be employed by one E. F. Kennedy. He stated also that he would advise Special Agent S. S. Kubenstein, Pittsburgh, Pa. of further change of address.

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Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re; Press inquiries concerning the location of Alvin Karpis.

Col. Gates telephoned and said that he had received several inquiries as to a story that the Bureau was about to apprehend Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in Oklahoma.

I stated that I had no comment to make on the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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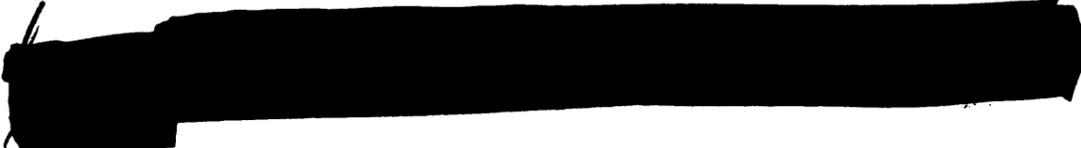
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

There were no developments in the above entitled case at Toledo, Ohio during the week ending October 12, 1935. Mr. E. J. Connelley has expressed the belief that it will be advisable to withdraw most of the Agents from the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio, returning them to their respective headquarters to await further developments. He states that this is advisable because he does not desire Edith Barry to learn of the Agents' activities in the vicinity of Toledo. He intends to leave one Agent at that point to keep in contact with informants there so that Mr. Connelley will be advised of all developments in the matter.



Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K. R. McIntire.

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OCTOBER 15, 1935

*Edward J. Bremer*

Transmit the following Teletype message to: DIRECTOR

FBI MILWAUKEE 10-15-35 8:45 P.M. JM

PHONE BREKID ACTING S.A.C. ST. PAUL TELEPHONED TODAY ADVISING AGENTS SURAN AND KIRKLAND LEFT ST. PAUL VIA THE 400 ON NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY FOLLOWING BELLE BORNE EN ROUTE EITHER MILWAUKEE OR CHICAGO. I COMMUNICATED THIS INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE TO S.A.C. CONNELLEY CHICAGO. THE 400 ARRIVED MILWAUKEE 8:45 P.M., AND WAS MET BY AGENT MELVIN AND I. BELLE BORNE HURRIEDLY GOT OFF TRAIN PURCHASED ANOTHER TICKET AND DEPARTED ON ANOTHER NORTHWESTERN TRAIN. AGENT MELVIN TOGETHER WITH AGENTS SURAN AND KIRKLAND DEPARTED SAME TRAIN WITH BELLE BORNE. I IMMEDIATELY CHECKED WITH TICKET AGENT AND HE WAS UNABLE TO REMEMBER INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION BELLE BORNE PURCHASING TICKET AFTER ARRIVAL OF THE 400. AGENT SURAN INFORMED ME BELLE BORNE PURCHASED ROUND TRIP TICKET FROM ST. PAUL TO MILWAUKEE. S.A.C. CONNELLEY CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ADVISED BY TELEPHONE. S.A.C. CONNELLEY LATER CALLED INFORMING THAT AGENT SURAN TELEPHONED HIM FROM RACINE, WIS., ADVISING BELLE BORNE PURCHASED TICKET TO WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS. S.A.C. CONNELLEY STATED AGENTS FROM CHICAGO OFFICE WILL MEET TRAIN WAUKEGAN.

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Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
October 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
No. 1218, FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your request of recent date for certain evidence to be used at the forthcoming trial in this matter at St. Paul, Minnesota, I wish to advise that it has been possible to locate in the office of the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, the original arrival and departure book and bell boy records of the El Comodoro Hotel.

These records are being forwarded to you this day by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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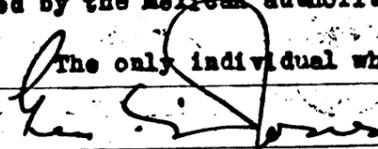
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul

S.A. FILE NO. 7-41

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: Oct. 14, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Oct. 3-10, 1935	REPORT MADE BY: Gus T. Jones
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1256; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases; I. O. 1258; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping Harboring and Obstruction of Justice; National Fire- arms Act.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Thorough check of the records of Mexican Consulates and Mexican Immigration Service on the American and Mexican side at the ports of Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo, and Brownsville, Texas, of all travel into Mexico by automobile, train, and airplane fails to develop any definite information relative to Dr. Jos. P. Moran. Only one person, Dr. S. H. Kraft, Chicago, Ill. will be further investigated. P.			
Reference: Report SAC Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas, October 12, 1935, in the case entitled William Dainard, with aliases, I. O. #1252-A, Fugitive, George Weyerhaeuser, Victim, Kidnaping - Extortion.			
DETAILS:  A thorough check of records of the Mexican Consulates and Mexican Immigration Service on the American and Mexican side at the border ports of Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo, and Brownsville, Texas, of all travel into Mexico via automobile, train, and airplane, in an effort to determine whether any person suiting the description of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, entered Mexico through any of these ports under his true name or any of his known aliases, failed to develop any information that would definitely link any traveler with the fugitive Moran.			
As noted in report of reference, no physical description or photograph is required by the Mexican authorities on tourist permit cards.			
The only individual who entered Mexico that might justify a check as to			
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his identity, was Dr. S. H. Kraft, age 46, home address Chicago, Ill. boarded Pan-American plane at Brownsville, Texas, on October 13, 1934, destined to Mexico City. No record was obtainable showing that this individual ever returned to the United States.

Identification Order #1232 was furnished Mexican Immigration and Customs authorities at the border ports above mentioned who stated that a close watch will be maintained for Dr. Moran and the San Antonio office would be notified by long distance telephone should any person be detained suiting his description.

The Identification Order on Dr. Moran had previously been furnished all American Immigration and Customs authorities as well as officials of the Pan-American Air Ways, Inc. which air lines enter Mexico at the port of Brownsville, Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Chicago office: It is thought advisable, if possible, to discreetly ascertain the identity of Dr. S. H. Kraft, age 46, who gave his home address as Chicago, Ill. no street address, and who entered Mexico via airplane at the port of Brownsville, Texas, on October 13, 1934.

Pending.

October 15, 1935

Department of Justice  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

Please send me by the first return mail any information you have on the life and record of Alvin Karpis. If at all possible I should like to have this information by Friday Morning, October 18, 1935.

Thanking you very much for this service, I am

Yours respectively

*David Elmore*

David Elmore  
Carson-Newman College (Box 27)  
Jefferson City  
Tennessee

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October 25, 1935

Mr. David Elmore,  
Carson-Newman College,  
Box 27,  
Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Dear Sirs

In keeping with your request dated October 15, 1935,  
I am forwarding to you herewith an Identification Order which  
was issued by this Bureau on Alvin Karpis in connection with  
the Bremer kidnaping case.

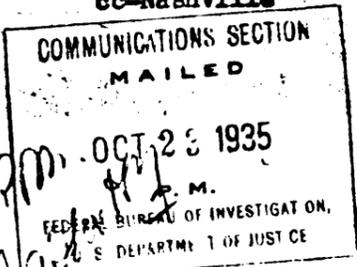
It is hoped that the information contained thereon  
will be sufficient for your purposes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc-Nashville

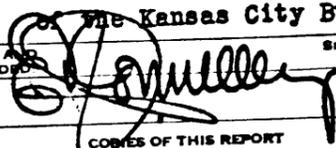


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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/15/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/9, 10/11, 12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN L. MADALA</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JLM:LM</b></span>
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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">P.</div> <p>Edna Murray, inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, confidentially advised that she was present at the Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio, on or about 6/1/34, when Fred Barker and Russell Gibson had unfriendly words with Dr. Joseph P. Moran concerning his actions and drunkenness. Dr. Moran made assertion during this argument that he had the gang in the palm of his hand, whereupon Fred Barker and Russell Gibson took him for a boat ride on Lake Erie. Fred Barker subsequently informed Edna Murray that Dr. Moran would never cut again and remarked that the "fishes" had him. The same information was furnished to her by "Doc" Barker. Edna Murray advised that Dr. Moran was not seen any more after the above date. Elmer Farmer advised he received word from "Doc" Barker at St. Paul, Minn., that Moran was one person who would never testify against him. He also was informed by Volney Davis that Dr. Moran was killed in Toledo by "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Mo., dated 8/24/35.			
DETAILS: <u>AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:</u> On August 23, 1935, Volney Davis advised Special Agents of the Kansas City Bureau Office, and subsequently reiterated the			
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same information to Agent on September 10, 1935, that Dr. Joseph P. Moran had been killed by Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker, and that his body was disposed of in Lake Erie.

Davis stated that it was his information that Russell Gibson, "Doc" Barker and Dr. Moran were drinking in the Casino Club, in Toledo, Ohio, and that Dr. Moran engaged in a drunken brawl with a patron of the saloon. When reprimanded by Gibson he made the assertion to Gibson that he, Dr. Moran, had nothing to say to him in that he had the gang in the palm of his hand. Davis said that he understood that Gibson had then invited Moran out of the place with "Doc" Barker, and shot him and disposed of his body in Lake Erie by weighting it down with heavy stones. Davis further stated that he believed that Ted Angus had assisted them in disposing of the body as "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson had used Angus' speedboat to go out on the lake, and he, Volney, knew that neither Barker nor Gibson were able to operate the boat, and he felt that Ted Angus must have operated the boat for them.

Edna Murray was interviewed by Agent and Special Agent V. I. Parry, of the Kansas City Bureau Office, at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on October 11 and 12, 1935, relative to this matter.

In response to the first question put to Edna Murray concerning Dr. Moran, she replied that he was dead, and thereafter proceeded to relate the following information concerning her knowledge of the circumstances surrounding her statement in this regard. She continued that she met Dr. Joseph P. Moran at Toledo, Ohio, during the early part of May, 1934; that on this occasion he was at the home of Harry Campbell at Point Place, Toledo, Ohio, and was preparing to operate on the fingers and face of Volney Davis. She stated that shortly after she became acquainted with Dr. Moran she had several discussions with him concerning an operation on her breast, which she needed, and that in these discussions she informed him that Dr. Fields of Aurora, Illinois, had examined her and was willing to perform the operation but demanded the record of her previous operation, with which she could not very well supply him in view of her fugitive status. She stated that Dr. Moran advised her that under the circumstances he would perform the operation if she were willing to risk it without the necessary hospital facilities. In this connection she advised that she was

willing to undergo the operation, but that "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis cautioned her not to have anything to do with the doctor, calling to her attention the poor job he performed on the faces of Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker. Edna advised that Dr. Moran demanded \$300.00 to undertake the operation.

She further advanced the information that around this period Dr. Moran was likewise endeavoring to have William Weaver avail himself of an operation similar to that which Dr. Moran performed on the fingers of the other boys, but that Weaver was somewhat sceptical of his ability in this work. She stated that Dr. Moran charged Volney Davis \$500.00 for the operation on his face and fingertips, and that Davis, "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell paid Jimmie Wilson \$100.00 per week to take care of them during their convalescent stages.

Edna further advised that a few days subsequent to May 24, 1934, the day of the derby at Aurora, Illinois, which she and Volney attended, Dr. Moran, Fred Barker and "Slim" Gibson were at the Casino Club; that she likewise was there waiting for Volney Davis who had gone to Bill Weaver's place at Sandusky, Ohio, on a visit; that Bert Angus was on duty at this time. She stated that Dr. Moran had done considerable drinking, and that usually when he was in an inebriated condition he wanted to operate on someone; that he was discussing with Fred Barker and Russell Gibson the possibilities of operating on the fingers of Bill Weaver, and in his assertions that Weaver was "yellow" Moran became unduly loud; that Fred Barker cautioned him to quiet down and to stop drinking, but Moran did not heed him and kept wanting more drinks. Edna stated that Fred Barker then told Dr. Moran that the boys were very much dissatisfied with the work he had performed on them, and that he had been negligent in taking care of them after the operations; that he was nothing but a drunkard and that they were sorry they ever had anything to do with him. She stated that Dr. Moran became more boisterous in his actions and remarked: "What are you trying to do? Bawl me out? You fellows got me into this trouble and now I got all of you in the palm of my hand." She further stated that Fred Barker winked at her and "Slim" and then put his arms around Moran's shoulders and said: "Never mind, Doc, you're a little 'tight'." What you need is a boat ride." She stated that Dr. Moran accompanied Fred and "Slim" away from the Casino Club, and she observed them drive away in

Fred's Ford Sedan. She stated that she did not see Dr. Moran any more after that day, whereas before this time he was at the Casino Club almost every day.

Edna Murray continued that a few days later she had occasion to drive with "Doc" Barker to Aurora, Illinois; that at this time "Doc" had his face bandaged as a result of the facial operation performed on him by Dr. Moran; that an infection had set in on "Doc" Barker's nose, and during the discussion concerning the poor work that the doctor had done on them, "Doc" Barker made the remark that he, Dr. Moran, would not do any more cutting up - that the "fishes" had him. Edna immediately suspected that the boys had disposed of Dr. Moran on the day mentioned above, but did not question "Doc" Barker in this connection. However, she told Volney Davis some times afterwards of the argument between Dr. Moran, Fred Barker and Russell Gibson, and also as to what "Doc" Barker had subsequently told her.

She further stated that a few days later she drove to Cleveland, Ohio, with Fred Barker to visit Paula Harmon; that enroute the subject about her needed operation came up and Dr. Moran was brought into the discussion, whereupon Fred remarked that "he isn't cutting up any more people."

Continuing, Miss Murray advised that during the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which she was a defendant, Dr. Moran's name was mentioned in one instance in the testimony produced, whereupon John De Coursey, attorney for "Doc" Barker and herself, turned around and whispered to her that Dr. Moran was dead. She stated that Jimmie Wilson apparently heard this statement because during the recess following immediately thereafter he questioned her concerning whether to her knowledge Moran was actually dead, and Edna replied that she did not know. She stated that Wilson then said: "I'll bet he is dead and that sure puts me in the middle". At this point Edna advised that she was of the belief that Wilson was entirely ignorant of the fact that Dr. Moran had been killed. She also stated that a week or so after the disappearance of Dr. Moran in Toledo, Ohio, Jimmie Wilson inquired of her as to the whereabouts of the doctor, stating that he was "flat broke" and needed money. He at that time believed that Dr. Moran had gone to Chicago and had left him stranded in Toledo without any money. She further advised that on this occasion she loaned Jimmie Wilson

a few dollars, as did Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker because they all felt sorry for him as they knew that Dr. Moran was responsible for Wilson's association with the gang; that a few days later "Doc" Barker drove Jimmie Wilson to Chicago and instructed him not to return to Toledo any more.

Edna advised that the boys were very resentful toward Dr. Moran because of the poor jobs he had performed on their faces and fingertips. As an example, shortly after the operation on the face of "Doc" Barker an infection settled on his nose because Dr. Moran had not adequately treated the wounds during the convalescent period; that because of this negligence and other actions of which the gang did not approve, the boys frequently talked among themselves about later disposing of Dr. Moran.

On September 9, 1935, Agent had occasion to interview Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and with reference to Dr. Joseph P. Moran he advised that he does not know him personally, but that he often heard "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson talk about him. He stated that while he and "Doc" Barker were on trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, in April and May, 1935, "Doc" Barker on one occasion mentioned, when Dr. Moran's name came up in the testimony of the trial, that Willie Harrison and Dr. Moran were two persons who would never take the stand against him.

Elmer Farmer further stated that Volney Davis informed him, at the time he called with him in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, that Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker murdered Dr. Moran either at Toledo, Ohio, or at Detroit, Michigan, after the doctor, while drunk, made the assertion that he, the doctor, had the gang in the palm of his hand. Elmer Farmer stated that he could furnish no further information in this regard, and does not know what disposition was made of Dr. Moran's body.

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CHICAGO, ILL.,  
OCT. 15, 1935.

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

JACKSONVILLE

PHONE BREKID. DISCREETLY DETERMINE IF RUTH POTTS, AGE 28, HEIGHT 5 FEET  
9 INCHES, 165 POUNDS, RED BOBBED HAIR, CHICAGO NURSE UNTIL 2 YEARS AGO,  
NOW RESIDING SARASOTA FLORIDA, ALSO IDENTITIES HER FRIENDS AND MANNER IN  
WHICH SHE MAKES HER LIVING. THIS WOMAN KNOWS EDITH BARRY MADAM HOUSE  
PROSTITUTION TOLEDO LATTER BEING REPUTED CONTACT KARPIS AND CAMPBELL.  
MAKE VERY DISCREET INQUIRY FOR POSSIBILITY SHE IS ASSOCIATED WITH OR  
INTERMEDIARY FOR SUBJECTS. PLACE COVER ON HER MAIL.

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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1238; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

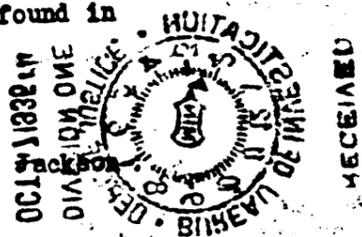
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further inquiries made at Jacksonville, Fla., Daytona Beach and vicinity, without discovery of any money concealed by subjects Weaver and Eaton. Other general inquiries to support harboring charges made. Western Union unable to locate telegrams possibly received by Weaver at Port Orange, Fla. Myrtle Eaton indicted 10/9/35 charged with harboring William Weaver and with conspiracy to harbor him. Certifications forwarded to St. Paul. Efforts to trace guns found in possession of Weaver being continued.

P.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935.



**DETAILS:**

Since receipt of the photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton from the St. Paul Office, inquiry has been made at Jacksonville, Florida, of all banks and other places maintaining safety deposit vaults, to determine if either of these persons have a safety deposit box or other place where they may, or could, have concealed money. The photographs were displayed prominently in each instance, and also the names and aliases were supplied for searching of indexes, et cetera, but no information was received to indicate that these persons were known or had any transactions at the places visited. The photographs, as well as names and aliases, were also furnished to the Postal Savings Department of the

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Jacksonville, Florida, Post Office, but no similar names appeared in the indexes maintained of the depositors, nor could any of the clerks who transact such business for the Post Office recognize these photographs.

AT DAYTONA BEACH-PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA:

Agent was successful in locating CARL HOUSTON, mentioned in the report of reference, who receives his mail in care of General Delivery, Allendale, Florida. He informed that he is a painter and decorator by trade; also does most any kind of similar work to earn a livelihood in this vicinity. He was shown the recent photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and very promptly identified them as being persons known to him as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, who resided about one mile south of him on Highway No. 1, and stated that his knowledge of these people, and dealings with them, commenced in October, 1934, when he was engaged by Mr. Osborne to clean up the yard around the house he had just purchased, and to do some painting and decorating inside; that he was so employed until the latter part of December, 1934. For his services he was paid always in cash, and on a certain Friday, exact date not recalled, but near Christmas time, 1934, he informed Osborne that he would like to have a little money. Whereupon Osborne told him he had no money available at home but was going to Jacksonville that day and would have some money for him the next day. Osborne dressed himself and left home about 9:00 A.M., as Houston recalls, and did not return until late that evening or afternoon, and was gone a length of time sufficient to have made a trip to Jacksonville, or some similar distance. Jacksonville is approximately 102 miles from the point where Weaver resided.

During all of the time he worked for Osborne, Houston states he never saw any strange persons there, nor did he see anything of a suspicious nature, except that he observed Osborne was very reluctant to discuss his past or any of his connections and, in fact, was not much of a talker. He stated that Osborne and his wife conducted themselves in a manner that was not otherwise suspicious at all. That he gave the impression that he had no more funds than could be used to live comfortably on and, in fact, was always a very close dealer, even to pennies, and it was because of payments for services performed that Mr. Houston in December decided to quit working for Osborne.

After leaving the employ of Weaver, Houston said he frequently would see him about the village and in Daytona, and that Weaver always spoke to him, but that he never visited or had any occasion to go to Weaver's home. On passing there several times he would notice cars in the yard, which seemed to have out of State licenses, but, not being interested, he made no mental notes as to kind of cars or what license plates they bore.

Mr. Houston states that as far as he could observe, Myrtle Eaton acted as though she were the lawful wife of Weaver, and seemed to perform such duties about the household as would ordinarily be performed by a man's wife.

It seems that all payments made to Mr. Houston were made by Weaver. At the time he worked there they did not have the small child found in their possession upon their apprehension. Mr. Houston states that the circumstances under which he secured this employment were as follows: That he was at the home of Mr. E. L. Ringler, at Port Orange, in connection with some work, when Weaver put in an appearance and requested to have water turned on at the place he had purchased, and at that time Weaver mentioned something about getting a man to do painting. Whereupon, Houston stated that he was a painter and would be interested in such work. This resulted in Weaver several days later telling him to come to work. It seems that Mr. Ringler is a winter resident at Port Orange, Florida, and during the summer resides at 910 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana; also that he owns considerable property at Port Orange, and operates a small water system there. The place where he resides while in the south is one of the nearest places to the premises occupied by Weaver, and it is possible that he may have had some dealings with Weaver, or possessed some knowledge - by observation or otherwise, having lived so close to Weaver, which would help to support the Government's charge of harboring against Myrtle Eaton; and also give some indication as to who may have visited Weaver. This latter item may have come to Mr. Ringler's attention through observation of strange automobiles with out of the State licenses thereon, or strangers appearing in the vicinity. A lead is being set out to have him interviewed.

MR. C. F. WALDRON, who operates a drug store at Port Orange, Florida, and who informed Agents on a previous visit here that Weaver had received several telegrams through Daytona Beach, was again interviewed. He stated that he had made strenuous effort to recall something in regard to these telegrams, especially the dates of same, and had also discussed the matter with his wife, who knew of the incident, but they were not able to throw any further light on the matter, except that he felt reasonably sure the wires were received during the months of February and March, 1935. The Jacksonville Office has previously advised that effort to locate such wires was made very extensively by the Manager of the Western Union in Jacksonville, who is a close and willing cooperator with the Jacksonville Office, in whose office copies of wires received at Daytona Beach are filed for audit purposes.

On returning to Daytona Beach, the local Manager of the Western Union office at that place, MR. FREIMUTH, was interviewed, and he stated that at the request of his superior, Mr. Watkins, Jacksonville, they had

searched through all telegrams in that office but could not find any which had been forwarded to any one named Osborne at Port Orange. He stated that he would again make a search of the wires for the months of February and March, 1935, and scrutinize same very carefully, and, if he could find anything, would transmit it to Mr. Watkins, Manager at Jacksonville, Florida, who in turn would give it to the Jacksonville Office.

At the Post Office in Port Orange, Florida, PAULINE VICKERS, Assistant Postmaster, was again interviewed for any information she might have. Photographs of Weaver and Eaton were displayed to her, which she readily identified as being persons known to her as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne. She stated very definitely that Mr. Osborne personally rented Box 321 on October 1, 1934, left a quarter on the counter and walked away without waiting for his receipt, telling her to place same in the box and he would get it later. For a number of weeks after that he was not seen again in the Post Office. However, a woman, whom she has identified as Myrtle Eaton, would call at this box very infrequently, spaces of several weeks elapsing at times, and get the mail. Miss Vickers states, as has been previously reported, the only mail that arrived seemed to come from the same point in New Jersey, which seems to have been written by the mother of the child they had adopted. Miss Vickers states that she recalls very definitely that at the time of the shooting at Oklawaha, when the Barkers were killed, that neither of these persons put in an appearance at the Post Office for a period of six weeks.

The photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were again exhibited to the Superintendent of Mails at the Post Office in Daytona Beach, and he in turn had them shown to the clerk handling the Postal Savings Accounts, but no identification could be made.

The evidence in this case with respect to activities of Myrtle Eaton in harboring William Weaver was presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Orlando, Florida, October 8, 1935, and said body returned an indictment the following day containing three counts against Myrtle Eaton, the first two counts charging her with harboring William Weaver on about September 1, 1935, at a point two miles south of Allandale, Florida, and the third count charging that on February 1, 1935, William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton and others did conspire to commit an offense against the United States to violate Section 141 of the U. S. Criminal Code by harboring William Weaver, alleging in overt act number one that she did exchange currency at the First National Bank in Daytona Beach, Florida, and, act number two, that she did maintain a home for William Weaver and assumed and posed to be his wife.

The above mentioned indictment was filed at Jacksonville, Florida, and bond in the sum of \$25,000.00 was recommended by the United States

Attorney for subject Myrtle Eaton, said bond to be returnable forthwith to Jacksonville, Florida. The Bureau and the St. Paul Office were apprised of this indictment telegraphically. The United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida, is forwarding to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, certified copy of the indictment and capias for Myrtle Eaton.

With further reference to tracing the weapons found in possession of William Weaver at the time of his apprehension at Allandale, Florida, September 1, 1935, appropriate leads are being set forth below for the New York and Washington Field Offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The NEW YORK OFFICE is requested to make suitable inquiries at the offices of the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., to trace the following described guns:

- 1 .380 Colt Automatic Pistol, Serial No. 113038;
- 1 .380 Colt Automatic Pistol, Serial No. 112352;
- 1 .45-calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, Serial No. 345132.

At the office of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn., will make effort to trace the following described gun:

- 1 .410-gauge Winchester Pump Shotgun, Model 42, Serial No. 3489.

The WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE is requested to trace, through the War Department, the following described revolver:

- 1 .45-calibre Colt Revolver, Serial No. 259805, (on butt of handle "U.S. Army model 1917 104 773". Stamped on bottom of barrel "United States Property".)

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE. It is requested that Mr. E. L. Ringler be shown photographs of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver and interviewed for any information he may supply regarding them and their residence at Port Orange, Florida, last winter. Mr. Ringler can be lo-

cated at 910 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana. The Agent conducting this interview should also present to Mr. Ringler for observation photographs of other principals in this case.

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE. Close cooperation is being maintained with the United States Attorney here with a view of the Bureau preparing the case against Myrtle Eaton for harboring, and any and all leads in this district which will facilitate this prosecution are being pursued, including the procuring of local newspapers recording indictment of Weaver, and delivery of same to his place near Port Orange, Florida.

As soon as these and other outstanding leads can be completed a comprehensive summary will be immediately submitted.

PENDING.

JEH:AS

October 15, 1935

Time: 4:06 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Kidnaping; Willie Harrison.

Colonel Gates telephoned and stated that Mr. Francis Connor had inquired if it were true that Willie Harrison who had been indicted in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping had been found dead in Illinois. I stated that we could not deny it as it was true but that we did not wish to make any comment. Colonel Gates then stated that Mr. Connor desired to know if we were still looking for Willie Harrison. I stated that since Harrison is dead we are not looking for him and to inform Mr. Connor that there is no comment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 515  
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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

United States Attorney, George E. Sullivan, advised that on this date, October 12, 1935, he conferred with Judge Matthew Joyce relative to the postponement of the trial against defendants HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM WEAVER and CASSIUS McDONALD until after January 1, 1936, due to the resisting of removal by CASSIUS McDONALD in Detroit at the present time. It was Mr. Sullivan's opinion that it is of extreme importance that McDONALD be tried with SAWYER and WEAVER, and that he anticipates that McDONALD may resist removal from Detroit by appeal. He has conferred telephonically with Assistant United States Attorney Combs of Detroit relative to a bargain that might be properly entered into with McDONALD's lawyer; namely, that if McDONALD would consent to removal, his bail might properly be reduced to \$25,000.00.

It is expected that an agreement with McDONALD's attorney will be reached on October 14, 1935 at the time the hearing is scheduled.

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Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. REMOVAL HEARING AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN ON CASSIUS  
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*Edward G. Brennan*

*copy to the Bureau.*

*Why can't we get this heard? It had been postponed before.*  
*See memo to Detroit 10/15/35*  
*J. E. [Signature]*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, New Jersey

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

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

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You may be interested to know that the Jacksonville office received the following letter, written on stationery of Hotel Grant, 682 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, dated October 15, 1935:

"Dear Sir:

Some weeks ago one of your men out of the Trenton, N. J. office called to see me and informed me that the Government were returning my car to me. He showed me the letter he had to notify me of the release. He asked me where I wanted it shipped and I told him to the above address. I asked him then if the car would be shipped to me free of charge but this he was not certain about, however, he led me to believe that if there were to be any charges they would be of a nominal character.

He stated that I would hear from you in a short time as to when the car would be sent, but as I have not heard anything to date I am taking the liberty of asking you if you can give me any information regarding this matter. The car is in Jacksonville and also the title to the car, also registration which I turned over to Agent Metcalfe. Trusting you can give me some information about the foregoing matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry "Duke" Randall

It appears that this letter was written to me as a result of the interview had with Randall by Special Agent N. D. Willis of your office. For your information and in the event direct inquiry should be made of you by Randall regarding the surrender of his car, you are advised that the matter is at present being considered by the Bureau, from whom I am awaiting instructions.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau,  
St. Paul, Cincinnati &  
Connelley at Chicago

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

KRM:CJ

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May 1, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping; Ob-  
struction of Justice; Harboring  
of Fugitives; National Firearms  
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Dear Sirs -

Please have reference to the letter of the Jacksonville office under the signature of Special Agent R. A. Alt to the Trenton office, dated at Jacksonville October 15, 1935. It is noted therein that the Jacksonville office received a letter from Henry Duke Randall written on the stationery of the Hotel Grant, 882 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, which letter is dated October 13, 1935.

It is desired that this letter be forwarded to the Bureau immediately for appropriate handwriting comparison with a questioned document believed to have been written by Randall.

Your files will disclose that on November 25, 1935, Randall appeared at the Jacksonville office, at which time he executed a receipt for the Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480. It is my desire that you ascertain from Special Agent Alt whether on November 25, 1935, at which time the receipt was executed by Randall in the name of Henry Stern, Agent Alt discussed with him the letter which he, Randall, wrote to the Jacksonville office, as noted above, and which was signed by Henry Duke Randall. It is particularly desired that the Bureau be advised whether Randall admitted having written the letter of October 13, 1935 with reference to the return of his automobile.

The purpose of this inquiry is to establish definitely that the letter of Randall dated October 13, 1935, is actually in his own handwriting.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 10, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Handwritten initials: H, M, W

Mr. Frank P. Coakley, 57 West 45th Street, New York City, advised the New York Office of this Bureau recently that he was in Detroit, Michigan, during May, 1935, having dinner one evening at the Statler Hotel, and on that occasion Cassius McDonald was sitting at a near-by table; that while he (Coakley) does not know McDonald he overheard from the conversation of McDonald and others who were with him, none of whom were known to Coakley, that McDonald has a hunting lodge in Michigan and that he has hidden out at this lodge on occasions certain individuals who were wanted by the authorities. Coakley claims he heard McDonald say that one individual who had been hidden out at this place is named Fred Rose, who, Coakley claimed, was wanted by the New York Police for forfeiting a \$15,000.00 bond in connection with a Loft robbery.

Mr. Coakley claimed that he understood from this general conversation McDonald had two different buildings located on his hunting preserve, where he had hidden people. Coakley also stated that after hearing this conversation he learned from various sources in Detroit that Cassius McDonald, along with a man named Eddie Attucks, is the "pay-off" to the Detroit Police Department, and no criminals can operate in Detroit unless they have McDonald's permission. Coakley stated he understood from the general conversation that Rose is now on the "outs" with McDonald.

As much of the information furnished by Coakley as possible was confirmed by the New York Office through an interview with Thomas Gorman, a detective of the New York Police Department. It has been ascertained that Fred Rose has an extensive criminal record.

Respectfully,

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Time - 12:00 noon.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Cassius McDonald.

I telephoned Mr. Hanson, who is in Detroit in connection with the removal hearing for Cassius McDonald, and told him that he should take a rather positive stand with the United States Attorney and try to get this hearing over with. I told Mr. Hanson that both the Bureau and the United States Attorney in St. Paul are fearful lest the attorneys for McDonald tied the matter up with appeals, etc., and force the United States Attorney to go to trial with the others in St. Paul without McDonald, it being the consensus of opinion that conviction of McDonald will be much easier if he is carried along by the testimony of some of the principals.

Mr. Hanson said that one of the Assistant United States Attorneys out there has informed him that United States Attorney Sullivan in St. Paul has stated that he would be willing to consent to a bond reduction to \$25,000 provided that McDonald will waive removal and come out to St. Paul when they need him for the trial.

Mr. Hanson assured me that he would do his best to get this hearing set and put through as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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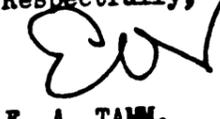
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Cassius McDonald.

I discussed with Mr. Hanson in Detroit the matter of the results of the removal hearing in Detroit relative to McDonald, and he advised that McDonald waived removal, his bond was set at \$25,000, in default of which he was committed to the County Jail in Detroit. McDonald has been given two weeks in which to make his bond, and if he does not make it within that time, he will be ordered removed to St. Paul.

Mr. Hanson said he teletyped this information to the Bureau about ten minutes ago.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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Edw. G. Bremer

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POST OFFICE BOX 818  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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October 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING,  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated October 12, 1935, wherein you advise that Assistant United States Attorney George A. Halsey desires to know whether any additional information against Oliver A. Berg has been uncovered since the writing of the letter from this office dated September 29, 1935 relative to this matter.

Please be advised that no further information appears in the files of the Chicago Bureau office pertaining to Berg's activities in this case or to prior criminal activities, and that the information set forth in the above referred to letter dated September 29th is complete as to this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR  
 PHONE BREKID ACTING SAC STEIN TELEPHONED TODAY ADVISING AGENTS SURAN AND  
 KIRKLAND LEFT SAINT PAUL VIA THE 400 ON NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY FOLLOWING  
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 MILWAUKEE 8-45 PM, AND WAS MET BY AGENT MELVIN AND I. BELLE BORNE  
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 PAUL TO MILWAUKEE. SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ADVISED BY TELE-  
 PHONE. SAC CONNELLEY LATER CALLED INFORMING THAT AGENT SURAN TELEPHONED  
 HIM FROM RACINE, WIS., AND ADVISED BELLE BORNE PURCHASED TICKET TO  
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 MEET TRAIN WAUKEGAN.

*Edward J. Brennan*

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COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 18, 1935

Subject:

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Mr. H. A. Martin  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington

My dear Hal:

The enclosed is a page from our guest register located in the aquarium. It was called to our attention this morning, and while no dates appear in the book, from all appearances this page was filled by visitors sometime within the past week.

More than likely it is a practical joke, yet a daring and bold criminal of his type might do such a thing.

I am referring this exhibit to your Bureau for such disposal as you see fit.

Most sincerely yours,

*Frank B. Bell*  
Commissioner

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-7703

Specimens: 7-576-7703 A. Original note beginning "To the G men".

Examination requested by: Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Fisheries

Date received: 10-18-35

Examination requested: Doc. - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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October 20, 1935.

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Honorable Frank T. Bell,  
Commissioner,  
Bureau of Fisheries,  
Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of October 16, 1935 addressed to Mr. E. A. Martin of this Bureau, enclosing a page from the guest register from the aquarium upon which was the signature "Al. V. Karpis". This page was submitted to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau and the examiner reports as follows:

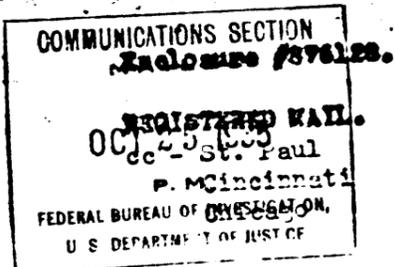
A comparison of the signature "Al. V. Karpis" appearing on the guest register from the aquarium has been made with the known writing of Alvin Karpis, but due to a number of dissimilarities in what appear to be writing habits, the examiner is of the opinion that the signature was not written by Alvin Karpis who is wanted by this Bureau. The page was subjected to treatment for latent fingerprints but none of any value could be developed thereon.

I wish to thank you for your interest in forwarding this document for examination and I assure you that your interest in the work of this Bureau is deeply appreciated.

The page from the guest register is being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 16, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavics and Robert DeLaney by Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no information of value.

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

Very truly yours,

N. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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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 G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of two letters written by Dolores DeLaney, who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan. One of these letters is addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, and the other to Robert DeLaney.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*  
W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Bud;

Gee, honey, it made me feel so good to get your letter and that money. At the time I wrote you I needed that dollar bad - but just about three days after that someone sent me a little money. It came at just the right time. I wished then that I hadn't written and asked you for any but don't send me any more until I write and ask you. I am going to make what I have last as long as I possibly can and any way I will probably get more soon.

What did you mean when you said you were going to see Babe and Mugs when you went to see Little Ray? Don't they live with you any more? If not send me their address. Another thing I wanted to know is about the address Mother sent me. She told me to write her at 4554 Maldin St. Isn't that a terribly poor neighborhood? Let me know all about it, will you? I don't understand Mumsy every time she writes me she says she is moving to Chicago and she hasn't got there yet. I wish I knew for sure whether she was or not. I haven't heard from her yet this month - in fact the only one's I have heard from is Mr. & Mrs. Karpis. They said Little Ray had quite a bit of trouble cutting his last teeth but they say he is getting along okay now.

Hey, Bud, what do you mean by "It won't be so long till you see me?" Are you coming to see me soon? Gee, I hope so I would sure love to see you. Don't forget when you do come to bring Babe & Mumsy and if she can get permission bring Mugs too. Boy, that will really be a day when I see you all again. I can't remember when our family has been all at the same place at the same time. We always seemed to be missing each other in some way. May be when I get out of here we can all live together or at least near to each other. Wouldn't that be grand?

Listen, youngster, you haven't told me where you work or what kind of work you do. How many times do I have to ask before I get an answer? You must know that I want to hear all about every one of you. When you answer this letter tell me, won't you?

I'm saying "hello" to all my girl friends for you and they all said to say the same to you. I wish you could see my pet girl friend. Wynona, she and I both got some new reading glasses and when we go around here looking over the top of them - it's really the cutest sight. Just like a couple of old grand ma's. Wouldn't you like to see that?

Well, honey, I'll say good bye as I have loads of work to do. Write me a nice newsy letter - please. Don't forget.

Loads & loads of love from your baby sis  
Dolores

P.S. kiss little Ray for me and give him a great big hug, too.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis;

I really shouldn't have asked you to do anything about that car but when you're in a place like this it's so hard to decide what to do. I don't know why but I somehow I had the idea that you had a lawyer of your own who wouldn't charge much for those services. Of course, it would be silly to pay a lawyer as much as the one you mentioned would probably ask. I did feel tho' that if I could get a couple of hundred out of the car that it would really help. From the tone of that letter I sent you - it looks like Mr. Travis would be willing to buy it at a reasonable figure. Of course, I wouldn't want the car shipped up here as it wouldn't be worth it. Do you think so.

You mentioned those clothes that were supposed to be sent to you from downstairs. They called up from downstairs one day and said that every thing had to be sent home. I just found out the other day that there was a mistake made and they won't be sent after all at least not for some time.

Is little Ray doing any crawling yet? Gee, I'll bet he is the cutest little tyke there ever was all dolled up in his new clothes. Oh, how I would love to see him. If doesn't seem right that I can't be with him until he's almost four years old. That's such a dreadfully long time. Do you think he will get to love me and call me "Mother" after he is that old? I'd sure like to be out there working for him - washing and ironing his little clothes and feeding him and all the rest of the things a little one needs. It wouldn't be anything but play to me. Is he still as sweet and cheerful as he was the day you had him here. I was so surprised that day - when he didn't even cry once. There's so many things I want to ask you about him but when they are all said they mean the same thing - Is he well and happy? That's all that really matters to me now.

I'm glad he is out doors a lot because that's good for him.

Well, I shall have to say goodbye now as must get to work. Give my love to Emily, Betty Jane and give Ray a big hug and a kiss for me.

Loads of love

Dolores

P.S. I received the money and thanks an awfully lot for it.

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P. O. Box 836  
Los Angeles, California.  
Oct. 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - Fugitive  
I. O. 1218 ET AL  
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
LA File 7-42

Confirming telephone conversation of even date, I am trans-  
mitting herewith for your information a copy of a letter received  
this date by [redacted] a confidential informant,  
from [redacted]

As I indicated in my phone conversation with Mr. Little, it  
is believed to be possible that [redacted] intends [redacted] to under-  
stand that he, [redacted] is referring to Alvin Karpis in the referred-to  
letter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNE  
Special Agent in Charge.

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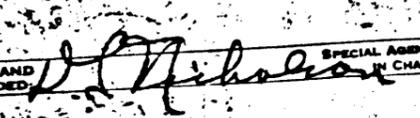
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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218 ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			KIDNAPING	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At Removal Hearing at Detroit, Mich., on October 15, 1935, Cassius McDonald waived examination, and in default of \$25,000 bond was committed to County Jail at Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Teletype to Bureau, Chicago and St. Paul Offices, dated October 15, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At the removal hearing which was held before U. S. Commissioner Hurd, at Detroit, Michigan on October 15, 1935, Cassius McDonald waived removal to St. Paul, Minnesota, and in default of \$25,000 bond was committed to the Wayne County Jail at Detroit, Mich.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This arrangement was effected by the U. S. Attorneys at St. Paul, Minnesota, and Detroit, Michigan, the understanding being that McDonald would be given two weeks time to furnish bond in the amount of \$25,000, which would be made returnable at St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 16, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>				
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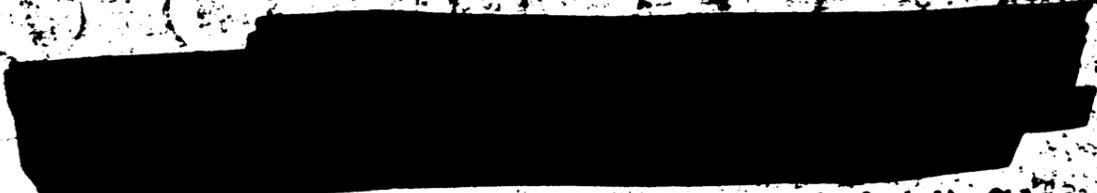
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1212, Et als EDWARD GEORGE BRE-  
MER, Victims Kidnaping, Obstruction of  
Justice, Harboring, National Firearms  
Act.

Dear Sir:



Agent Paul Hansen of this office inquired at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary regarding any visitors William E. Sevier, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 12755, has had during the past three months, and there is no record of him having any visitors during this time. Inquiries were made of the prison officials regarding any possible way an interview would be had between Sevier and his wife that would not be on record and they advised that any visit of this character would be made a part of the records of the institution.

Agent Hansen interviewed Balch, who seemed pleased upon having Hansen call to see him, and talked freely. He stated that he had been unable to obtain any information whatever regarding the location of Karpis or any information with respect to his activities. He said that Sevier and "his old lady has broke up now and Bill don't hear from her". This happened, he said, by Sevier endeavoring to have his wife, Margaret, help him secure certain papers which would result in his getting his freedom so near than otherwise, and Margaret answered him by saying that she had more important things to do. Balch said that he is still positive that Karpis and Campbell are "still up in the north", and that Karpis communicates with Margaret Sevier frequently. He further advised that Karpis lived with Margaret's family for two or three years during the early part of his life and that her family lives in a small town near St. Paul, Minnesota. He does not remember the name of this town and does not remember the name of Margaret's family. She has two brothers, he says, and he does not know their names. Margaret, he says,

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is working in St. Paul for \$75.00 per month and he believes that she is working for some night club there. It is suggested that when the St. Paul Office receives a copy of this letter they make some further inquiry in St. Paul and endeavor to locate this Margaret Sevier for a confirmation of this information. During the conversation, Balch said that this woman may be working in Minneapolis rather than in St. Paul, so this should be borne in mind when the investigation is conducted.

Balch stated that he was exceedingly anxious to get in touch with Harry [redacted], as he has some important information [redacted] letters but had received no answer. He was advised by Agent Hansen that any message of information could be taken to Harry through a relay from the Oklahoma City Office to the Los Angeles Office and Balch thereupon stated that the information he wished to transmit to Harry is concerning the robbery of a national bank at Pomona, California, recently. He advised that this robbery was perpetrated by one Bob Singleton of southern Oklahoma, probably Durant, and another man whose name he does not have who is from California. These men had with them one Ora Montgomery of Durant, Oklahoma whose husband, Clevis E. Montgomery, is now serving a fifty year stretch in McAlester. He stated that he had recently received a letter from Bob Singleton which he had destroyed, wherein Singleton advised him "in so many words" of the robbery of a bank at Pomona.

Balch also advised that these men and also the Montgomery woman are presently residing at 921 Maple (street or avenue), Los Angeles, California. This house, Balch advised, is where he cooled off a couple of years ago and is a large blue twenty-one or twenty-two room house, which is sub-leased and is being used as a rooming house.

Balch was asked by Agent Hansen if this was all of the information he wished to transmit to Harry and he stated that it was.

It is suggested that if this information is reliable concerning the robbery of a bank at Pomona, that the Oklahoma City Office be advised of this fact in order that it may be governed accordingly in making further contacts with Balch.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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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 #1218, et al.  
Edward J. Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated October 12, 1935,  
received from the St. Paul Bureau Office, with reference to two  
zipper brief cases, together with contents, which were forwarded  
to this Office to be delivered to Cassius McDonald's attorney.

This is to advise that the two zipper brief cases,  
together with their contents were delivered to Assistant U. S.  
Attorney, William G. Comb, at Detroit, Michigan, and after a  
careful detailed receipt was obtained they were delivered by  
Mr. Comb and myself to Cassius McDonald, who signed a receipt  
acknowledging receipt of zipper cases and their contents.

The signed receipt is being retained in the Detroit  
Office file in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

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

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- Mr. Joseph .....
- Mr. Keith .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

Time - 3:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Walter Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, called me and stated that after the receipt of a letter from United States Attorney Sullivan in St. Paul, and after considering matters called to his attention by the Bureau, he had a discussion with Mr. Keenan, after which he telephoned Judge Ritter in Florida and advised him that the date set for the taking of the depositions in Cuba and the date set for the trial in Miami conflict with the date set for the trial in St. Paul; that the Department is advised by the United States Attorney in St. Paul that Joe Adams is a necessary and essential witness for the Government in the trial in St. Paul as to the other defendants. Judge Ritter finally consented to continue the trial of this matter in Florida. The trial in St. Paul, therefore, will be tried during this term of court, exact date not as yet set.

I asked Mr. Barlow when he anticipates taking the depositions in Cuba. He said that since he cannot take these depositions without the assistance of either Hanson or McKee, they will not be taken until after the St. Paul trial is over; that the arrangement now is that he will notify the attorneys on the other side the date which will be acceptable to us to take the depositions, and get their ideas on the matter, of course. He said that after the St. Paul trial is over, he will get in touch with me as to working out a date for the taking of these depositions.

In view of the above developments, Mr. Barlow referred to his memorandum to the Bureau requesting the assistance of either Hanson or McKee in making up a set and list of witnesses, and said that this need not be done until some later date. This will be worked out later.

Mr. Barlow said that the United States Attorney in St. Paul has been notified by telegraph that the Adams case has been postponed to comply with his request. I told Mr. Barlow that I would so notify the interested parties in the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN**

Re: Willie Harrison, Bremer kidnaping case.

In a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates he stated the press had made inquiries as to how the Bureau had established the identity of the body of Willie Harrison and how it happened to be located. I stated all that could be said was that the above facts were discovered through careful investigation and analysis of evidence.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. E.A. Tamm .....
- Chief Clerk .....
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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Dear Sir:

Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, called me by phone and stated that during the afternoon of October 14, 1935, a 4-door V-8 Sedan, battleship grey, was stolen, and was bearing, at the time, 1935 Oklahoma plates 524-980; that this machine was stolen from in front of the Post Office in Seminole where the owner left it, with the motor running, while he went in to mail a letter.

Sims told me he talked with a bus driver shortly thereafter who drives a bus between McAlester and Oklahoma City and this driver told him that he had seen the car between Seminole and Shawnee and that two men were in it, one driving and the other sitting in the back seat with a rifle or machine gun in his hands, ready for action, and suggested that it might be Alvin Karpis.

I furnished this information to Lieutenant Joe Jerkin of the Oklahoma City Police Department and requested him to broadcast that the car was stolen at Seminole and that two men were in it who may be armed, and he stated he would do so.

With reference to the aforesaid call of Jake Sims concerning the theft of this automobile, I called said police officer on October 15, at which time he told me that the car in question was recovered the evening of October 14 about eleven miles from Seminole and the young fellow who stole it was injured with it in a wreck; that this man is in custody and is in the hospital, and he is not Alvin Karpis, but a local character.

I called the Oklahoma City Police Department, talking to Chief of Detectives Brandon and requested a cancellation of the pick-up order issued by them at my request, on October 14. I did not inform any of-

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officials that Karpis was in the car, but stated that the occupants thereof might be armed, as is noted above.

On October 15th, Special Agent Paul Hansen called me from Tulsa and stated that he had talked with Tony Benson, a Deputy Sheriff at Tulsa and that Benson stated that one Mabel Crabtree, of 3521 South Peoria Street, Tulsa, telephone 4-3574, who operates a beer and sandwich shop at said address, and a more or less notorious character in Tulsa, may possibly be contacting Karpis and Campbell. Tom Crabtree is the husband of Mabel and he is an ex-convict, but they are not living together and the husband is said to be engaged in a business similar to that of Mabel Crabtree. According to the information Agent Hansen obtained, Mabel Crabtree is running around with Norris Crabtree, a brother of her husband.

Benson told Hansen he was obtaining his information from a confidential informant whose name he did not wish to divulge.

Benson informed Agent Hansen that a few nights ago, posing as a cab driver, and accompanied by his informant, he went in a cab to Mabel's beer joint and remained parked there for sometime; that while there the Crabtree woman had a fuss with someone in the house and came out in a hurry, jumped into the cab that Benson was using and asked him to drive her around for a bit, which he did, and during this ride the confidential informant got into a rather lengthy conversation with her; the conversation was general, and the informant told her that if she did not stop running with a bunch of thieves she would get in trouble, and during this ride mention was made of "Harry and Alvin"; although nothing definite was overheard there was an inference that these two, Karpis and Campbell, had probably been to Mabel's place.

Tony Benson stated to Agent Hansen that he believed it highly advisable to place a tap on the telephone of Mabel Crabtree as he believes some very valuable information could be obtained in that manner. Hansen did not tell Benson he would or would not place a tap on the phone.

Benson is considered a fairly efficient officer, but he is somewhat windy and garrulous and does a lot of talking. However, it is said that Harry Campbell, in the past, has threatened to kill Benson and Benson would like very much to get even with Campbell. Moreover, Benson is interested in any money he can make in connection with the matter. Agent Hansen is inclined to the view that possibly Benson may want a tap placed on the telephone of Mabel Crabtree for the purpose of obtaining information concerning some other activities of Mabel Crabtree and her associates and friends, which would be of interest only to the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa, and I am inclined to share the opinion of Agent Hansen in this regard.

This matter was taken up with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau on October 16, and it was his opinion that no tap would be placed on the telephone at this time but that the same would be considered if more definite information is obtained that Karpis and Campbell are contacting this woman.

Agent Hansen further informed me that at Tulsa he had contacted Joe Anderson, a member of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and that Anderson had told him that he has obtained information from an informant that Tommy Hill, of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, one Coker, Alvin, Sherwood and Harry Campbell have on foot a plot to go to the home of some wealthy, elderly man, living near Vinita, Oklahoma, whose name, at the time was unknown, and who has a large sum of money in his home, possibly in a safe, crack the safe, or make the old man divulge information as to the location of the money and take it from him. It was said that the other thieves desired to take Harry Campbell along to open the safe as he is considered an efficient "knob-knocker".

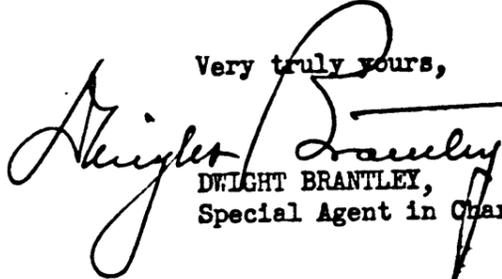
Efforts were being made to ascertain the identity of the wealthy man near Vinita, as it was the purpose of the officers interested to interview this man and obtain his cooperation with the view to covering the situation thoroughly. Mr. Hansen said that Joe Anderson apparently is getting his information concerning this matter from someone who is getting it from Tom Carpenter, said to be a pal of Harry Campbell, recently arrested at Neosho, Missouri, by Anderson and others and now in jail at Sedan, Kansas.

On October 16th, Mr. Hansen called me from Tulsa and informed me that in a further conversation with Joe Anderson he had learned that the man who is said to be the intended victim of the plot, as aforesaid, is F. C. Vogel, who lives on U. S. Highway #75, one mile out of Vinita; that Mr. Vogel is getting old, is somewhat eccentric, but has a son, Irvin Vogel, who is a District Judge at Wichita Falls, Texas, and that Paul Simms, Assistant United States Attorney at Tulsa, had, at the request of old man Vogel, called the son at Wichita Falls and he is coming to Oklahoma to take the matter up with the old man and convince him that he should cooperate with the officers.

Agent Hansen informed me that, according to the best information he could get from Joe Anderson, it is the intention of Wint Smith, head of the Kansas Highway Patrol, to have a majority of Kansas State Highway Police in on this case, calling in one or two members of the Oklahoma State Bureau; that Anderson had told him that Wint Smith was to call me about it, but to date no such call has been received from him.

Hansen stated that Anderson does not want Major Smith to know that the full facts in this thing have been divulged to the Bureau. I instructed Hansen to obtain all information he could from Anderson concerning the case and to go along with these officers in the event there were developments which indicated that they were going through with it. Hansen said that this he would do and it would be all right with Anderson. Anderson, according to the information he has given Hansen is contacting his informant regularly and if the thing is to materialize it will take place on Friday night, October 18th or Saturday, the 19th.

Very truly yours,

  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Kansas City

Post Office Box 612  
Chicago Illinois

October 16, 1935

~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

There are attached hereto two copies of the report of  
Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, Octo-  
ber 16, 1935.

It is desired that the information in this report be  
temporarily withheld from the United States Attorney's office  
in St. Paul until such time as advice is received from this  
Office that ~~Fisa Conliff's~~ usefulness as an informant has ter-  
minated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/9, 12, 14/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD SCHEIDT. JMB</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:**

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, now of Charlotte, N. C., associated with Subjects William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Harbor Oaks, Fla., from about October 1934 until April or May 1935, due to fact that the Thompsons operated a filling station near house occupied by Subjects. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson unable to identify any other Subjects in this case, but furnished data relative to persons who visited Subjects Weaver and Eaton.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935;  
Report of Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr., dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, September 17, 1935;  
letter from the Chicago Office, October 3, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

- At Charlotte, North Carolina -

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After several unsuccessful efforts to contact W. H. Thompson who was out of the city on these occasions, in connection

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with his work of motor trucking, he was located on October 12, 1935, at the office of R. J. Davis Motor Express, Inc. He voluntarily accompanied Agent to the Charlotte Bureau Office, where he was questioned in detail. Later Mrs. W. H. Thompson was interviewed at the Thompson home, 828<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> West Trade Street. The information furnished by these persons was in complete accord, and in the interest of clarity its substance is set forth without reference to the separate interviews.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson formerly operated and lived at a service station located at Harbor Oaks, Florida, the Post Office being Port Orange. This station was rented by them from Mr. J. W. Quillian, who lived at Allandale, Florida. The station is situated on United States Highway #1, three miles south of Port Orange, and six miles north of New Smyrna. The Thompsons first met Subjects William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, who will hereafter be referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, the name under which they were known by the Thompsons, in September or October, 1934, this being approximately a year and a half after the Thompsons first began operating the station.

On Osborne's first call to the filling station Mr. Thompson was away, and he talked to Mrs. Thompson. At that time Osborne made inquiry concerning a vacant house located about 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> blocks from the filling station, asking whether it was for sale, and who had it in charge. Previously Mr. Styles, who was connected with a Building & Loan Association at Daytona Beach, Florida, had stopped by the Thompsons' filling station and told the Thompsons the nearby house was for sale, stating that if they would refer to him any persons who made inquiries about the house, if a sale resulted he would pay the Thompsons a commission. Consequently Mrs. Thompson referred Osborne to Mr. Styles on the occasion of Osborne's first call.

Shortly after that time Osborne purchased the house, and he and Mrs. Osborne moved in, this being in October or November, 1934. The Thompsons remained at the filling station for approximately seven months thereafter, and until April or May, 1935, during which time they saw a good deal of the Osbornes, partly because the latter couple purchased gas and oil from the filling station, partly because they were neighbors, and partly because the Osbornes were friendly toward them and extended hospitality.

Toward the latter part of the time the Thompsons were in Harbor Oaks, a man named Jimmy White, who was supposed to be a nephew of Osborne, stayed with the Osbornes for a few days. He had allegedly worked for the Peoples Drug Store in Washington, D. C., and was recuperating from a nervous breakdown. Osborne came to Thompson and told him that he would

like to buy the Thompsons' filling station for Jimmy White to operate, and Thompson agreed to sell. In the meantime White had left, saying that he was going to Washington to arrange for receiving the benefits of group insurance which the Peoples Drug Company carried on its employees. Thompson asked something over \$100.00 for his stock of gas and oil, and eventually sold the stock to Osborne for \$90.00 in cash, and Osborne was to pay rent to Quillian, just as Thompson had done. After the sale Mr. and Mrs. Thompson remained over for about two weeks, during which time at the insistence of the Osbornes they took their meals at the Osborne home. They were royally treated, and Mrs. Osborne proved to be a wonderful cook. Jimmy White never did return, and eventually the Thompsons left and went to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they have resided since that time. Through Mrs. Huble of Port Orange, who has visited with the Thompsons once at Charlotte since their departure from Florida, and who has also corresponded with them, they learned later of the Osbornes' arrest, and had also heard that the Osbornes had previously adopted a child.

During the time that the Thompsons were acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, Osborne claimed that he was from Ohio, and that he had at one time operated a grocery store in Findlay, Ohio. He said that he did not take an active part in the business any more, but received money from this business each month. The Thompsons recalled that after buying the house, Osborne did not have much furniture, but kept adding to it gradually, claiming that he had money coming in from time to time, and preferred to pay his way as he went. In that connection he always paid cash for any purchases made. The Thompsons said that they knew nothing concerning any bank accounts of the Osbornes, any safe deposit box or any source of income. It was recalled that the Osbornes frequently paid bills with silver money, and as a result there was a rumor current to the effect that Osborne was a bootlegger. Osborne was quite fond of chickens, and raised quite a few on his place.

When the Osbornes were first living at Harbor Oaks they had a Chevrolet with an Ohio license, which they said they traded in at Tampa, Florida, for an Oldsmobile. While living in this section the Osbornes went off on two trips, each for over a week in duration. After one of these trips they arrived in the new Oldsmobile. Osborne also acquired a light Ford truck, which was supposedly purchased at Daytona for \$75.00. According to information furnished the Thompsons by Mrs. Huble, Osborne had given up the operation of the filling station at the time of his apprehension, for the reason that he was unsuccessful in obtaining a long term lease on this station.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, although frequently in the Osborne home, never saw any firearms there except one foreign make single shot pistol with a long barrel.

Questioned with reference to any telegrams or telephone calls received by the Osbornes, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson advised that they recalled no telephone calls, but they did remember that an incoming Western Union telegram was handled by Dr. Waldron of Port Orange, Florida, for Osborne, but stated that they did not know the nature of the message, or at what period it was received. Telegrams to Harbor Oaks are telephoned from Daytona to Dr. Waldron at Port Orange, who thereafter forwards the messages to the recipients.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson immediately recognized photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as those of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne respectively, but were unable to identify photographs of any of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, which were exhibited to them. They stated that the Osbornes apparently did not have an unusual number of visitors, and that such callers as there were seemed mainly to be friends of Mrs. Osborne. However, data relative to each of the visitors recalled by them is set forth below:

X Mimi: Age 60, height 5 feet, weight 175 pounds, build heavy, hair grey;

Mimi was an old grey-haired lady, who came to see Mrs. Osborne, and who stayed with the Osbornes a night or two about April, 1935. She was supposed to be from Atlanta, Georgia, and her husband had allegedly been the Editor of a newspaper in Atlanta, and he was supposed to have been killed in an automobile wreck.

X Gill, and Gill's wife, Betty, came to the Osborne home quite often to visit "Bill and Jane Osborne". Gill ran a saloon at Daytona Beach. The file reflects that he has already been interviewed by the Jacksonville Office.

Blond Girl: There was a blond girl who hung around with Jimmy White for a while. She drove a Cord automobile, and was supposed to be from Chicago. Jimmy said he had met her by flirting with her at a hotel, and that she was lousy with money. Thompson did not see her well enough to be able to describe her, but said he did not believe this woman was previously acquainted with Subjects.

Mr. Marsh: age 60, height over 5 feet, weight 140 lbs., build medium, complexion red faced:

Mrs. Marsh: age 55, height five feet, five inches, weight 160 lbs., build stout.

The persons known as Mr. and Mrs. Marsh visited the Osbornes on several occasions, but the Thompsons were unable to give any further information about this couple, except that the Osbornes on one or more occasions went fishing with Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, together with a Catholic priest, mentioned below. However, Mrs. Thompson turned over to Agent a photographic negative of a group picture in which Mr. and Mrs. Marsh appeared.

Catholic Priest: Age 55 to 60, height 5 feet, 6 inches, weight 160 lbs., build stout, complexion red faced.

This Catholic priest drove a Buick automobile, and on one or more occasions went fishing with the Osbornes and Mr. and Mrs. Marsh. He also appears in the group picture, the negative of which was secured by Agent.

Doty: Age 50, Height 5 feet, 4 inches, weight 155 lbs.

Margaret: Age 35, height 5 feet, 4 inches, weight 125 lbs., build slender, hair - light with short bob.

Doty and Margaret visited with the Osbornes for several days, staying overnight. Margaret supposedly owned a home on the Peninsula, and was originally from California. It was understood also that she had several children.

Although the Thompsons were questioned at length, the above is the best information they could furnish. They impressed Agent as being entirely sincere in their statements.

With reference to the negative of the photograph mentioned above, Agent later had six prints made of this negative, and Mrs.

Thompson said the persons on the group picture are as follows: front row, leading from left to right: unknown individual; Catholic priest; Mr. Marsh; Mrs. Marsh; in back - Mrs. Osborne; standing at door of filling station - Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson explained that when Jimmy White was visiting the Osbornes he took a number of pictures of the Thompsons, and later turned the negatives over to the Thompsons, and the negative for this particular picture was included among those received from White. She stated that she has no other pictures of persons who associated with the Osbornes. The return of the negative received from her is not desired, and it is being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office, together with one print. Two prints of this picture are being furnished to the St. Paul Office, one is being retained by the Charlotte Office, one is being sent to the Jacksonville Office, and one is being sent to the Chicago Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE ST. PAUL OFFICE: AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA: If deemed expedient, will exhibit the group picture referred to in this report to William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, to ascertain the identities of the persons shown.

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October 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Edward Scheidt, dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, October 16, 1935, in the above entitled case. On page 6 thereof it is noted that a negative of a photograph containing the pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh and others was forwarded to the Cincinnati Office by the Charlotte Office. It is desired that the negative of this photograph be furnished the Bureau so that appropriate copies can be made for use in future investigation.

It is observed that a copy of the above mentioned report was not furnished the Washington Field Office. It is shown therein, however, that Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson, who formerly lived as neighbors of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton near Allandale, Florida, have advised that one Jimmy White visited Weaver and Eaton during the spring of 1935. They have informed that while Jimmy White visited at that point there was another visitor at the Weaver-Eaton home whose name is unknown but who was a blond girl who appeared to keep company with Jimmy White. She is said to have driven a Ford automobile and was supposed to be from Chicago. Jimmy White is said to have met her by flirting with her at a hotel, and she is reported to be wealthy. It is desired that appropriate inquiries be made of Jimmy White by the Washington Field Office to determine the identity of the blond girl and to determine whether she is in any way connected with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
The St. Paul Office should give particular attention to all of the persons mentioned in the above entitled report who were regarded as friends and visitors of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver and Eaton were in Allandale, Florida. It is desired that Weaver and Eaton be interviewed with regard to each of these individuals to determine whether any further information can be obtained from them with regard to the fugitive members of this gang.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CC Washington Field Office  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Charlotte

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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P. O. Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 16, 1935

Mr. James V. Lewis,  
Postmaster,  
Ada, Oklahoma

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, W. S., FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping, Ob-  
struction of Justice, Harboring,  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sirs:

I am transmitting herewith two photographs  
of Alvin Karpis, as requested in your letter of  
October 15, 1935.

In the event anyone in your city who views  
these photographs and believes he makes an identifica-  
tion therefrom, it is kindly requested that you advise  
me.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

SWIFTY BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

3:50 PM

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

Connelley called on the telephone from Chicago. He said the Tribune and the Associated Press men have been in the office, stating that Washington is releasing a story to the effect that the burned body found near Bensenville, Illinois some months ago was that of Willie Harrison. He stated that he wondered what could be told the Sheriff and Coroner of the place in question.

After talking to you I telephoned Connelley and told him how the press had probably secured the information and that it would be appropriate for him to inform the Sheriff and the Coroner that the body of the man in question was that of Willie Harrison, inasmuch as the watch found near the body had been identified. Connelley stated he felt he need not call either the Sheriff or the Coroner unless they made inquiry of him, but he simply wanted to be prepared to advise them if they did. However, it is not his intention to call them but to await inquiry from them.

I told Connelley he was to make no statement to the press in connection with this matter, and particularly he was not to give any information to the Chicago Tribune. He stated the Tribune had asked for pictures and that they and the others might want identification orders. I told him that identification orders could always be given out to newspapers, except that in this particular instance neither identification orders nor any other data could be given the Chicago Tribune. Connelley will make no statement to the newspapers but will give identification orders to such newspapers, other than the Chicago Tribune, as and when they request them.

I told Connelley that no information of any kind should be given the Sheriff or Coroner or anyone else as to any suspicions or information we may possess relative to the identity of the persons responsible for the murder of Harrison.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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*Do not want anything of any kind given to the Chicago Tribune at any time. J. E. H.*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/24, 25, 26, 27, 8, 15/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN L. MADALA JLM:JM</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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Further information set out herein as obtained from confidential informant Helen Conliff indicating Harry Sawyer's presence in Bensenville, Ill., during period of Bremer's captivity. Elmer Farmer upon being interviewed at Leavenworth Penitentiary denied any acquaintanceship with Harry Sawyer. Asserted emphatically he was not in Bensenville during period in question. Stated that he, Farmer, and Harold Alderton signed statements in St. Paul, Minn., for Robert Rensch, attorney for Sawyer, that they had never seen Sawyer previously.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., dated 8/14/35.			
DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u>			
It will be noted in the reference report that informant Helen Conliff wrote to Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, asking him whether Harry Sawyer was in Bensenville, Illinois, during the period Mr. Bremer was held captive there, to which she received a reply in the affirmative. In this connection it might be stated that there was no question in the mind of Miss Conliff that Sawyer was actually in Bensenville, Illinois, and her only reason for writing to Elmer Farmer, as above set out, was to definitely affirm her belief that Sawyer visited			
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Bensenville while Victim Bremer was held there. She stated that she wanted to be certain as to this before signing the statement which is contained in the reference report.

Miss Conliff telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office on August 24, 1935, and requested Agent to see her immediately. She exhibited to Agent a letter which she had just received from Elmer Farmer, and among other things he wrote the following:

"About that fallow up in St. Paul - I never did see him around Bensenville at any time. I also signed a paper for Rensch to that effect before I left there. Monte mentioned his name a few times around there but I didn't know who he was until I seen him in St. Paul. Tell Sam -- Monte got all of Irene's money, that is George's wife. He should have most of it left but I suppose Monte's wife has it now."

According to Miss Conliff "that fallow up in St. Paul" is Harry Sawyer. Rensch is Robert A. Rensch, attorney for Harry Sawyer. Monte is Byron Bolton. Sam is Sam Golan, who was attorney for Fred Goetz and Irene was Goetz' common law wife, Irene Dorsey.

With reference to the foregoing letter Miss Conliff stated that she cannot understand why Elmer Farmer wrote the above, after he already had told her on two different occasions that Harry Sawyer was in Bensenville, Illinois. She stated, however, that it is entirely possible that after Elmer Farmer wrote her the first time indicating that Sawyer was in Bensenville during the period in question, he arrived at the conclusion that possibly the Government was either reading or making copies of his mail, and if this were so, he probably acted as he did to avoid being called upon as a Government witness in the coming trial of Harry Sawyer. Another theory advanced by Miss Conliff in this connection is that possibly Farmer was trying to protect her, fearing that if the Government had knowledge of the fact that she was aware of Sawyer's presence in Bensenville during the time of Bremer's confinement there, she would be interviewed and probably subpoenaed as a witness.

At any rate Miss Conliff took it upon herself to write Elmer Farmer advising him that she could not understand his last letter, making particular reference to the part pertaining to

Harry Sawyer, as he had told her in St. Paul that Sawyer was in Bensenville during the period, and that he later confirmed it by letter in response to her inquiry in that regard; that she wanted to know what had come over him. At this point Agent questioned Miss Conliff as to whether Elmer Farmer would not become suspicious of her persistency in obtaining this information, and she replied that Farmer undoubtedly believed that she was asking and seeking the correct facts for either Sam Golan or Thomas McMeekins, attorneys. In this connection she stated that Farmer knew that she was in contact with these two attorneys making efforts to gain leniency for him, and he probably believed that they probably asked her to obtain this information for them.

Agent telephonically communicated with Miss Conliff on August 25, 1935, and she advised that she had received another letter from Elmer Farmer which she desired to show Agent. This letter read in part as follows:

"About that fellow in St. Paul. I don't know him or anyone else that is going to trial up there and I don't intend to take the stand against any of them. It's bad enough to do time down here without sending someone else down there. If there can't be anything done some other way than that you better tell him to let it go."

Referring to the last sentence of the above letter Miss Conliff pointed out that she was certain that Elmer Farmer was of the belief that she was seeking the information for either Sam Golan or Thomas McMeekins. She stated also that the tenor of the letter indicated that Farmer is acquainted with Harry Sawyer.

Miss Conliff advised that she had not as yet talked with Sam Golan, but stated that she wrote him a letter two months ago advising that Farmer was in solitary confinement, that he was not working, and in this connection asked him to do something about it. She had never received a reply from Golan.

At this time informant exhibited to Agent a letter which she wrote to Thomas McMeekins, attorney, but did not mail for the reason that she wanted Agent to read the letter first. This letter

is as follows:

August 27, 1935

Dear Mr. McMeekins:

"I have been waiting to hear from you for a long time, and so far have not, so thought I would write to you. I am not living in Bensenville any more. I am living in Chicago. You know Mr. McMeekins I was wondering if you were able to have anything done on Elmer's case for him? Naturally he is curious to know and so am I. It's funny but Elmer has not been assigned to any work there and though he claims he has been a model prisoner, he is kept in his cell and only allowed out for his meals and allowed out on Sunday afternoons and that is all. Allderton is working in the shoe factory, and receives \$15.00 per month and also receives 15 days a month off of his sentence, and Elmer does nothing but sit in a cell. I thought they could not differentiate between Farmer and Allderton? Well, anyway I wonder if you would be able to talk to Mr. Rensch and find out what was in that statement Elmer signed for him. Did you know Elmer had signed a statement that Harry Sawyer had not ever been in Bensenville at any time. That was a lie. Sawyer was in Bensenville, not that it makes any difference but what I am really interested in is what else was on that paper. Mr. McMeekins, Elmer has signed so many papers and told so many things that have hurt him so greatly, that I am really shocked to think he would be so foolish as to sign any papers for anyone. If that paper is going to be brought into Court and introduced to show Sawyer was not in Bensenville, I am afraid when they find out Elmer signed that paper, we cannot expect any favors from the Government in regard to leniency or cutting his sentence or anything else. Perhaps both you and Mr. Rensch will think me foolish, and perhaps lawyers do not usually make inquiries of another lawyer like that, but frankly I am worried for fear he has signed something that is going to hurt him. Ann Scanlan was in Chicago for a week during which time

we did see a lot of each other and she told me you had been ill. I was sorry to hear of it and hope you have fully recovered. I have not forgotten that money I owe you and you really have been very nice about it, but I have just gotten to work and as soon as things are not quite so difficult I assure you I will send it to you. Meanwhile I am very grateful to you for being so patient. Please do what you can do about Rensch and also write to me. I would appreciate it a great deal, so hoping to hear from you soon and thanking you I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ ~~Miss Conliff~~  
2034 West End Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

The above letter was exhibited to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley on August 28, 1935, and discussed with Special Agent T. P. Sullivan and Agent, and it was deemed advisable for Miss Conliff to omit from said letter the statements pertaining to Harry Sawyer before sending it away, for the reason that it was thought best that McMeekins should not know about Miss Conliff's knowledge of Sawyer's presence in Bensenville.

Agent contacted Miss Conliff on the following day and suggested to her that she not mention Harry Sawyer's name in her letter to McMeekins, which she agreed to do. The advantages for this were pointed out to Miss Conliff and she was entirely cooperative in this regard. The original letter written in Miss Conliff's handwriting to Mr. McMeekins is in the possession of Agent and will be retained in the Chicago Bureau Office files for future reference.

While Agent interviewed Elmer Farmer in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 6, 7, and 8, 1935, relative to other angles of this case, he was specifically questioned concerning his knowledge of Harry Sawyer. Elmer Farmer advised that he does not know Harry Sawyer personally, and that the first time he met him was in May, 1935, at the Ramsey County Jail; that on this occasion Sawyer was brought to his cell and Robert Rensch, attorney, questioned him, Farmer, as to whether he had ever

seen that man, meaning Harry Sawyer, before. Farmer stated that he replied in the negative, whereupon Rensch drew up a statement to the effect that he, Farmer, had observed Sawyer on this date and that he positively asserted that he had not seen Sawyer at any time previously. Farmer signed this statement. He further advised that it is his understanding that Harold Alderton, Jimmie Wilson and Ollie Berg likewise signed statements to this effect.

Elmer Farmer, of course, emphatically denied that Harry Sawyer was ever in Bensenville, Illinois. He stated that to his knowledge Sawyer was not the finger man in the Bremer kidnaping case, and that the only part he played in the abduction was to arrange hideouts and contact places in St. Paul, Minnesota. He further advised that Sawyer had an "in" with the St. Paul Police Department, and that he was furnished advance information of all contemplated raids on friends of his; that Sawyer did the boys, meaning the Barker-Karpis gang and the Dillinger gang, many favors and generally took care of them when they were in St. Paul. Farmer advised that on one occasion, shortly after the release of Mr. Bremer, he overheard Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis discuss the cold nights and sleeping conditions while they were in a boathouse in the vicinity of St. Paul, Minnesota, during the ransom negotiations there. Farmer stated that although he is not absolutely certain, he believes that this boathouse was obtained by Harry Sawyer and was used as a meeting place.

Farmer further advanced the information that while he and "Doc" Barker were on trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, he had frequent conversations with him about the case; that on one occasion Barker informed him that the ransom money collected in the instant kidnaping was split ten ways, and that each of the following persons received \$18,000.00: "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Fred Goetz, Harry Sawyer, Bill Weaver, Charles Fitzgerald, and a St. Paul detective whose name Farmer believes is Brown.

At this point Agent asked Elmer Farmer whether he was willing to go to St. Paul to testify in the coming trial of Harry Sawyer, and Bill Weaver, advising him that his action in this regard might encourage the United States Attorney to favorably consider any requests he, Farmer, might make in the future. He stated that he had received several communications from the United

States Attorney of St. Paul to this effect, but that he had definitely made up his mind not to do any testifying for the reason that he knows that any such action would jeopardize his life within the penitentiary. He then stated that there was nothing he could testify to against Harry Sawyer as the information furnished above is true and correct.

Agent again contacted informant Helen Conliff at Chicago, Illinois, on September 15, 1935, at which time she advised that she is now residing at 412 West 1st Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with a fugitive.

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October 24, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1935, in the above entitled case, on pages two and three of which are noted excerpts from letters written by Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff.

In view of the fact that Elmer Farmer had executed a signed statement for Attorney Robert Rensch at St. Paul, Minnesota to the effect that he, Farmer, did not see Harry Sawyer in Bensenville, Illinois during the kidnap period, it is desired that efforts be made by the Chicago Office to obtain the originals of these letters from Helen Conliff. It is believed that they may be used for rebuttal purposes at a later date in the event that Farmer testifies in keeping with the signed statement which he made to Attorney Rensch.

The Chicago Office should also obtain from Helen Conliff any other letters written to her by Elmer Farmer along with the original of the letter to the

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October 16, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

As the Bureau was advised in my teletype on  
October 15, 1935 pertaining to the Bremer case, Special  
Agent T. G. Melvin departed from Milwaukee, Wisconsin at  
8:50 P.M. October 15, 1935 for Waukegan, Illinois. He  
returned to Milwaukee at 1:39 A.M. October 16, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*V. W. Peterson*

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/17/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/5-6-7-11/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. G. Coulter</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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Individual residing at Hot Springs, Arkansas, prior to October 2, 1935, suspected of being Karpis. Investigation indicates he is Fred Hunter of Leavittsburg, Ohio. Richard Galatas claimed not to know past activities of Cassius McDonald. Dog race tracks not permitted at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter dated August 15, 1935, and letter from the Kansas City office dated October 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

During the afternoon of October 5, 1935, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Hot Springs, Arkansas, called Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers by telephone and advised him that a person using the name of Parker, residing in an out of the way fishing camp on a lake, had been in Hot Springs for some time and was driving a Hudson Coupe, bearing Ohio license H372M, which was listed to E. F. Parker, 323 North Phelps Street, Youngstown, Ohio, and that the Chief of Detectives of that town had advised him by telegraph that Parker was unknown at that place. He further stated he had checked and found that the Hudson Coupe in question bore serial #551492 and was purchased August 1, 1935, from the Manning Marine Company at Youngstown by cash.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas.

During the evening of October 5, 1935, Chief of Detectives Akers of Hot Springs was contacted by Special Agent B. L. Demron and the writer, at which time he stated he had never seen the person referred to as Parker. However, information had come to him that this individual

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had been residing on Lake Hamilton at Dyer's Landing for several weeks, and that when he came to the city of Hot Springs, he generally wore smoked glasses. He stated he personally called at Dyer's Landing early on the morning of October 2, 1935, and secured the license number attached to the Hudson Coupe, on which he wired the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, and received information to the effect that the license was issued to Parker at the above referred to address, and that the Hudson Coupe in question was a 1935 model, bearing motor #60348.

Thereafter, Akers and Lieutenant Cecil Brock of the Hot Springs Police Department accompanied Agents to Lake Hamilton, which is about seven miles south of Hot Springs, and designated the vicinity in which Parker was reported to be residing. Akers also advised that there was another individual with Parker, about whom he knew nothing.

On the morning of October 6, 1935, Agents proceeded to Burch's Landing, which is adjacent to Dyer's Landing, and secured a boat and remained on the lake until approximately 1:00 P. M. that date. Nothing was observed about Dyer's Landing, and the automobile in question was not noted. These Agents thereafter interviewed the caretaker at Dyer's Landing, who stated his name was Morris B. Loftis, Box 400, Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was determined that Dyer's Landing maintained but two cottages, and that both were vacant. Loftis was then openly interviewed, and he stated that about six weeks before the date of the interview a man, giving his name as Fred Parker, moved in to the smaller of the two cottages and was accompanied at that time by a man known as Harold King. He stated King remained awhile and left, and about three weeks before the interview a man known as Tommy Coleman came and lived with Parker. He stated these individuals were visited on one or more occasions by a man called "George," who claimed to be stopping at the Arlington Hotel. Loftis stated "George" also possessed a Hudson Coupe, bearing 1935 Ohio license H85M; that "George" claimed to have gone to the fight in New York between Baer and Louis, and King was also reported to have attended the fight. He stated that, according to conversations, it was "George's" intention to fly from Little Rock to the East. Loftis was also under the impression that "George" left Little Rock on September 21, 1935, for New York. However, inquiry at the American Airways ticket office reflected the sale of only one ticket on September 21, 1935, and that was to H. G. Perry, 71 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Loftis stated that on one or two occasions Parker and his friends were visited by two girls, who apparently were local Hot Springs girls. However, Loftis stated he did not know these girls and could not furnish an accurate description of them. He stated also that Parker employed a cook, who lived in the servants' quarters back of the cottages and who worked for them up to and including the day they left. He stated this cook was a negro woman about twenty-one years of age, medium complexion, medium weight, and medium build. She was known as "Mina." He stated he took her home on one occasion, in company with Mrs. Al Dyer, wife of the owner of Dyer's Landing, and it was his impression that she lived either one block off Malvern Avenue on Grand, or the next block north about the second house from the corner. Loftis further stated that Parker and the other individuals claimed to be Cleveland, Ohio, gamblers, and that Parker claimed he was in this section of the country on account of his health; that the doctors in Cleveland told him he had tuberculosis, and that a doctor in Hot Springs had also treated him and gave him the same information, advising him he had a hole in one of his lungs. Loftis said Parker claimed he did not have tuberculosis and that the hole

in his lung was caused by an accident which he had in the East some time past, in which one of his ribs was broken and one of his lungs was punctured.

Loftis further advised the cottage was not equipped with telephone service, and that Parker and his associates did not receive any telegrams or other correspondence at the camp while residing there. He stated they claimed they were going to San Diego, California, having received a call through "George" from a friend there, and so far as Loftis knows, they departed from Dyer's Landing on the afternoon of October 2, 1935, for San Diego. However, he stated he knew very little about these individuals, and the fact that they claimed they were proceeding to San Diego may have been to mislead him as to where they actually intended to go. Loftis further advised he never saw any high-powered firearms about the cottage, but one of the men did possess a .22 calibre pistol and a .22 calibre rifle, and they practiced some with these firearms, but not very much. Loftis supplied the following descriptions of the individuals in question:

Name	Fred Parker
Age	32
Height	5 ft., 8 in.
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brownish gray
Teeth	Four upper teeth probably false
Eyeglasses	Wore rimless eyeglasses, equipped with ear pieces
Characteristics	Left handed; left shoulder drooped

Name	Tommy Coleman
Age	37 or 38
Height	5 ft., 8 in.
Weight	144 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Teeth	All front teeth, upper and lower, gold crowned
Mustache or Beard	Smooth shaven

Name	Harold King
Age	30 to 35
Height	5 ft., 8½ in.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	Thin-faced

Name	"George"
Age	30 to 35
Height	5 ft., 7 in.
Build	Medium

An examination was made of the cottage which had been occupied by Parker, and it was determined that same had been thoroughly cleaned and there was nothing left in the cottage which had belonged to Parker or his associates. An examination was made of the door facings and mirrors, but no fingerprints were found. In the garbage refuse, some distance from the building, there were found three empty bottles, which apparently had contained prescriptions filled by the Southern Pharmacy, 244 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, bearing Nos. 592557, 592559, and 594182. The name of Dr. P. Z. Browne was also inscribed on the labels. The name of the person to whom the medicine had been sold was partly obliterated, but appeared to be "Mr. Hunter."

On October 7, 1935, a teletype was dispatched to the Cleveland office, requesting that it be determined whether Parker and his associates were known to the Cleveland police.

The above mentioned bottles were processed for fingerprints, but owing to the fact that they had been outside for some time, no prints or fragments thereof were developed. The bottles were subsequently destroyed.

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Hot Springs, was again interviewed on October 7, 1935, at which time he stated he was not acquainted with Dr. P. Z. Browne, and so far as he knew, Browne bore a good reputation.

Dr. Paul Z. Browne, 702 Medical Arts Building, Hot Springs, was contacted and he stated he had no recollection whatever of treating anybody in the past month or two by the name of Hunter or Parker. He stated he had at one time treated a man by the name of Fred Hunter, who claimed to be from the state of Iowa. He examined his records, which reflected that he treated Hunter from June 15 to July 16, 1935. On making a further examination of his records, he found that on March 25, 1930, Fred Hunter first visited him, with an acute infection of gonorrhoea. At this time Hunter stated he was a welder by occupation, and that he resided at Leavittsburg, Ohio. Dr. Browne stated that on the second visit, which was in June, 1935, he asked no further information from Hunter, inasmuch as he paid his bills cash in advance, and that he knows very little about him. He stated Hunter was a pleasant, nice appearing fellow, and inasmuch as he undressed in his office on each occasion, he did remember that the man did not carry a pistol or firearm of any type. He stated he was unable to give a description of the man, except that he had black hair and was of medium height and build. Dr. Browne examined the photographs of Karpis and Campbell, after which he stated he can positively state the photograph of Karpis is not a likeness of the individual known to him as Fred Hunter. By referring to the Identification Order on Karpis, it appears that Karpis was in custody for a considerable period of time from March 25, 1930, and it is unlikely that he and the Fred Hunter in question are identical. Dr. Browne stated he made no notes of Hunter's address in 1935, and that the fact that he lived some place in Iowa is recalled by him from memory.

G. A. Hogaboon, druggist, care of the Southern Pharmacy, 244 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, was contacted. On a check of his records he determined that prescription #594182 was prepared by him on August 9, 1935, for one Hunter. He stated this was a duplication of prescription #592557, which was prepared by him on May 14, 1935. He stated the actual date may have been June 14, 1935, as the notation

is very dim and in pencil. He stated he also prepared prescription #592559, which consisted of a tonic of iron and arsenic preparation. He stated the other prescriptions were for gonorrhoea treatment, and that he recalled the individual who had the prescriptions filled. On viewing the photograph of Alvin Karpis, he stated there was some resemblance between the photograph and the individual, but that he could not definitely say that the photograph of Karpis was identical with Hunter.

In an effort to locate the negro cook named "Mina," inquiry was made in a large area surrounding Malvern Avenue, East Grand Avenue, and Jefferson Street. The negro girl in question does not reside at the places indicated by Loftis. However, a negro girl named Mina Lowe was located at 107 Palmetto Street, Hot Springs. She stated she had worked at Lake Hamilton during the past summer, but that she had worked for a family named Hall at Short's Landing, and that she never heard of Fred Parker or Fred Hunter. She examined the photographs of Karpis and Campbell and stated the individuals were not known to her.

Morris B. Loftis was thereafter contacted and he stated it was impossible for him to furnish any better address of the negro cook, but that Mrs. Al Dyer, who is presently absent from Hot Springs, probably knew the correct address of "Mina." At this time photographs of Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Loftis, and he indicated the photograph of Karpis was identical to that of Parker, pointing out that Karpis' left shoulder apparently drooped considerably.

On October 11, 1935, Richard Galatas, 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, was contacted and he stated, as best he could recall, he was in Detroit, Michigan, from 1926 to 1928, during which time he operated the Broadway Strand Theatre; that he knew Cassius McDonald as "Cash" McDonald, but knew him by sight only and never had any business dealings with him. Galatas stated he had known McDonald's father many years ago, and that the older McDonald was a Chicago and Detroit gambler, and it is generally believed "Cash" McDonald inherited about one quarter million dollars from his father; that "Cash" McDonald was dealing in stocks and bonds when living in Detroit; and that Ed Attis, who was his counsel in business dealings, was later employed by McDonald when he was arrested in Florida. However, so far as he knows, Attis was not acquainted with McDonald at the time he resided in Detroit. Galatas stated the foregoing was absolutely all the information he had regarding McDonald. From his attitude during the interview, he was apparently frank in his statements.

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers advised no dog race tracks have ever been opened at Hot Springs and that the Mayor of Hot Springs will not permit dog racing in that vicinity, and that in his opinion, there will never be any dog racing conducted at Hot Springs. This information was secured from him in such a way as to not indicate to him that this Agent was officially interested in securing the above information.

Mr. Grumbley and Mr. Chester, managers of the Arlington Hotel at Hot Springs, were contacted inasmuch as Loftis previously stated Parker claimed to be friendly with the manager of the Arlington Hotel, and they stated emphatically that they knew no one named Parker or Hunter and that they knew no one by the name of "George" who could be identical with the person who claimed to be stopping at the Arlington Hotel.

Immediately thereafter, Frank Reynolds, manager of the Arlington Hotel Garage, was contacted and he checked his daily records of automobiles stored from that date to back of June 1, 1935, and found no record of Hudson Coupe, bearing Ohio license H85M. Mr. Reynolds questioned other employees and reported that none of them had a recollection of such a car being stored at the garage in the last few months.

Further inquiry was made at the storage garages in the vicinity of the Arlington Hotel, which produced negative results.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CLEVELAND office at Leavittsburg, Ohio, is requested to conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether Fred Hunter is known at that place. In the event he is known, a description should be secured of him and recorded for the benefit of interested field offices, in order that it may definitely be determined whether the individual in question is in fact Fred Hunter.

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Record of Telephone Call or Visit

Oct. 4 1935.

Time 1:15

Name Edw. Walsh, employee in the  
Resettlement Administration.

Referred to Mr. Foxworth

Details:

Stated that he learned thru a female acquaintance that in a rooming house on M St., in the vicinity of 12th St., there is a man posing as a woman; that the identity of the supposed woman is not known, in as much as he is apparently travelling under an assumed name; that he receives no mail and nothing is known about him; that one day while passing the bathroom, the landlady noticed him shaving and immediately became suspicious; that when he went out that afternoon she searched his trunk and found there a quantity of men's clothing and a wig and a gun. Mr. Walsh stated this individual posing as a woman goes up to the Congressional Library every afternoon. He was referred to Mr. Foxworth in Mr. Tamm's office.

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Mr. McIntire, to whom Mr. Walsh was referred from Mr. Tamm's office, advises Mr. Walsh will call back and furnish them with the address of the above rooming house. cek

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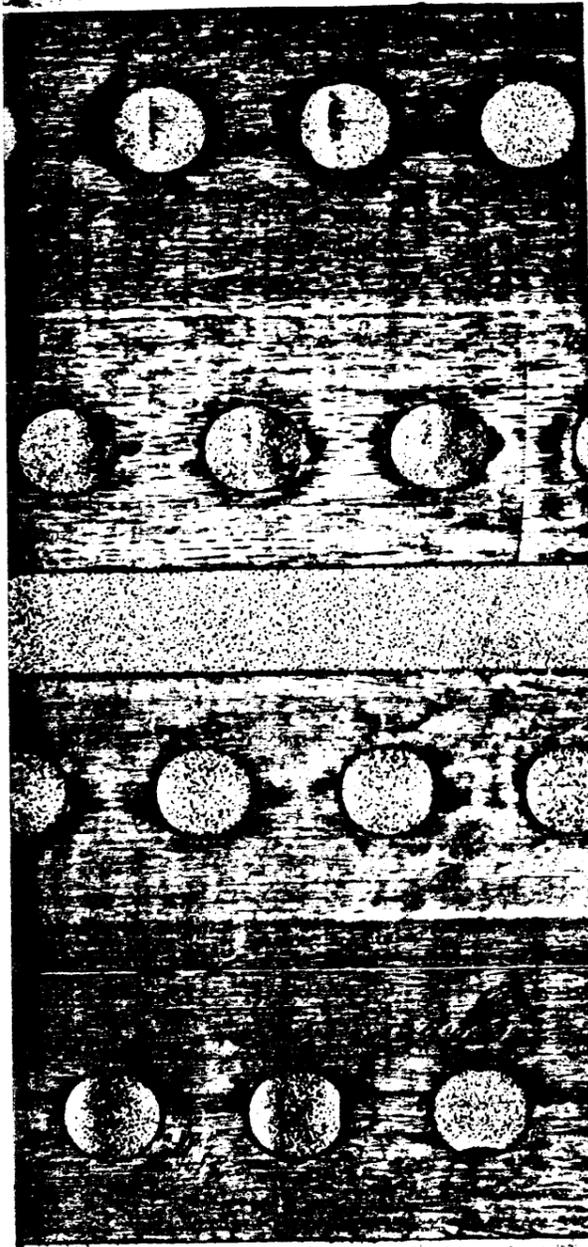
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PRESTON F. GRANDON  
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October 18, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Some time ago, during the trial in St. Paul of the alleged Bremer kidnapers, a story was put on the various press wires telling of the reported gang-land slaying of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, reputedly one of those who swung the ransom negotiations and subsequently handled the money paid for Bremer's release.

So far as we of The Daily Post-Tribune know, no formal statement was ever made by your department to substantiate the report of Moran's death and this letter is being written you to ascertain whether anything has since been developed on the matter. We know your policy regarding publicity on cases under investigation by the department but feel that if it has been definitely determined that Moran is dead there would be no breach of regulations if that fact were formally made known.

Dr. Moran was at one time a prominent resident of this community. He was convicted here a few years ago in an abortion case and sent to Joliet prison, where it is believed he formed the criminal associations which eventually involved him in the Bremer kidnaping.

Anything you can tell us regarding the Moran case, Mr. Hoover, would be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Francis J. Arnold*  
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Mr. Francis J. Arnold,  
Daily Post-Tribune,  
La Salle, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

I have received your letter of October 18, 1935, inquiring as to whether this Bureau has ever made any formal release pertaining to the alleged death of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, whose apprehension has been sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, and I desire to advise you that this Bureau has not issued any release upon this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Case: <sup>0</sup>Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive  
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- A. Original letter dated September 15, 1935 and signed Arthur Barker.  
B. Envelope addressed to Mr. C. E. Barker with register No. 46928.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: October 18, 1935

Examination requested: Bring out hidden writing

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No evidence was found indicating that any secret message existed in the submitted letter and envelope.

The originals will be returned as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of our files.

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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 October 12, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
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KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

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W.A.S.*

There is being transmitted herewith the originals of two letters purportedly being written by George E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, one to his son, Arthur Barker, and the other to his son, Lloyd Barker, both inmates of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. These original letters were furnished by the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, through the co-operation of the Warden and his secretary.

It is desired that these letters receive appropriate analysis by the technical laboratory to reveal the presence of any secret writing on the same.

A copy of each letter is being transmitted to the offices designated below, together with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,  
*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago. Enc.  
cc-St. Paul. Enc.  
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COPY.

Laredo, Mexico  
Oct 8, 1935.

Arthur Barker  
Leavenworth Kan. Box 7.

Dear Son: Well here I am down in Mexico seeing lots of new things. Mrs. Dixon and a friend of her's is with me. I stood the trip fine and am enjoying it. The funeral was teusday after I saw you. had a nice service, friends sent lots of flowers. It was hard but things were carried on nice.

I will try and get up to see you about the 10th of next month. We may go back by way of California as I have never been there.

Love

Your Father

G. E. Barker  
Box 724, Joplin, Mo.

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COPY

Laredo, Mexico  
Oct 8, 1935

Lloyd Barker #17243  
Leavenworth, Kansas. Box 7.

Dear Son:

Well here I am down in Mexico seeing things I never saw before made the trip fine am feeding well Mrs. Dixon and a friend of hers is with me they take good care of me and are good company. The funeral was Tuesday after I saw you. had a nice service and friends sent lots of flowers. It was Hard but things went off nice we may go to California before we go home.

I will see you soon and tell you all I saw, and some day maybe we can make this same trip together.

Love

Your Father  
G. E. Barker.

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Laboratory Report

Number: 7-576-7725

Case: BREKID.

Specimens:  
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- A. Original letter from G.E. Barker to Arthur Barker, beginning, "Dear Son:- Well here I am down in Mexico seeing lots of new".
- B. Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Nuevo Laredo, Tam., 9 Oct., (yr. illegible) 18-19", and addressed to Arthur Barker.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Missouri Office.

Date received: 10-21-35, jwh.

Examination requested: Treat for secret writing.

Examination by: Appel

Result of examination:  
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- C. Original letter from G.E. Barker to Lloyd Barker, beginning, "Dear Son:- Well here I am down in Mexico seeing things".
- D. Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Nuevo Laredo, Tam., 9 Oct., 1935, 18-19", and addressed to Lloyd Barker.

CC: Mr. Connelley at Chicago.  
CC: St. Paul Office.  
CC: Cincinnati Office.

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*Ultra Violet light - "*  
*Heat from flat iron - "*  
*Iodine fuming - "*

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October 24, 1935

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Mr. W. A. Smith,  
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 #3458 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with the statement contained therein, there are returned herewith the following specimens, photographic copies of same having been made for the completion of our files:

- A. Letter from G. E. Barker to Arthur Barker, beginning "Dear Son:-- Well here I am down in Mexico seeing lots of new things. ...."
- B. Envelope addressed to Arthur Barker.
- C. Letter from G. E. Barker to Lloyd Barker, beginning "Dear Son:-- Well here I am down in Mexico seeing things I never see. ...."
- D. Envelope addressed to Lloyd Barker.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #376169

REGISTERED MAIL

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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October 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

7-576-7726  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Dear Sir:

This will advise that on October 4, 1935, Mr. Edward Walsh, 1205 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C., called at the Bureau and advised that a lady friend of his, whose name he declined to mention, has a girl friend who is living at a rooming house on 17th and H Streets, Washington, D. C.; that the landlady at this rooming house has advised there is a party living there whom she believes is impersonating a woman but who in fact is believed to be a man, and that on one or more occasions the landlady has observed this questionable person shaving in the bathroom. This suspicious person is alleged to have lived at this rooming house for approximately three months and is said to spend most of "her" time at the Congressional Library. The landlady is reported to have gone through the wardrobe of this suspicious person and to have found several suits of men's clothing, a blonde wig and a size seven shoe.

Mr. Walsh advised the Bureau that he had no more specific information to offer at this time but believed there was some possibility that the questionable person might be identical with Alvin Karpis. He further advised that he would obtain the correct address of the instant rooming house and would telephonically advise the Bureau. He has failed to do this, however, and it is requested that an Agent of the Washington Field Office immediately make proper inquiries of Mr. Walsh to learn the location of said rooming house. Thereafter, pertinent and immediate inquiries should be made in an effort to learn whether the suspicious person is in fact identical with Alvin Karpis.

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Cincinnati  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

~~John Edgar Hoover~~  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*John*

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DIRECTOR

SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. \* LOU HAS RETURNED EDITH'S PLACE TOLEDO BUT NO OTHER MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND HAVE DISCONTINUED FOR PRESENT TELEPHONE TAP AND AGENTS MCKEE BARBER AND DEVEREAU RETURNED TO CHICAGO. AGENT MUZZEY PROCEEDED DETROIT AND AGENT C. E. SMITH PROCEEDED CLEVELAND WHERE HE WILL CHECK POSSIBLE CONTACTS SHOWN BY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM EDITH'S PLACE AND AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK WITH CONTACT INFORMANTS AT TOLEDO. BELLE BORN LOCATED 124 SOUTH MARTEN, WAUKESHA WITH PARTY APPARENTLY SISTER OR CLOSE RELATIVE AND WE ARE CONTINUING CHECK ON HER MOVEMENTS WITH NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS YET.

CONNELLY.

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- Mr. Baugh
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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*Edw. G. Bremer*

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DIRECTOR BREKID. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS TOLEDO EXCEPT "LOU" DISAPPEARED FOR SHORT TIME YESTERDAY AND EDITH EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN AS TO HOW MUCH SHE KNEW AND THAT SHE "LOU" SHOULD NOT BE "ON THE LOOSE". BELLE BORN PROCEEDED MILWAUKEE TO WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS AND WILL COVER HER MOVEMENTS HERE. KARPIS PARENTS RECENTLY PURCHASED CONSIDERABLE NEW CLOTHING INDICATED WELL SUPPLIED FUNDS AND ENDEAVORING TO GET SUITABLE CHECK ON THEM.

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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

On October 15, 1935 Special Agents R. C. Suran, M. V. Kirkland, and G. A. Paulson trailed Belle Born to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she did some shopping in Dayton's store and then proceeded by bus to the bus depot in St. Paul. She was kept under surveillance until about 2:30 in the afternoon, when Agents Suran and Kirkland followed her to the Union Depot, where she took the Northwestern train, known as The 400, apparently enroute for Milwaukee. Agents Suran and Kirkland boarded the same train with her. The Milwaukee Office was immediately notified telephonically, with the request that it in turn notify Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

On the same date Special Agent G. A. Paulson was directed to return to Mankato to maintain telephone tap with Special Agent Robert Tonis on Belle Born. This tap will be maintained until Mr. Connelley directs otherwise.

Judging from the telephone conversation overheard by Agents on this tap on October 12, 1935, it appears that Belle Born's visit to Waukegan is of a temporary nature and will last probably a week or a week and a half, inasmuch as on that date Belle Born ordered some flowers from a florist, stating that she would return within a week or a week and a half to pay for same.

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Special Agent G. A. Paulson advised me on the night of October 16, 1935 that the telephone conversations have not given any evidence of where Belle Born might be at the present time.

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Very truly yours,  
H. E. Andersen  
H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Milwaukee

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H. E. ANDERSEN

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\*Wiretapping

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1935.

Time - 9:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Karpis and Campbell.

Dwight Brantley called me from Oklahoma City to discuss certain phases of the investigation in that district relative to the two above named individuals.

Special Agent Paul Hansen at Tulsa, Oklahoma, got in touch with the Sheriff's Office there, and one of the deputies, Tony Benson, gave Hansen a story to the effect that there is a woman by the name of Mabel Crabtree operating a certain beer tavern near Tulsa, Oklahoma, she being the wife of an ex-convict. Her husband is running a similar place in Tulsa. This woman appears to be living with a brother of her husband, Norris Crabtree. Deputy Sheriff Benson told Hansen a story to the effect that he suspected Karpis and Campbell are frequenting this beer tavern operated by Mabel Crabtree. Benson apparently got this idea through information furnished to him by some underworld character in Tulsa, the name of whom he would not furnish to Hansen. Benson a night or two ago, posing as a cab driver, drove up to this place with his informant and loafed around a while. While he was there, the woman and some man in there had a fight, and the woman ran out and got into the cab with Benson and his informant, after which they drove around while the informant of Benson's talked to her. During the conversation which the informant had with Mabel, mention was made to the effect that "Harry and Alvin" are going in there, the inference being that the two above named subjects are frequenting these beer taverns in Tulsa.

Benson told Paul Hansen that he would like to have the Bureau install a telephone tap on the telephone leading to this tavern. Mr. Brantley said that both he and Mr. Hansen are somewhat skeptical of this for the reason that they believe Benson wants this telephone tap put on so that information might be obtained for the Sheriff's Office on other matters. Mr. Brantley said, however, that Benson is "a fairly good officer, although a little garrulous". Campbell has threatened to "get him" in the past, and Benson, in addition to gaining the advantage of any momentary consideration to be derived from apprehending Campbell, wants to get even with him. Mr. Brantley asked me for my idea relative to this telephone tap.

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I told Mr. Brantley that I am somewhat adverse toward installing a telephone tap under such circumstances, particularly in the absence of indications that something is going on over the telephone in which we should be interested. Mr. Brantley said, therefore, that this tap would not be put on at this time, but the idea would be borne in mind for possible future use.

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- Mr. Quinn .....
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Mr. Brantley continued that Agent Hansen was informed yesterday by Joe Anderson, Kansas State Highway Policeman, that he, Anderson, had obtained information from some informant that Tommy Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, a man by the name of Coker, Alvin Sherwood and Harry Campbell have on foot a plot to rob the home of some wealthy elderly man living near Vinita, Oklahoma, name and address of this man not being known at this time. This old man is supposed to have a large sum of money hidden in his home, and it is their intention to make the old man tell where the money is hidden, or to crack the safe in his home. Joe Anderson says he is trying to ascertain the identity of the old man in order that his cooperation can be obtained in order to arrange for a plant. Joe Andersen is apparently getting his information from some individual who is in turn getting his information from Tom Karpis(?) who, according to Mr. Brantley, was arrested in Neosho, Missouri, the other day.

Mr. Brantley said that there appear to be rumors of this kind going on around Vinita most of the time, and he does not believe there is anything the Bureau can or should do in this matter at this time. I told Mr. Brantley that under these facts, it certainly would not appear to be worth putting an Agent in anyone's house or anything like that at this time. Mr. Brantley said he told Mr. Hansen to keep in touch with Joe Anderson, and if anything definite turns up on this, we will, of course, go along with him.

Mr. Brantley mentioned the newspaper publicity recently emanating from Miami, Oklahoma, to the effect that Karpis and Campbell are the ones who tried to kidnap a boy from school up there the other day. He said that "those officers up there are enjoying this publicity a whole lot"; that, however, the Agents of the Oklahoma City Office have carefully checked this matter and no person has at any time appeared around this school building who in any manner resembles Karpis or Campbell.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 18, 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; etal  
EDWARD G. OBREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette, 536 Valley Street, Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*  
W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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Milan, Mich.  
Oct. 17, 1935.  
Box 1000.

Darling Bro and Sis:-

I'm going to try and answer your sweet letter's although, as you have probably already seen, I'm not much of a hand at it. You're right, Helen, when you say a card isn't like a letter. It's like a starving man being shown a steak and then given a glass of milk, not very satisfying. Of course when you can have the card and letter, too, it's pretty nice.

Any one could be excused for making mistakes in a mere letter when Art is playing his violin. How you could ever keep your mind on the letter, Helen, is more than I'll ever know. I know I couldn't. Gee, but wouldn't I love to hear you play big brother o mine, would that be a treat - Oh, man! and how! Helen, when Art ask's you to stop and listen to him play don't spank him, give him a great big kiss. That's what he deserves for playing so well.

It's getting awfully cold here, too, and going up on that roof in this weather is no laughing matter. The wind seems to come from every which way and just takes your breath away. We wear overalls; a sweater, a leather jacket and a big heavy mackinaw and still freeze.

Helen, that picture you sent me was real cute but id doesn't half do you justice. Someday when you can - get a real nice one taken and drag that big brother of mine down and make him have one make, too. Will ya, huh?

Listen, Buddy, don't feel so blue - thing's will pick up and you're bound to get a real good job. Just wait and see if I'm not right, honey. Someday, soon, some one will hear you play that violin and give you a job just like that. Won't that be dandy? Sure, will, darlin, and it's the truth too - so help me!

Where are you expecting to go from Lewistown? And what are you expecting to do? When you get there (Wherever there is)? I sure wish you were going to Okla. - that's the only place in the world, Isn't it, honey? I never really feel at home any place else.

Art, I don't know Opal's address and any way I can only write four letter's a month and I need that many for my own family. I would love to hear from her tho' but it's out of the question right now.

I wish you could see me now, am I ever looking cute. I've got some glasses! Yes - believe it or not. Had my eyes examined a couple of

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weeks ago and I am just a little bit near sighted - have the glasses, Wouldn't  
you just love to see em, and me too? I look just like an old grand-Ma, no  
foolin!

Well Honey's, I'm tired and it's about bed time so nightie to you  
both.

Loads and Loads of Love.

Your baby sis Nonie. B.

P.S.

Be sure and write me next month.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

October 17, 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, etc.

With respect to the cases of harboring, et cetera,  
pending in the Federal court at Miami, Florida, against Joe Adams,  
et al, please be advised that I am in receipt of a memorandum from  
Resident Agent B. F. Fitzsimons at that place in which he advises

"I was informed by Miss Katheryn Brady, secretary to  
the Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, this  
afternoon (October 15, 1935) that the cases now  
pending against Joe Adams, et al, in Miami were  
continued to the April term of court. Miss Brady  
stated that the continuance was granted by Judge  
Ritter at the request of Mr. Barlow who communi-  
cated with Assistant United States Attorney Gramling  
by long distance telephone from Washington today."

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc E.J. Connelley at Chicago  
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OCTOBER 19, 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:

With further reference to my letter dated September 16, 1935,  
relative to the cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer  
Farmer, register #47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau  
and each of the field offices designated below copies of the  
following correspondence:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff, Chicago,  
dated October 6, 1935;

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated  
October 6, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked  
Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked  
Chicago, Illinois, October 8, 1935;

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, postmarked  
Elmhurst, Illinois, October 10, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked  
Chicago, Illinois, October 10, 1935;

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated  
October 13, 1935;

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Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated  
October 13, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked  
Chicago, Illinois, October 14, 1935.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Encls.  
cc-Cincinnati, Encls.  
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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked Chicago, Ill.,  
October 8, 1935.

Tuesday Evening, 6:30 P.M.

Dearest Elmer:

I thought I would hear from you today but did not receive your letter so I  
guess I will write to you.

How are you getting along ol' dear?

I guess, I told you I was going to the agencies as soon as I received the money  
from Sue. Well I did and yesterday I went to a place on Dearborn St. but the  
position was filled, then this morning I went to a Drugstore on Milwaukee &  
Dawn Ave, but the position was filled and so in the morning I am going to a tea  
room on Michigan & Chicago Ave, so here's hoping I get it. Honestly, even  
trying to get a job through an agency is hard.

Well, there's not much news to tell you about. Have not done much of anything  
outside of running around and trying to get located. I am not so sure whether  
we will like that apartment or not so write to me here until I tell you of any  
changes. Did you get your job back? I certainly hope you did. How is Harold  
getting along? I suppose you have heard from Jim by this time? He really is  
funny, not ever caring to write to you only when he thinks he can make trouble.  
You know of course I am not to blame after all you are not so narrow minded  
as to believe I am.

I hope you are not angry about the whole affair after all. Why should you be?

Have never heard from Lil. I wonder what happened to her? Her mother's  
telephone has been disconnected so there is no way of locating her. Well,  
Elmer, this is just about all for this time, though rather short. I will write  
an answer to your letter if I hear from you tomorrow and let you know how I  
made out, so hoping you are getting along O. K. and best regards from all of the  
folks and they all say "hello" to you, so until I hear from you will close with  
lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4113 West End Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103, postmarked, Elmhurst, Ill.,  
Oct. 10, 1935.

Oct. 9, 1935.

Dear Elmer,

I just received your letter this morning. I'll write you now and get it in the mail so it will go out tomorrow morning.

Chub had to go to West Chicago in regard to the \$150 Fisher wants to collect and who do you think the witness against him was - Mrs. Helen Conliff, he said he was dumfounded, she was Fisher's witness and she said he would have to pay it as he promised he would and she said he (Chub) put them out and took everything of yours, and you wanted them to stay in Bensenville until you come back, that had nothing to do with the \$150., but she tells that story to anyone who will listen. She said a lot more too. Smoke went over with Chub and she started getting personal with him but he shut her up. It was in a Justice of the Peace house. Chub told them that he never had a thing to do with getting the attorney. He only saw them once when they came in the tavern and they did not mention anything about his fee - he said he understood the bill was all paid. She got all the money from the sale of your car and money owed you and she handled all that, its just spite work on her part. They continued the case and Chub will have to go over Saturday again. She asked Tesner if he wanted her to come out again and he said he did not think it would be necessary. They cant collect that as it isn't owed to them. They never did a thing for you. They thought they could scare Chub. Gifford told Chub he would go over with him Saturday so I'll let you know how it turns out. I suppose she has written you about it, but you ought to tell her where to go. You paid them plenty when you paid 1500 to McMeeken and 300 to Fisher. I suppose she expects to get half of the \$50 if they can collect it. She sold the furniture at the house and kept that money so she did pretty well for herself.

I hope you get steady work there and you wont be moved farther away. If you think you are going to be transferred I would come to see you now, but I was waiting until you had steady work so we could have a better visit.

I hope you can have your time cut and I'm sure Mr. Dunteman and others will do what they can to help you. It's too soon now but later on we'll see if something cant be done. Things are going along alright here, the restaurant is doing good, also the Tavern. Chub has been doing good since the Hennifins left, they left owing \$260 grocery bill also \$20 telephone \$150 water and three months rent.

Well thats about all the news for this time. Its raining here today. Im going downtown to-morrow, if you ever want anything that I can send you, let me know. I got the tax bill for Belmont and their only \$18 this year. We owe several years back taxes and we'll try to pay them this coming year.

I'll surprise Chub again and maybe get another \$20, he gets \$25 a month for the restaurant. He comes over now once a week to hear what you have written. You know he's not much on writing letters but he will be writing you one of these days.

I'm glad you are feeling alright. Time really passes quickly, we'll soon be in 1936. I'll look for your letter next week. I hope you get this one Friday.

I'll say Good-bye now. Much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, 47103, postmarked, Chicago, Oct. 10, 1935.

Wednesday evening.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your very nice letter this afternoon so thought I would write you. I am so very tired, I am shaky. I wrote to you last night and told you I was going to a place on Michigan Ave. I did and when I talked to the woman in charge she told me they had not called the agency for anyone. Well, I then walked all the way back from Chicago & Mich to Dearborn and Madison and talked to Mr. Bresin, a man who does the hiring for Raklios and asked him to try and put me on steady if he could and then I walked to Washington & Wells to the agency and talked to the girl at the agency and told her not to send me on anymore wild goose chases, so as she had nothing for me I came home and had not more than arrived in the house when she called and told me about a fountain job at Milwaukee & Damian Ave. So I went over there and the man said he did not want anyone for two weeks, so that's out and I came home and believe me, very tired, so I guess I will go downtown tomorrow and try again. Well Elmer, your letter was nice as I told you before but I wonder how you feel about me, now that you have read that other letter and all about Court and of course, you must have heard from Jim? I hope it has not made any difference between you and I, however I will wait until next week and see whether you write to me or not. Which I hope you will. Irene was telling me last night when she called up that Jim was held up and robbed Saturday night in the Tavern. Now I suppose he will blame me for that, he dislikes me so much. I read in the Evening American last night that a man who owns a Restaurant in Elmhurst by the name of Campbell and Al Wilde bet on the Baer - Louis fight and this Campbell lost and had to wheel Al Wilde around in a wheelbarrow while he was dressed in pajamas. You mentioned Mike in your letter I never hear from those people at all. McKeekin is supposed to be in Chicago this week in Federal Court on a case, perhaps he will get in touch with me. I will let you know if he does or not. I am glad you did not wear those bracelets on the train. You evidently looked nice from your description of your clothes. Nick is about the same, he really went out today tho' to the Karbro to see pictures of the fight. Dont you have movies there? Not so terribly important about Harold's mother. I just thought I might write her a letter sometime. Hope you get to working steady before it gets too cold to enjoy being outdoors for you.

Well ol' dear there is not much more to tell you about. As long as we are not located in a job as yet we are staying here with Mae and Nick so continue to write to me here until I let you know differently.

Hoping you are feeling O. K. and write to me soon will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October 13, 1935.

Dear Blanche:

I received your letter on Friday night and was surprised to hear she was in court again against Chub, but I don't but anything past those people as they are in for all they can get out of any one. It looks like they are trying to collect what every they can from Chub and split it up between them one cent as Fisher was no lawyer of mine and why he was paid anything at all I can't see as he did nothing for me. McMeeken told me the day I paid him that I didn't need an other lawyer that he would go to Bensenville his self. so I gave him another hundred dollars for that, so if I had Fisher down there in Chicago why would McMeeken have to go there also. I received a letter from Helen yesterday and she was telling me all about it and that she had to go as they wanted her to pay it that's her excuse. I haven't answered her letter yet, but will do so tomorrow and hope she doesn't write to me any more. She also said McMeeken was coming to Chicago he wrote her. I don't see why he doesn't write to you about my case and not her. we had rain down here this week also, only one nice day so I only got out to work one day. When it rains we don't get out to work the most I can go out is three days as we have to share days every week and no work on Saturday or Sunday. I don't think they will keep me on this job much longer and the sooner I get placed some where else the better it will be for me on other jobs when you are not working you can still stay out in the yard, but on this one I am on you have to go in again. you can't send me anything down here as they don't allow any one to have things sent in to them. so Chub is doing pretty good now that's fine I hope he keeps up like that and he may give you some money to pay up the back taxes with. She also said in her letter that Chub was held up Saturday night, it seems like her sister is still out there going to school and staying some place in town there and she told her about it. They seem to know every move that's going on out there and that's all I hear about. it will take some time before I can have my case brought up before the board as all the people in this case are not tried yet but some will be soon now and there is others yet they haven't got, so I will have to wait until it's all cleaned up first. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff, 4113 West End Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October 13, 1935.

Dear Helen:

Received your three letters last week. its been raining most of the week down here and is raining today also. I onley worked one day this week so hope I get out to work more this comming week. so your were in court aginst Chub. I dont think that was the right thing to do. Fisher has nothing comming from him. if you told Fisher Chub would pay him anything for me, thats not ture as I dont owe him anything and never did want him. it was you who draged him around with you so I gess you paid him plenty any way. he got three hundred and sixty dollars for nothing and McMeeken told you not to give him any thing. in the first place I didnt want any lawyer and thing would of been about the same as the lawyer didnt do me any good. Harold had one appointed and made out just the same as I did. so all the money you gave them lawyers was just throwing away. So i dont think you are spiting any one but your self by having Chub in court and I hope he doesn't have to pay one cent to any one. I sure have my troubles both in here and out side. best regards to May and Nick.

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked, Chicago,  
October 14, 1935.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

It certainly is a nice day and I hope you are out in the yard and enjoying it. How are you getting along? I hope you are feeling well. Did Jim write to you? I suppose he did and informed you as to what a terrible person I am. Of course I told you the judge reserved his opinion until yesterday and we were all supposed to appear in West Chicago at 2 o'clock but Fisher called and the judge told him he would like more witnesses for Fischer so knowing he had no more and feeling sure Jim had everything fixed for himself he withdrew his suit and I think he intends to file one in Wheaton, so thats that. I saw Bill Palmer the other night, that is Mary Rose & I went to a Chapel to see a lady who was dead. A girl by the name of Mary Capparelli, who I knew a long time ago lost her mother and her maiden name was Granata. Her brother is a State Senator by the name of Peter Granata. Very high class and I met same and his wife there and just oodles of people, so some took me over and we talked to this Mr. Granata about you. I hope he can do you some good. I am going to the funeral tomorrow morning with Rose Bill & Mary. Bill said to say "hello" to you. You know that Fisher's partner Mike Romano, who was supposed to come to St. Paul to see you? Well, if you please he has given up law and is going into the movies. You remember I told you he was very good looking.

Well, ol' dear have not received a job as yet but I am going to see a man who owns an Ice Cream Parlor and liquor store tomorrow about a job, after the funeral so heres hoping I am successful. Nick is just about about the same, no changes bur everyone else is fine and they all say hello and hope you are well. I guess this is about all so write to me as soon as you can, so will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff, 4113 West End Ave., Chicago.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October  
6th, 1935.

Dear Helen:

I received your two letters last night also one from St. Paul you wrote to me there. I guess I told you about that one last week. So you are getting along some better now or at least hope to when you get the fifty. I hope that starts you off to a good job and then everything will be alright. I am not working steady yet onley one day and a half last week not so good and I am still in the same place down here. If I could onley get out in the yard every day it would be fine but I dont, but mabey I soon will any way, I look for it each day. I dont get to talk to Harold so I cant get you his mother's address, but if I get to talk to him some time I will get it and send it to you. I seen that in the paper about the Itasce Country Club burning down. I havent seen anything in the paper about Mike of late suppose he is still in Chicago yet. So McMeekin wrote to you saying he went over to see me Monday but I was gone. I dont think he cares to see me very bad if he did he would of came there when he knew I was there. He did the same thing the other time I was up there he always waits until I am gone before he comes to see me. I was dressed in a blue suite tan shoes and white shirt and cap. It was a nice trip both ways. We knew the men that took us as there were from St. Paul and came down with us the first time so that made it much better. They didnt keep the Jewlry on us in the train onley when we were on the street so no one on the train knew where we were from. Blanche sent me ten dollars and Harold had money sent to him so we had plenty of money to eat on while we were there and I had four dollars left when we got back here. I dont think they will want us back in St. Paul anymore as we didnt know any of those people up there thats on trial. We both look at Weaser and Sawyer up there but never seen eather of them befor. So that was all thay wanted of us thay thought these people were in the house at Bensenville and at my Taserm there but if they were I never seen them so could not stay for the trial. Monte will take the stand aginst them up there Nov 5 then I look for him to come down here as he wont get out of this so easy. he may not get as much time as the rest but will get some time to do down here or some other place like this. So Nick is about the same hope he get better soon. Give May and Nick my regards. Will say good by for now.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant, 275 Geneva Ave.,  
Elmhurst, Ill.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October 6th, 1935.

Dear Blanche:

I received your letter friday also the five dollars. So Chub is to be in court about me owing Fisher \$50. I dont owe him any money at all and never did. He came to St Paul twice to see me and I told him I didnt want him and he sent McMeekan to me. I took McMeekan for fiteen hundred and paid him in full. Then Fisher wanted some thing for what he had done and he got three hundred and sixty dollars for commong up to St Paul twice. If I had it do over again I wouldnt have any lawyer at all. So you tell Chub not to give them any money and dont let them take him to any court in Chicago, make them come out there. I think thay are just trying to scare him. Thay thought he might be afraid and come in and pay them something. I only worked one day and a half this week not so good. I am still in the same place here but hope to get out to work steady some time soon now. If they dont put me to work here I will have to be transferred some place else. Thats why Sullivan told me he would have it done if I wanted it. I told him to do so if he could. He said he would write to Cumming for me. Thay were very nice to me in St Paul and I dont think thay will want me up there agin. McMeeken didnt come to see me while I was there. I suppose he will write to you and say he was there but I had left. I dont think he wants to see me very bad. So Mr. Duntaman was asking about me, he would be fine to sign my papers for me but thats some time to go yet, but mabey I can have my time cut before then and he could help me to get out. He knows lots of people that could help me and I am sure he would do it for me. If I am transferred from here it wont be any closer to Chicago it will be farther away. This place here is the nearest to Chicago. I see in the paper about the fire in the Itasca Country Club, it was just a frame building but it looked very nice and thay had it fixed up nice on the inside. The ford is still in good shape and running fine. Gifford can do more with it than I could. My cars were not much good after I drove them one year, they look alright but didnt run very good any more. Chub must be going along alright to hand you twenty at one time, you must have took him by supprise to get that from him, so you might try that again soon. This is about all the news best regard to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, received from Helen Conliff, Chicago,  
Postmarked Oct. 7, 1935.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

I suppose you are looking for a letter from me so thought I would send you one. How are you getting along ol' dear? My uncle has the "World Series" ballgame on the radio. I wonder if you can listen to it there?

Well Elmer, I want to tell you something that happened. Of course you know that there was a balance of \$150.00 owed to Fischer for handling your case.

Before I begin to tell you about it, I want it understood by you that all of the money that was paid to attorneys by me, was raised through me selling all of the things you told me to and trying to collect money owed you by different people and when I paid McKee's expenses down here, I raised the money on my rings and the pins. What I am trying to make clear to you is that not at any time did Jim nor anyone else give me a nickle. Well anyway, Fischer knows what my circumstances are as far as collecting from me, so though in all sincerity I feel he received enough. He started a suit against Jim to collect. You know Elmer, Jim has everything just the way he wants to have it, the boxes of yours I let him have, the tavern and no expenses for anyone but himself and he has a new car so he really is living very nice.

Well, anyway Fischer wrote to him and asked him to arrange terms or any way he would find it convenient for himself to pay. Jim ignored him entirely. Sam called Jim and he hung up on Sam, so of course there was nothing else to do but go to Court.

I am not taking sides, I don't care if he collects or not, but I had to go to Court and explain how I engaged Fischer and why. If I would not have gone of my own accord, he would have had me served with a subpoena. I talked it over with Sam and he suggested I go for the simple reason he feels that through Fischer and his brother he can do you a lot of good. I told you what a high position Fischer's brother holds. With the G. It came up yesterday in West Chicago. You know Smoke Lang is from there., so I guess he put a "fix" in and he was there with Jim and before I forget, Jim has a new girl friend, an old frowzy looking woman who was there with him. Anyway, to go on, he spoke up and asked for a change of venue so we had to go to another Judge, who I guess was a friend of "Smokes". You know how I have always felt about Jim. I do not like him and never have and I feel that in all respect and decency he should pay this and he should not have subjected both of us to a courtroom. With all of the gawding hicks who heard all the details of your case and it was all aired out in Court for their benefit. Smoke was Jim's witness and what a witness he was. They were both about half plastered and so was that woman. The Judge asked why I acted as agent and transacted all of the business and Fischer said I was your fiancee and that you trusted and had confidence in me, but your friend Smoke was not content with that, he had to say in front of all those people "Elmer

had a lot of confidence and trust in her, he thought so little of her he spent his days and part of his nights with another girl and went home to her at night". I spoke up and said, well, Smoke you are not hurting me a bit, because I knew that a long time ago and you really are a "heel" to tell that in a Courtroom about Elmer". It went on like that, very pleasant you know and the Judge is reserving his opinion until next Saturday at two o'clock in the afternoon, when we are supposed to go out there again, at which time Sam will be there too. You see Jim feels that I should pay the money and if I had it I would but I have not and I am well aware of the fact that it was me who "hystled" up all of the money and I think that as long as he did not pay for anything else, he could pay this. About that remark of Smoke's, its true I guess, because I heard other things too and from reliable people and even that girl herself, so forget it, but it was not a very nice way to treat me. I guess Jim will write and tell you about it or Blanche, but Elmer throughout your trouble I was the only one who tried to help you as best I could and even now I am trying to help you too, so I hope you will not be angry about it all. I have nothing to say about it and if you and I are sorry.

Well, I suppose you are out in the yard to-day. Did you get your job back? Well, I got that money from Sue and so I guess, we will be getting situated soon. We went to see a woman to-day who wanted to have two women share an apartment with her and it really is a lovely place. It would only be \$25. - per month for the two of us, so it is reasonable. I will let you know more about it the next time, I write to you. I have money enough now to go to an Agency so tomorrow I intend to and then I will have a steady job and as soon as I can save enough I will come and see you. I know that will be before the holidays. Irene was in yesterday and I told her to go and see Pete Leinpeter and see if he would take Scottie for me. I cannot keep him if we get another place and my aunt will not keep him if I am not here to clean up after, that is, pick up bones and wipe up the floor when his feet are dirty, so I hope he will and I know Pete would be good to him. There is not much news to tell you about. Martha and I went to the show last night, Les was working.

I wrote to Sullivan but have not heard from him so far, so I suppose he will write soon. Nick is just about the same, still has those spells, but will not go to the Doctor, so what can you do with him?

Well, honey, write to me soon and I hope you will not feel bad about us being a Court. Jim could have saved us all this trouble if he would have arranged some terms or something but per usual he is the same louse he always was. I hope you are feeling O. K. and getting along nicely and so until I hear from you will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.

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October 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge, RECORDED  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs

It is the understanding of the Bureau that shortly prior to the trial of numerous subjects in the above entitled case at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the spring of 1935, a question and answer statement was obtained from William Bryan/Bolton by United States Attorney George F. Sullivan and Special Agent J. E. Brennan. It is desired that a copy of this question and answer statement be forwarded to the Bureau immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago

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OCT 22 1935

*Edward George Bremer*

Jacksonville, Florida  
October 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218 - FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING, etc.  
Jacksonville File #7-24

With reference to teletype from Mr. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1935, investigation to be made at Sarasota, Florida, was assigned to Special Agent F. F. Yearsley.

At 8:15 PM, October 16, 1935, Agent Yearsley reported by long-distance telephone that at the home of Ruth Potts, 143 - 5th Street, Sarasota, he observed a Packard Sedan, 1930 or 31 model, bearing Indiana License tags 1-431. This car is supposed to belong to Ruth's brother, name and address unknown. He is described as follows:

Age: 35-40 years      Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 145 lbs.      Hair: Black  
Complexion: Medium, side burns,  
long nose.

He is frequently accompanied by a woman, supposedly his wife, described as follows:

Age: 35      Eyes: Dark  
Weight: 140-145 lbs.      Complexion: Fair  
Hair: Brown      Wears glasses

No better descriptions of this man or his wife than above set out for the reason that they were observed by Yearsley from a window in a nearby house.

These persons are living with Ruth Potts and her sister Ada Potts. They are supposed to have married brothers. Ruth and Ada have lived at the house at 143 - 5th Street in Sarasota, since June 10, 1935, however they have been in Sarasota since November 24, 1933. They have lived previously in more than half a dozen places. Ada has a little girl 3 years of age and is supposed to have another child with her parents, names and address unknown. Ada is about 35 years of age and is employed in Sarasota as a waitress.

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Most of the aforementioned information was obtained by Agent Yearsley from some old folks who live near Ruth Potts home

Ada and Ruth are frequently with a Mrs. Mead of Chicago, presently residing at the Louise Apartments in Sarasota. Her husband is E. A. Mead of Chicago, however E. A. Mead does not appear to be in Sarasota at the present time. Mead and his wife have been coming to Sarasota every winter since 1930.

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[REDACTED] They have resided at the Villa Goodrich Hotel in Sarasota, operated by Edward Ropp from Chicago. Ropp has been coming to Sarasota during the winter seasons since 1930. He is reported as operating a roadhouse in the suburbs of Chicago. He is an associate or intimate of Leu and Sam Alport, both of Chicago, and Emil Gonderman of South Bend. The Alports and Gonderman, when they came to Sarasota several years ago, bought three of the best hotels in town and frequently have as their guests various men from Chicago.

Mrs. E. A. Mead, previously mentioned, is presently driving a new Plymouth Sedan bearing Florida license tag #205263 which was issued on January 1, 1935, for a Ford V8 Tudor Sedan.

Agent Yearsley has placed a cover on the mail of Ada and Ruth Potts as well as that of Mrs. Mead. He will obtain further information concerning this matter in Sarasota from informants, who have resided near the Potts and whom he is cultivating at this time.

E. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

October 17, 1935

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 818,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your teletype of October 15,  
1935, requesting that we discreetly determine if Ruth Potts, described, is  
now residing at Sarasota, Florida; also the identity of her friends  
and manner in which she makes her living, et cetera.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of a  
memorandum of my telephone conversation with Special Agent F. F.  
Yearsley from Sarasota, Florida. Agent Yearsley handled this matter  
at that point.

I am wondering whether any of the names mentioned  
in this memorandum have come to your attention previously in the in-  
vestigation of this case.

By telegraph I have requested the Indianapolis office  
to ascertain the name, address, identity, and reputation of the person  
to whom Indiana license tags 1-431 were issued, and type of car for  
which issued, and to advise you and the Jacksonville office telegraphically  
of the results of inquiry.

~~Potts at Sarasota. A cover has been placed on the mail  
at Sarasota. A. A. Hand's mail is also being checked.~~

The investigation of this matter at Sarasota up to the  
present time does not disclose any association of the persons at Sarasota  
with subjects of this case. However, additional inquiries are being made  
and you will be kept advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
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Jax #7-24

318 Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

October 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935, to the Los Angeles Bureau office, setting forth certain undeveloped leads in the territory covered by the Los Angeles office which have not been covered.

Your attention is directed to the second paragraph of reference letter which sets forth certain undeveloped leads at Flagstaff, Arizona, as set out in the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8, 1935. Flagstaff, Arizona, now being in the territory covered by the Phoenix office you are requested to advise this office whether this lead has been covered and if not please furnish this office with a copy of the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8, 1935.

It is also noted that paragraph four, page four, of reference letter calls to the attention of the Los Angeles office investigation to be conducted at Phoenix, Arizona. However, a review of the file in the Phoenix office reveals that this investigation was covered as set forth in the report of Special Agent W. E. Marshall, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 6-10-35.

It is noted that none of the serials of the Los Angeles file of this case were transmitted to the Phoenix office at the time of the opening of this office. It is therefore requested that the Los Angeles office furnish the Phoenix office with any serials containing leads for the territory covered by the Phoenix office.

Very truly yours,

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Chapman Fletcher  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 18, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith  
a letter written by Wynona Burdette, an in-  
mate of your institution, to her brother,  
Art Burdette, and his wife, Helen.

The contents of this letter  
has been carefully scrutinized and appears  
to contain no information of value.

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

Very truly yours,

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Enc.  
cc-Bureau ✓

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping; Harboring; Obstruction of  
Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent Paul Hansen, of this Office, working in Tulsa and vicinity, has learned that one Milton Brooks and Tom Carpenter are in jail at Sedan, Kansas, where they have entered pleas of guilty to some charges against them in State Court, and probably are awaiting sentence; that rumors are current that Carpenter and probably Brooks are alleged to be acquainted with Harry Campbell and perhaps some of the other subjects in this case.

It is recalled that Carpenter recently was arrested at Neosho, Missouri, and there were press reports to the effect that he was associated, in some manner, with Harry Campbell.

It is suggested, if it has not already been done, appropriate discreet interviews be had with Carpenter and Brooks, at Sedan, Kansas, for any information they may be able to furnish with respect to Campbell or any of the other subjects herein.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago (Mr. Connelley)  
Cincinnati

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-15

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/17/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/3,5,16/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. V. BLAKE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>82769</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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>P. E. HARRISON, at Gulfport, Mississippi was reported to resemble subject WILLIAM J. HARRISON. Comparison of subject's photo with P. E. Harrison fails to disclose marked likeness. P. E. Harrison was employed by Alcohol Tax Unit for six months, beginning December 4, 1934; now employed by construction company as night watchman.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS: <b>Under date of September 20, 1935, a letter was received from P. J. Morris, 1602 19th Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, forwarding a likeness of subject Harrison, clipped from a magazine. Mr. Morris advised that subject, or his twin brother, was working at Gulfport and was signing his name "P. E. Harrison".</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI</u></p> <p><b>P. J. Morris was interviewed and he advised that the clipping which he had sent to the New Orleans Office had been taken from the September, 1935 issue of "Startling Detective Adventures" magazine. He stated that he, Morris, is employed as a night watchman by the Gaines Construction Company. This company is building a new pier in the bay at Gulfport. The foundation work for the warehouses is being constructed by Williams Brothers, and P. E. Harrison is employed as night watchman for Williams Brothers. Harrison has been working there about a month and a half. Before that, he was some kind of special officer and night watchman and had also been in some prohibition work.</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. W. Magee</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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The writer interviewed P. F. Blair, Superintendent, Williams Brothers. Harrison was employed without any doctor's or other examination being made, and no card record of his past employment is on file. He has a temporary job as night watchman, working alternating nights with another employee.

E. I. Ferguson, Agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Gulfport, was interviewed and advised that P. E. Harrison was on temporary employment with the Alcohol Tax Unit from December 4, 1934 to June 4, 1935, under try-out employment. He did not measure up, and was let out at the end of the six months probationary employment. He was from Vicksburg, Miss., and had been employed by the railroad there. On entering the service of the Government, his fingerprints had been taken, and Mr. Ferguson thought that the record of them was at present in the office of Mr. Chapman at Jackson, Miss. Mr. Ferguson said that Harrison had worked with him, Ferguson, during the time of his temporary employment. Mr. Ferguson viewed the likenesses of subject Harrison and said that he was quite sure that they were not identical with P. E. Harrison. 82770

Without disclosing his identity, Agent met and talked with P. E. Harrison at the pier where the latter was employed as night watchman. The writer compared him to the likeness on Identification Order #1239 and to the likeness taken from the magazine, and feels quite certain that P. E. Harrison is not identical with subject Harrison.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

At the office of the State Director, Alcohol Tax Unit, it was learned that Mr. Chapman, in charge of the office, was out of the city. Mr. Read, Chief Clerk, advised that he was well acquainted with P. E. Harrison, and on viewing the photos which the writer had, he was quite positive that they did not resemble P. E. Harrison. He also advised that Harrison had his fingerprints taken at the time of his employment, but that the fingerprints would now be in Washington, probably in custody of the Civil Service Bureau.

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October 18, 1935

Time: 12:43 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Kidnaping; Willie Harrison.

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Mr. Pinkerton of the Associated Press telephoned and stated that he had received a report from an Illinois newspaper that a report on how Willie Harrison had been killed had been sent to me. Mr. Pinkerton wished to know if I intended to release any information in the matter. I stated that a statement concerning Willie Harrison had been released by Colonel Gates two days ago, but that no statement regarding the manner of Willie Harrison's death had been released. Mr. Pinkerton said that there was a rumor to the effect that Harrison had been killed as a result of internal gang warfare. I said that there had been no official statement to that effect.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
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306 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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October 17, 1935

E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: 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.

Confirming long distance telephone conversation had with you today by Special Agent E. J. Ryan of this office, please be advised that a telegram was received in this office from the Jacksonville office today requesting an investigation be conducted to ascertain the identity and reputation of the owner of Indiana license #1431, together with the type of car for which issued, said telegram requesting the information be furnished the Jacksonville office and also to you at Chicago, Illinois.

A check of the records at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, indicates that Indiana 1935 automobile license plates #1431 were issued to William A. Perry, 3519 Grand Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

The title records in connection with the license plates reflect that Perry purchased a Packard Sedan, motor #342097, serial #503-1638, new on March 27, 1933 from a dealer, William Mettler, 121 East 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. This is the car covered by 1935 plates #1431 and is further covered by automobile title #1876738.

A check of the driver's license issued to William A. Perry was made, reflecting the following information with reference to him:

Name:	William A. Perry
Age:	40 (B.S.-1-94)
Race:	White
Eyes:	Gray
Weight:	160
Height:	5'10 1/2"
Hair:	Dark brown.

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In applying for the driver's license, which is numbered 798042, William A. Perry stated he had never been convicted of a felony.

Pursuant to the above information, which was furnished to you in the long distance telephone conversation, you advised that you would have an Agent from the Chicago office conduct an investigation at East Chicago, Indiana for the purpose of determining the reputation of Mr. William A. Perry, 2619 Grand Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

The Indianapolis office is taking no further steps to notify the Jacksonville office of the above information other than by this letter.

Very truly yours,

H. H. REINECKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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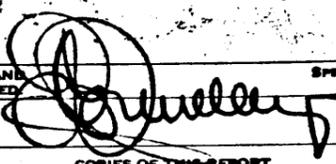


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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/17/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/26, 8/2, 9, 16, 18, 24, 9/6-9, 10/9-18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN L. MADALA</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JLM:LM</b></span>
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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mike Moreno, alleged contact for members of this gang, interviewed without results. Informant advises Lawrence Imburgio, member of syndicate, friendly with Alvin Karpis and possibly hiding him out. Helen Conliff advises of visit of Imburgio and Karpis to her home in February, 1935, offering assistance for Elmer Farmer. Brief surveillance on home of John Karpavicz, Chicago, Illinois, father of Subject Karpis, materially unproductive. Volney Davis, Edna Murray and Elmer Farmer interviewed at their respective places of incarceration, all furnish pertinent information relative to this case. Edna Murray agrees to testify in coming trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, against Harry Sawyer and Bill Weaver, also in any subsequent trial in connection with this case.</p>			
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REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Reports of Special Agents R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 10, 1935; D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 5, 1935; and John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 12, 1935.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala:

While Agent Madala was in the New York Bureau Office on general assignment informant Helen Conliff advised him by letter on July 26, 1935, that Lillian Moreno, the wife of Mike Moreno, telephoned her and advised that Mike had been arrested for attempted robbery, and that while he was being questioned at the Summerdale Police Station of the Chicago Police Department, he made an effort to escape through a window, and in doing so was shot in the hip, the bullet coming through his stomach, and was taken to the Bridewell Hospital for a few days, and then was removed to the County Highway Police Station at Morton Grove, Illinois. Lillian Moreno further informed informant that she was endeavoring to get someone to put up a \$10,000.00 bond for her husband's release.

On August 2, 1935, Miss Conliff was contacted by Agent Madala at Chicago, Illinois, at which time she stated that Lillian Moreno had contacted Frank Mangum at his place of business in Cicero, Illinois, for the purpose of securing a bond, and that to her knowledge Mangum furnished her this bond, but that the judge at Morton Grove, Illinois, refused to accept it for reasons unknown to her. She further stated that Lillian Moreno told her that Mangum had inquired of her, Lillian, if she knew where Miss Conliff was residing, and then requested her to have informant get in touch with him at her convenience. Miss Conliff stated that Mangum did not indicate to Lillian Moreno why he wanted to see her, informant, but she was of the opinion that it was with reference to Willie Harrison and possibly her trip to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Informant further stated at this time that shortly before Mike Moreno's arrest he came to her home in Bensenville, Illinois, and inquired when she was going to St. Paul. Informant stated she had previously not mentioned Harrison's visit to Moreno or anyone else except Agent Madala, and that in view of the above it is apparent that Mike Moreno is in contact with Willie Harrison and possibly other members of the Barker-Karpis Mob. She further stated that she informed Moreno she was willing to go to St. Paul, but that Harrison had not contacted her again in this connection. According to Miss Conliff Moreno then stated that he would see Willie

Harrison that night and would let her know within the next few days concerning what she was to do. It developed, however, that Moreno was arrested the following night and she has not seen him since that time.

Concerning Frank Mangum's request to Lillian Moreno that informant get in touch with him, Miss Conliff was instructed by Agent to visit him at his place of business, 4811 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, and thereafter report the substance of their conversation to this Office, which she agreed to do.

Upon Agent's return to Chicago from New York City on August 9, 1935, informant was again contacted. She stated that she did not go to see Frank Mangum as was suggested to her inasmuch she learned from Lillian Moreno that the reason Mangum desired to see her was to secure her present address, as he had received information that she had moved from Bensenville. According to informant Lillian Moreno furnished Mangum with this address.

At this point Agent questioned Miss Conliff concerning the length of time she has known Frank Mangum and she advised that she had been acquainted with him for approximately five years; that he formerly was engaged in the real estate business and sold considerable property in and around Bensenville. She further stated that Mangum was very friendly with Fred Goetz and Byron Bolton, and prior to Goetz' death, the latter frequently drove Elmer Farmer and her to Mangum's place in Cicero for drinks. It will be recalled that Fred Goetz was killed in front of Mangum's place on March 21, 1934. Informant further advised that Mangum's place and the Hy-Ho Club, also in Cicero, are well known hangouts for hoodlums and members of the syndicate; that she recalls on one occasion she accompanied Elmer Farmer to the Hy-Ho Club, and although she is not positive, she believes that this club is under the operation of the syndicate.

Inasmuch as it now appears that Mike Moreno is a possible contact for Willie Harrison and other members of the Barker-Karpis mob, an investigation was conducted in Morton Grove, Illinois, for further details concerning Moreno's arrest. Agent interviewed Lt. L. J. Laird, of the Cook County Highway Police, District #1, and he advised that at about 11:30 A.M., July 23, 1935, Andrew Vazzano, owner of The Lone Tree Tavern, Niles Center, Illinois, telephoned

his station and reported that three men, driving a 1935 model gray Dodge Coupe, attempted to hold up his place and carry away two slot machines; that he observed these men from his bedroom window, located on the second floor of the building, and threatened to shoot them with a shotgun if they carried off the machines. He stated that the bandits used his bartender as a hostage in getting into their car, after which they hurriedly drove away leaving the bartender behind. Mr. Vazzano reported that he did not fire at the bandits for fear of hurting his employee, but that he made a note of the license number on this car. Lt. Laird further advised that in checking this license he found that it was issued to Mike Moreno, 624 - 22nd Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois. He stated that the above described automobile was subsequently seen parked in front of the above address by Jack Griffen, constable of Bellwood, Illinois, who reported it to the County Highway Police, and thereafter Mike Moreno was taken into custody.

Continuing, Lt. Laird advised that Andrew Vazzano positively identified Moreno as one of the bandits who attempted to burglarize the slot machines, and in this connection signed a complaint which charged Moreno with armed robbery. On July 25, 1935, two officers of the Cook County Highway Police took Moreno to the Summerdale Precinct Station, Chicago Police Department, for further questioning, and a show-up; that while he was being questioned at this place he jumped out of the first story window and in attempting to escape running east on Foster Avenue, he was fired upon and hit in the hip, the bullet penetrating his stomach; that he was immediately taken to the Bridewell Hospital in Chicago where he remained in custody for one week. Lt. Laird further advised that on August 5, 1935, Mike Moreno appeared before Justice of the Peace Sanstock at Morton Grove, Illinois, for a hearing, and at the instance of the State's Attorney the hearing was continued to August 14, 1935, and the judge fixed Moreno's bond at \$10,000.00. Lt. Laird advised that Moreno's two companions in the above hold-up have not as yet been identified. He stated that a sister of Moreno presented a bond in the above amount, and Moreno was released on said bond.

Agent Madala interviewed Justice of the Peace L. W. Sanstock at his office in Desplaines, Illinois, concerning this matter, and particularly for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the sureties who signed Moreno's bond, Agent having in mind the previous information received from Helen Conliff that Lillian Moreno was suc-

cessful in securing a bond for her husband's release from Frank Mangum.

The judge advised Agent that there were two \$10,000.00 bonds posted in Moreno's case; that the original bond was signed by John Cucci, 1612 North 20th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, and George E. Christos (restaurant owner), 4823 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. It will be noted that the latter party has his place of business only a few doors away from Frank Mangum's tavern. Judge Sanstock advised that the above bond consisted entirely of real estate, and an investigation by the Bond Department of the State's Attorney's office determined that the value of the property scheduled was not sufficient to cover the amount of the bond; that in view of this the State's Attorney's office recommended that Moreno be rearrested and held in custody until a new bond was furnished. He stated that Moreno was thereafter arrested, and on the following day Moreno's father and sister posted a new bond for his release, which likewise was in the amount of \$10,000.00. According to the records of the Justice of the Peace, the signers of this bond were Josephine Rosati, 151 North 22nd Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, and Rocco Moreno, 1010 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park. The judge advised that he questioned Josephine Rosati concerning the property scheduled by her and was informed that she inherited same from her father, Dominic Rosati; also that she is a very good friend of Mike Moreno's sister, who prevailed upon her to furnish a bond for him. Rocco Moreno is the father of Mike Moreno, and he scheduled his home which is at 1010 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park. The judge advised that upon the recommendation of the State's Attorney's office he accepted this bond and ordered Moreno released pending further court action.

It might be stated that on August 14, 1935, Mike Moreno again appeared before Judge Sanstock for a final hearing, and after hearing the evidence in the case the judge ordered him held over for action by the Grand Jury and released him on his present bond. This hearing was attended by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala, and immediately after the judge approved said bond Agents asked Moreno to accompany them to the Chicago Bureau Office for questioning. He agreed to go voluntarily, and at the Chicago Bureau Office he was interviewed by Special Agent Sullivan and this Agent. He was shown various photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, including those of Volney Davis and Byron Bolton, whom he denied knowing.

with the exception of Elmer Farmer. He was also questioned with reference to the Ford Coupe which Volney Davis had in his possession at the time of his arrest by Bureau Agents at Chicago, Illinois, and which Davis stated he received from Tony Moreno (believed to be Mike Moreno) after calling Jim Farmer in this regard. Moreno likewise disclaimed any knowledge concerning this car and steadfastly denied knowing Volney Davis. It was obvious that Moreno did not intend to tell the truth of his knowledge regarding this case, and therefore the remainder of the interview with him was limited merely to his personal history.

Moreno advised that he was born in Melrose Park, Illinois, on June 3, 1907; that he attended the Melrose Park Public Schools and resides at 1010 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park, which is the home of his parents; that in 1924 and 1925 he was employed as a core maker by the National Malleable Steel Company, and since that time he worked as a construction laborer for the Midwest Cartage Company located at 5400 West Harrison Street, Chicago. He stated that his brother-in-law Pascal Larry is the manager of this company.

With reference to Elmer Farmer, Moreno advised that he first met Farmer about six years ago through Tony "Chinky" St. Luci, who is not deceased; that on this occasion "Chinky" invited him to Farmer's place for a poker game and thereafter Moreno frequented the place on many occasions, and naturally became very friendly with Farmer.

The following is a list of the names and addresses of Moreno's immediately family, which is contained in this report for future reference:

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Mike Moreno stated that he was arrested in 1930 by the Sheriff's office, Du Page County, Illinois, for hi-jacking; that he was subsequently convicted and fined \$150.00 on this charge. He stated that his two cousins, Tony and Joe Moreno were arrested with him in this crime but were dismissed for lack of evidence; that Tony and Joe are at present employed with a private trucking company located at 24th Avenue and 14th Street, Melrose Park. He

also advised that Tony Moreno is married and lives in Melrose Park, address unknown, with his mother-in-law; that Tony and Joe are brothers.

The following is a description of Tony Moreno as furnished by Mike Moreno:

Name	Tony Moreno
Age	28
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	dark
Eyes	dark
Complexion	dark

Mike Moreno stated that he was also arrested at Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1935, on suspicion; that he was photographed and fingerprinted and then released without being booked.

With reference to the 1935 Dodge Coupe which was taken from his possession at the time of his arrest by the County Police in Morton Grove, Illinois, Moreno stated that he purchased said car on June 14, 1935, from the Anderson Brothers Motor Sales Company, Ogden Avenue near Wesley, Berwyn, Illinois; that he traded in a 1933 Plymouth Coupe on which he received credit for \$307.00; that the transaction was handled by Al Armstrong, salesman for the above automobile concern.

It was deemed advisable to release Mike Moreno until such time as more definite information could be obtained indicating his connection with the Subjects in this case. In this regard informant Helen Conliff, who appears to be very friendly with Mike and Lillian Moreno, promised that she will keep in touch with these persons and keep Agent advised of their activities.

Moreno was fingerprinted and photographed at the Chicago Bureau Office, and same were forwarded to the Bureau under date of August 15, 1935, with the request that his criminal record be furnished this Office. The Bureau subsequently advised that the identification files did not reflect any record of this subject.

While Agent was at the Cook County Highway Police Station, Morton Grove, Illinois, he met Lt. Charles Egan of the State's At-

torney's office, who was then assigned to assist Lt. Laird of the Cook County Highway Police in solving and cleaning up the then recent holdups of golf clubs in Cook County, Illinois. Lt. Egan advised that his investigation disclosed that these holdups were perpetrated by a band of hoodlums from Melrose Park, Illinois, and that witnesses had identified Mike Derrico, Rocco Pranno and George Bougadis as three of the bandits. He stated that these three persons, together with other bandits not yet identified, committed the holdups at the Lake Lawn Hotel & Golf Club at Delavan Lake, Wisconsin, on August 9, 1935; that preceding the holdup they stole a 1935 model Packard Sedan at Summit, Illinois, and after the robbery at Delavan Lake, Wisconsin, they returned to the State of Illinois, and abandoned the car immediately outside of Woodstock, Illinois, which of course is in violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

At this point Lt. Egan advised that heretofore he has experienced considerable difficulty in the State Courts of Illinois in getting convictions, and likewise in getting prisoners extradited to other states. He stated that the State's Attorney at Delavan, Wisconsin, has a very good case against Derrico, Pranno and Bougadis, and Lt. Egan was of the opinion that when these men are apprehended and if they can be removed to Wisconsin for trial, there will be no question about a conviction and long sentences. In this connection Lt. Egan expressed that he would appreciate it if this Bureau would cooperate with him in getting the above named persons removed to the State of Wisconsin through Federal process when they are apprehended; that in order to facilitate this arrangement it will be necessary to file complaints in the Eastern District of Wisconsin charging them with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Lt. Egan was advised that the Chicago Office of the Bureau will be glad to cooperate with them in this regard, and Agent suggested that he immediately call Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd when his office has apprehended these persons.

Some time ago informant Helen Conliff advised Agent that she was very familiar with the set-up in Melrose Park, Illinois, and indicated that the town is more or less controlled by the syndicate. In this connection she stated that for years Rocco DeGrazia was the syndicate boss of Melrose Park, Illinois, and when

he was convicted and sentenced for income tax evasion his brother, Andrew DeGrazia, replaced him in this capacity; that Andrew DeGrazia is presently operating a handbook in the old bank building located on Broadway near the railroad tracks in Melrose Park, Illinois; that this book is in fact owned by the syndicate which receives a cut on the net profits. The informant further stated that she is extremely friendly with Andrew DeGrazia and his wife, and often-times previously visited them at their home at 1413 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park. She stated that they have an unpublished telephone number which is Melrose Park 9006.

Informant further stated that she is well acquainted with Rocco Pranno and Mike Derrico; that they usually can be found at Karras' restaurant at Broadway and Main Streets, Melrose Park, and Al "The Polack's" Tavern, located at 100 North 23rd Avenue, also in Melrose Park; that Al "The Polack's" correct name is Albert Strumiwitz, and at one time to her knowledge he harbored Rocco Pranno for about two weeks. With further reference to Pranno informant stated that about three years ago while she was working at her uncle's drugstore in Bensenville, she was held up by three men who obtained \$90.00 from the cash register; that she recognized two of them as Rocco Pranno and Tony Lullo. She stated that on the next day she contacted Andy DeGrazia at Melrose Park, Illinois, and informed him of the holdup and of her recognition of Pranno and Lullo; that she further told DeGrazia that if these two men did not return the stolen money to her within the next twenty-four hours, she would report the theft to the State's Attorney's office and swear out a complaint against Pranno and Lullo; that on the following day Mike Moreno appeared at her place of employment and gave her \$50.00, advising that that was all the money he could salvage. Informant stated that Elmer Farmer told her not to report the theft, and that he would endeavor to secure the remaining \$40.00 for her, and which he subsequently did.

Miss Conliff further advised that Mike Moreno, Jack Provenzano, alias "The Fish", and Bert Spino, Moreno's cousin, committed a number of hi-jackings in Du Page County, Illinois, but in each instance they "beat the rap" because of a pay-off to the State's Attorney of that county, and most of their hi-jackings were carloads of butter and eggs.

Informant also stated that Richard Larry, the postmaster at Melrose Park, is a brother-in-law of Mike Moreno, and that he was placed in that office through the efforts of the syndicate.

With further reference to the investigation relative to the make of the automobile which informant advised Harrison was driving at the time of contacting her at her home in Bensenville, Illinois, in July, 1935, Agent had Miss Conliff observe various makes of automobiles including De Sotos, Chryslers, Plymouths, Chevrolets, Dodges, Oldsmobiles, and Pontiacs at their respective salesrooms on Broadway in Chicago, Illinois, and she definitely decided that the car in question was a Dodge Coupe of a stratosphere blue color. In this connection she stated that she in the first instance was certain that the car was of the identical make as that owned by Mike Moreno but that it was of a different color.

Informant further advised that on August 16, 1935, she received a telephone call from Clara Gibson, inviting her to visit Clara at her apartment, 4325 Clarendon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She subsequently advised Agent that Clara Gibson had just returned from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with considerable merchandise, most of which consisted of women's apparel, and which according to informant Clara Gibson had shoplifted in that city. She stated that Clara Gibson exhibited this merchandise to her in the hopes of selling it. She further stated that Clara is now living with a Jew by the name of Louis Shapiro, and that he drove with her to Kansas City, Missouri, over the weekend of August 17, 1935. Informant also stated that Clara Gibson had been in Pittsburgh two months previous, and likewise returned with a large quantity of clothes which she had shoplifted in that city.

It also should be noted here that Clara Gibson informed Miss Conliff that she believed she saw Willie Harrison walking along Sheridan Road on the north side of Chicago a few weeks previous to this visit; that she did not stop to talk to him in view of the fact that she was not entirely certain it was he, although she claimed that his general appearance and manner of walk greatly resembled Harrison. Mrs. Gibson also indicated to informant that she had received two or three letters from "Doc" Barker while he was incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul.

Agent questioned Miss Conliff concerning her knowledge of John Hamilton and she advised that Elmer Farmer had told her on one occasion that Hamilton was dead, and that the boys of Melrose Park buried the body on Grand Avenue near the northwest bridge in Cook County, Illinois.

Agent endeavored to get in touch with Jack Liberty, who in the past has proved to be a valuable informant in this case, as well as in the Dillinger case, and it was ascertained through his mother that this informant had been in custody at the Cook County Jail since June, 1935, and that he is awaiting trial for armed robbery. Agent proceeded to the Cook County Jail and interviewed Liberty, and was advised that he was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on June 10, 1935, for robbery with a gun; that he is under a \$20,000.00 bond, and that his trial is set for August 19, 1935, in Judge McKinley's court. Liberty stated that he is confident he will be acquitted on this charge, advising that although two people have positively identified him he is not guilty of the robbery for which he is charged, and claims to have a good defense alibi.

With reference to the information contained in the report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 24, 1935, that Byron Bolton advised that Joey and Bobby O'Brien furnished machine guns and other weapons to both the Dillinger and Barker-Karpis gangs, Liberty advised that these guns were undoubtedly obtained through the efforts of Arthur "Fish" Johnson, a close associate of Joey O'Brien, Bobby Barrett and Johnny Moore. He stated that Johnny Moore is in fact Claude Maddox, and that these three individuals operate the Hy-Ho Club in Cicero, Illinois, for the syndicate; that "Skinny" Johnson, who for a long time was associated with "Klondike" O'Donnell, also has an interest in the Hy-Ho Club; that Johnson drives a Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, 1934 model.

Liberty further advised that Jack McGurn, a prominent member of the syndicate, recently opened a tavern in the old Citizens State Bank Building in Melrose Park, Illinois, and that all the hoodlums in Cicero, Berwyn, and Melrose Park, Illinois, hang out in this place. It will be noted that informant Helen Conliff previously furnished the information that Andy DeGrazia was operating a handbook for the syndicate at this location. Liberty further ad-

vanced the information that Joey O'Brien, Bobby Barrett, Claude Maddox, alias Johnny Moore, can be found at the Hy-Ho Club almost every night; that after one o'clock closing time they go to Jack McGurn's place and hang out there until four and five o'clock in the morning, and that they likewise spend considerable time in Frank Mangum's place.

With reference to Jimmie "The Swede" Morand, an alleged close associate of Willie Harrison, Liberty advised that he has not seen him for some time, but that he, Jimmie, could be found at the Hy-Ho Club; that when he saw him last, Morand was driving a 1934 model Chevrolet Sedan.

Liberty furnished the following description of Jimmie "The Swede" Morand:

Name	Jimmie "The Swede" Morand
Age	36
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	blond
Eyes	blue
Complexion	fair

Liberty stated that to his knowledge Morand has never been arrested.

Following are the descriptions of Joey O'Brien, Bobby Barrett and "Skinny" Johnson as furnished by Liberty:

Name	Joey O'Brien
Age	30
Height	5'7"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	dark, parts it on side
Eyes	dark
Complexion	dark
Nose	large, protruding
Nationality	of Italian extraction

Name Bobby Barrett  
Age 30  
Height 5'10"  
Weight 140 lbs.  
Hair brown, combed straight back  
Complexion fair

Name "Skinny" Johnson  
Age 30  
Height 5'9"  
Weight 140 lbs.  
Hair blond  
Complexion fair  
Build slender

Agent again contacted Jack Liberty at the Cook County Jail on August 18, 1935. At this time he advised that he had learned that Joey O'Brien's correct name is Joey Aiuppa, and that he was recently arrested by the County Highway Police in a dragnet which resulted in the arrest of several other persons from Melrose Park, Illinois, as suspects in the then recent golf club holdups. He further stated that he likewise heard that Alvin Karpis is at present hiding out in Melrose Park, Illinois. Agent questioned Jack Liberty as to the source of this information, and he advised that he received same from a person named Wassel (phonetic spelling), who is in jail awaiting trial for larceny of an automobile; that Wassel is from Melrose Park, Illinois, and claims to be a partner of George Bougadis. Liberty stated that he was further informed by Wassel that John Hamilton is dead and was buried in Cook County, Illinois.

On August 16, 1935, Lt. Charles Egan, of the Chicago Police Department, telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office and advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that his office had arrested Michael Derrico and George Bougadis, and that they were available for interview by an Agent of this Office. Accordingly Mr. Ladd assigned Special Agent A. Dickstein to interview these two persons, and he obtained the following information from them:

After a long discussion with George Bougadis he consented to serve as a confidential informant for the Bureau, and stated

that it would be safe to contact him at his home at 918 North 15th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois. With reference to Mike Moreno Bougadis stated that he became acquainted with Moreno about three or four years ago in Melrose Park, but that he did not personally meet him until February of this year, at which time he was introduced to him by Moreno's cousin, Bert Spino. Bougadis stated that for the past four years Mike Moreno specialized in the hi-jacking of interstate shipments, and he knows of his own personal knowledge that Moreno, together with Bert Spino and Jack Provinzano were indicted on this charge about four years ago by the State of Illinois in Du Page County; that at that time these individuals were responsible for at least a half million dollars worth of hi-jackings all of which were committed in Du Page County. Bougadis further stated that when Moreno, Provinzano and Spino were arrested by the Melrose Park Police they were immediately released on a very small bond; that attorney Paul Brust of Melrose Park handled their case since he had a "fix in" with the State's Attorney's office of Du Page County, and he had their case continued over a period of three to four years. Bougadis stated that in order to effect so many continuances it was necessary for Moreno and his companions to pay considerable money to Chauncey Reed, and later to Lester Keany, who succeeded Reed as State's Attorney.

Continuing Bougadis stated that Mike Moreno, Jack Provinzano and Bert Spino were close friends of Elmer Farmer; that they as well as other hoodlums of Melrose Park hang out at the West Lake Tavern, located at 22nd and Lake Avenue, and at the candy store and poolroom at 23rd and Lake, both addresses being in Melrose Park. He furnished the following names as being those of persons known to him as bank robbers who reside in Melrose Park: Mike Darrico, Rosco Pranno, Joe Leopold, and Jimmie DeGrazia.

Agent Dickstein next interviewed [redacted] and he also agreed to serve as a confidential informant for the Bureau. He stated, however, that his name should not be mentioned under any circumstances in connection with any information furnished by him as a slip in this regard may mean his life.

With reference to the syndicate which is now controlled by the remnants of the old Al Capone mob, [redacted] that



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great disappointment in not getting \$200,000.00 which in fact they had expected to secure on this raid. [redacted] that he was unable to furnish the name of this bank and stated he recalled that considerable publicity was had concerning this robbery at that time.

[redacted] further advised that "Hindn" Imburgio has strong political connections in Melrose Park, Illinois, and that his family consists of the following: Joseph Imburgio, mayor of Melrose Park for four years; Sam Imburgio, employed by the syndicate to sell beer and operates a place known as the "Little White House" located on 9th Avenue and North Avenue, Melrose Park; Charles Imburgio, district Democratic leader in Melrose Park; Rose Larry, sister of Imburgio and married to the postmaster of Melrose Park whose name is Richard Larry.

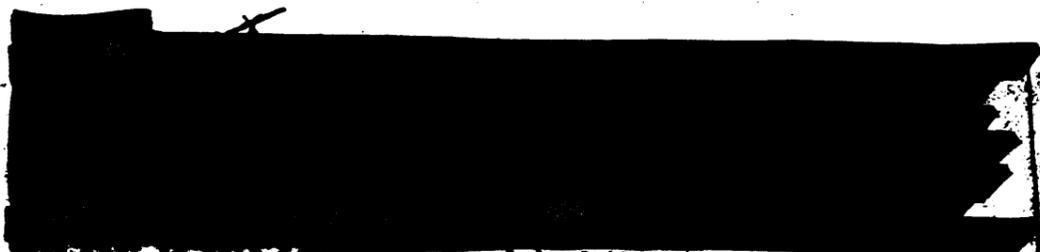
[redacted] stated that Richard Larry obtained the postmastership of Melrose Park through the efforts of the syndicate; that all letters coming through his post office, which appear to have some official bearing, are examined by Larry and he in turn advises the syndicate bosses of such letters. [redacted] advised that when any inquiry is made of Larry concerning a person in Melrose Park, Illinois, Larry will unquestionably furnish the correct information, but that he likewise will inform the person about whom the inquiry is made.

It was further learned through this informant that Imburgio spends considerable time at the Lake Street Tavern, 23rd Avenue and Main Street, Melrose Park, and that he drives a 1935 model Ford V-8 Coupe, red wire wheels, black in color with a radio installed in same. He stated that the syndicate have in the past harbored known fugitives from justice including Alvin Karpis and others; that in consideration the syndicate expects the persons whom they assist in this manner to commit any killings for them.

[redacted] stated that it is his knowledge that Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler, who was killed in Cicero, Illinois, in March, 1934, was the man who killed Jake Lingle, newspaper man in Chicago a few years ago.

At this time [redacted] advised his reason for lending assistance to the Bureau is based on the fact [redacted]

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that in this connection he advised that if there was anything he could do in the way of breaking up that organization he would be more than glad to cooperate in this regard. He stated that should he be discharged on the charge presently pending against him he will make every effort to secure more information which might assist this Bureau in locating Alvin Karpis and others in whom the Bureau is interested.

A few days after Agent Dickstein obtained the foregoing information from [redacted] particularly with reference to the connection between Imburgio and Alvin Karpis, Agent questioned Miss Conliff as to whether she was acquainted with a man known as "Hindu." Miss Conliff stated that she knew this party very well, and without advancing any information to her she stated that his correct name is Lawrence Imburgio, and that he is a brother of the former mayor of Melrose Park. She stated that Lawrence Imburgio also has a brother named Sam with whom she is very friendly, and that both Sam and Lawrence were frequent visitors to Elmer Farmer's place in Bensenville, Illinois, while he was operating there. She also advanced the information at this time that on or about February 1, 1935, Lawrence Imburgio came to her home in Bensenville, Illinois, in company with Alvin Karpis and inquired whether Elmer Farmer had any legal assistance. Miss Conliff replied that Elmer Farmer had refused to permit them to obtain a lawyer for him, stating that he intended to plead guilty. She advised that Imburgio instructed her to see Farmer and to tell him not to be a "damn fool"; that the syndicate would provide him with sufficient money to obtain a good attorney. She stated that Sam Golan's name came up as the attorney for Farmer, but it was understood that he would not take Farmer's case in view of the notoriety which he anticipated this case would receive. She stated that both Imburgio and Karpis requested her to write to Farmer and suggest that his friends were willing to assist him in any way, and that the money item was the smallest part of it.

Special Agents White and Klees took up surveillance of the basement apartment of JOHN KARPAVICZ, father of subject Alvin Karpis, who resides at 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At 11 A.M. August 22, 1935. Agents were stationed in the home of Mr. Paul Kohler at 2846 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At about 7.30 P.M. on August 22nd agents observed a party in a Buick sedan bearing Illinois 1935 license 315-196 stop the car north of the house in which the agents were stationed and after sitting in the car for about ten minutes, went in to see Mr. Karpavicz. Mr. Karpavicz and this party came out after about ten minutes and sat in the car carrying on a conversation for about one half hour. On the following afternoon, Friday, August 23, 1935 at about 4 P.M. the same party drove up in the Buick car with two other men. The party driving the car was about 6 feet 2 inches tall, slender, light hair cut very short, wearing a blue shirt with sleeves rolled up and dark trousers; no hat. The other man in the car was about 18 years of age, wearing eyeglasses, and had light hair. The third man was about 26 years of age, 6 feet tall, weight about 180 pounds, light hair, no hat. The driver of the car went into Karpavicz' apartment and came out with the old man and got into Karpavicz' Ford coupe, which bears Illinois 1935 license plates 522-096. They drove away and were gone about two hours. In the meantime the other men remained in the Buick sedan where it was originally parked directly across the street from the house in which Agents were carrying on their surveillance.

That same evening about 10.30 P.M. Mrs. Karpavicz began to walk up and down the street, observing all cars which stopped in the vicinity. She kept this up until 3.30 A.M. and then returned to her home and did not reappear on the street until about 6.30 A.M. No unusual activity on her part was noted thereafter.

On Monday August 26th about 3 P.M. a policeman drove up in a Chevrolet coach with red wire wheels, bearing 1935 Illinois license plates 717-18 - (last digit not known). He talked with Mrs. Karpavicz for about ten minutes and then drove away. That same evening the party who had appeared before driving the Buick car came again with a woman in the car and stayed about one half hour, carrying on a conversation with Mr. Karpavicz.

On Wednesday August 28th, he returned again at about 5.45 P.M. This time he was alone, and again engaged in conversation with Karpavicz and left about 6.30 P.M. While he was talking to Karpavicz they got into the Buick car and drove away and were gone about fifteen minutes. They then returned and Mr. Karpavicz got out of the car and the Buick drove away.

Mrs. Neubold, daughter of the Karpavicz people lives in a rear apartment in the same building. No activity was observed in her apartment during the day and she did not return in the evening before 3 P.M. On a number of occasions she was observed not to return until after midnight.

It may be noted here that a Mr. Bannick, a State Policeman, resides in the Karpavicz building on the third floor. Mr. Paul Kohler, Jr. son of the owner of the home in which Agents were stationed stated that he is acquainted with Bannick, and is of the opinion that he is a reputable person and would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in connection with the apprehension of subject Alvin Karpis.

During the time agents were on the premises of the Kohlers all activity, such as the appearance of the party in the Buick car, and Mrs. Karpavicz' actions, were reported to the Chicago Bureau office, and agents observed other agents from the Chicago office in the vicinity on various occasions.

Surveillance was discontinued at 3 P.M. August 29, 1935, upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

On August 24, 1935 Special Agent White who was maintaining a surveillance of the Karpavicz home, advised that a party had driven up to this address in a new Buick black sedan with Illinois license 315-196; that the family next door to where they were maintaining the surveillance had indicated that it was unusual for the senior Karpavicz to leave, he having gone away in this Buick car. Agent White indicated there was no resemblance between this party and Karpis; that he had observed the driver closely; that this party had returned Karpavicz to the house in a short time; that this party was about 5 feet 10 inches or 11 inches; weight 165 to 170 pounds; that his profile was somewhat similar to that of Karpis; that his hair was cut close to his head; that he was probably 35 to 38 years old, with dark complexion.

It was ascertained that license 315-196 was issued to JOHN POST, 1944 North Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for a Buick, factory number 272-5164, engine number 288-4704.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan observed the above car in front of the home of John Karpavicz, and two other individuals were therein, none of whom answered in any way the description of Karpis or other fugitives wanted. This party was talking to John Karpavicz, and thereafter the Buick left and was followed to 2004 North Spaulding where it stopped and the party went into the apartment house at this address. They later returned to the car and left that vicinity while agents were proceeding around the block.

Agent White on August 26th, 1935 advised that he had ascertained that apparently the activity around the Karpavicz home which had been noted on August 23rd and 24th was probably the result of the Karpavicz's having lost their dog.

It is noted that John Karpavicz, the father of Alvin Karpis, is in possession of an old Ford coupe, and there is registered under Illinois license 522-096 a Ford coupe to John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The following investigation was conducted on September 11, 1935 by Special Agent S. K. McKee.

Carrier Charles Baylas of the Humbolt Park Post Office, 1400 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed for information concerning John Post who has been seen in the company of John Karpavicz, father of subject Alvin Karpis. Baylas stated that Post was formerly the janitor of the apartment building located at 1944 North Spalding Avenue and that he had been so employed for at least six years during which period Baylas has been carrying mail to this address. This apartment houses 43 individual apartments. Baylas stated that within the past month Post was "kicked out" of the Janitors Union because of noisy talking and radicalism. He now lives in the apartment building at 3300 West Armitage Street. It is to be noted that the building at 3300 West Armitage Street is identical with the building which has street entrances at 2004 and 2006 North Spalding Avenue, to which address Post had been followed by Bureau Agents on August 24, 1935.

It was stated by carrier Baylas that Post is a shortened name and that the true name of this man, which is Lithuanian, is much longer. He could not furnish the original spelling of this name.

Post was described as being about 43 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 155 pounds, of medium build and having light brown hair. He resides with his wife and two children and has a third child who is married and lives away from home. According to the carrier this family has never received mail for persons other than members of the family.

It was also stated by the carrier that Post is driving a new sedan automobile which he believes to be either a Buick or a Pontiac. The carrier was unable to furnish any information concerning persons who might be visitors of the Post family.

Through the [REDACTED] it was ascertained that the only information available as to John Post was that an inquiry concerning him had been made by Associates Investment Company, Chicago, Illinois, under date of September 19, 1935.

John Post is listed in the telephone directory at 1944 North Spalding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Spalding 8394.

Interview was had with C. C. Davis of Associates Investment, Inc., 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and after referring to his file concerning John Post he informed that this individual financed a 1934 Buick sedan, motor number 2821965, serial number 2668825, through instant finance company on September 18, 1933, this car having been purchased from Felz Motor Sales, Inc. At the time of this transaction John Post advised he was 43 years of age, married and had two dependents; that he was employed by the firm of Curtis Murphy, 5702 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois as a janitor and had been in the employ of this concern for two years. The address of Post at the time of this transaction was 1944 Spalding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It was ascertained that the account covering the financing of the automobile, mentioned above, was paid out on March 13, 1934 and that on the same date the West Side Buick Company, Chicago, Illinois, made an inquiry as to Post. Mr. Davis stated that this inquiry was in all probability in connection with the purchase of another car on which the old car was traded in.

The records of this concern also reflected that three or four days before Post's account was paid out the General Motors Acceptance Corporation asked for credit information concerning him.

It was not deemed advisable at this time to make inquiries in the neighborhood of Post's home concerning him or persons who might be visiting him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala at Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 10, 1936;

Volney Davis was interviewed by Agent Madala on the above date at the United States Penitentiary after Agent was introduced to him by Special Agent A. E. Farland, of the Kansas City Office. The interview was conducted in the Warden's Office at the penitentiary, and was of only one hour's duration.

Davis advised that the ransom money collected in the Bremer kidnaping was divided some time during the latter part of July, 1934, while the entire mob lived at Sandusky, Ohio. He stated that present on this occasion were "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Charles Fitzgerald, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, and himself; that he only received \$5,000.00 as his share, which was for the use of his automobile and for taking care of their women in Chicago. He denied being in St. Paul during the period Mr. Bremer was held at Bensenville, Illinois, and, of course, denied delivering any of the ransom notes. He stated that he resided in Chicago during the three weeks of Bremer's captivity, and that he spent considerable time in Fred Goetz' apartment on Gundersen Street in Berwyn, Illinois. In fact, he visited the apartment almost every day during the period in question, and on these occasions he saw Byron Bolton, Fred Barker and Fred Goetz there. Davis stated that he personally witnessed Byron Bolton type the ransom notes at Goetz' direction; that Bolton usually wore rubber gloves when he did this work to avoid leaving any fingerprint impressions on these letters. Davis scoffed at the information that Bolton visited the hideout on only two occasions, stating that Bolton made daily trips there.

Volney advised that prior to the kidnaping it was agreed among the boys that an equal split of the money collected by them be given to Tom Brown, who was then Chief of Detectives of the St. Paul Police Department. In return Brown was expected to keep the boys advised of all the developments in the case, as well as of the movements of the intermediary in order to insure them complete safety in collecting the money. Davis stated that the promised amount was not immediately paid to Tom Brown as there had been considerable difficulty in getting the ransom money exchanged; that Brown would not accept any of the ransom money. He stated that he learned, during the latter part of November, possibly from Elmer Farmer, that Brown was not given the contemplated split for the