JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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November 23, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I thought you would appreciate the rather humorous report submitted by Special Agent J. V. Blake in the Alvis Karpis Case, which is attached hereto. The initial information concerning Dalton's alleged knowledge that Karpis was in Mexico was received in the Bureau in the form of a letter addressed to the Department by one Shea, a Departmental applicant, who stated that he heard Karpis was in Mexico. Shea was contacted by Bureau agents and informed that Colonel Bob Dalton of Meridian, Mississippi had told him Karpis was in Mexico and accordingly Dalton was interviewed, as indicated in the attached report.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
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Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.C. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.C.#1235;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
I.C. #1236; et al.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 5, 1935, in the above entitled case, in which the attention of the Salt Lake City Bureau office is called to investigative action requested in certain letters and reports.

Please find enclosed herewith copy of report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City August 15, 1935, which reflects investigative action taken with reference to locating John Ferrick; a copy of Agent McLaughlin's above mentioned report was not furnished the Chicago office. The same is being submitted now for your information and further investigation will be conducted presently at Virginia City, Nevada.

Very truly yours,

W. A. AGNEW,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Bureau
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E.J.Connelley, Chicago

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN P. HOLLAND,
CHIEF, DIVISION OF SUPPLIES AND PRINTING.

Confirming telephonic conversation had with the Chief Clerk's Office on November 12, 1935, concerning the Ford Sedan, motor No. 18-1193702, which is in the possession of our Jacksonville Office at this time, and which car you are endeavoring to transfer to some other Government Agency, or Department, please be advised that title to this car was secured by this Bureau from Gregory I. Codomo on January 22, 1935. This car was seized from the above mentioned party and he has refused to accept possession of the car.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 12, 1935

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

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; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is hereby made to letter from the Chicago Office to the Oklahoma City Office, dated November 5, 1935, letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau, dated November 6, 1935, and Mr. Connelley's teletype to the Oklahoma City Office, dated November 9, 1935, in the above entitled case. (Bureau file 7-576.)

With reference to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated May 31, 1935 (not 1925), which contains an undeveloped lead to endeavor to locate a 1,600 acre ranch near Clinton and Taloga, Oklahoma, it is noted from the report of Agent Paul Hansen, dated September 7, 1935, pages 7 and 8, that an investigation regarding this matter has been made by Agent Welles, of this office. Further attention is being given this angle at this time and a report will be appropriately submitted.

With reference to letter from the Pittsburg Office, dated June 24, 1935, requesting investigation in the vicinity of Kansas and Spring Creek, Oklahoma, the report of Agent Paul Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 8, 1935, page 2 contains a report of inquiries that were made in this matter to, I think, a logical and definite negative conclusion.

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With reference to the undeveloped lead set out in report of Agent S. L. Fortenberry, Detroit, Michigan, dated June 27, 1935, requesting that information be obtained concerning a man named Mel, who was formerly a close friend of Campbell, please be advised that the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 2, 1935, on pages 6 and 7, describes the locating of this man named Mel, who is Milton O. Brooks, of Tulsa. This report further sets out a successful interview with Brooks at Tulsa. The report of Agent Hansen dated November 2, 1935, on page 4, relates that Brooks, who is incorrectly referred to as Melvin Brooks, has been arrested and is now in jail at Sedan, Kansas.

With reference to the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane, Denver, Colorado, dated July 28, 1935, requesting information as to the identity of the person who was arrested with Campbell, be ascertained from the Oklahoma City Police Department or the Tulsa Police Department, has not been investigated to date but will be handled in the very near future.

Concerning the Bureau letter, dated September 16, 1935, requesting that a photograph of a person known as "The Stuttering Kid" be displayed to a confidential informant [redacted] please be advised that the report of Agent Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 2, 1935, on page 4, discloses that numerous efforts have been made to contact the informant [redacted] at Tulsa, but with only negative results. Other unsuccessful efforts have been made since the dictation of this report. He will be interviewed at the earliest possible date and a report on that matter will be appropriately submitted.

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The request to interview Dr. Fred D. Sparks, Ponca City, Oklahoma, regarding a man said to resemble Karpis, as set out in Bureau letter, dated October 9, 1935, has been completed and is set out in the report of Agent Paul Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City, November 2, 1935, on pages 5 and 6.

Each of the above mentioned reports by Agent Hansen indicate that a copy was sent to the Chicago Office and if that office has not received a copy of each of these reports one will be furnished upon request.

With reference to Mr. Connelley's teletype to this office, dated November 9, 1935, and to the letter by the Detroit Office, to the Bureau, dated November 6, 1935, it appears that Mrs. Richard D. Wilson and Mildred Jones, sisters of Wynona Burdette, have great fears of Harry Campbell and Karpis calling on them. This would indicate

that they do not want them to come; that they are not looking for them for any definite reason and would not willingly do anything for either of them should they show up at either place. With respect, however, to Mr. Connelley's suggestion that the homes of these two sisters be immediately kept under surveillance, please be advised that Mildred Jones lives on the Gillespie oil lease, about three or three and one half miles northeast of Turley, Oklahoma. The house in which she lives is close by five other houses, located on this oil lease and occupied by oil workers. It appears that it would be an impossibility for a constant surveillance to be made of the house in which Mrs. Jones lives, without the whole community knowing about it. A set up of this description was made in the Jones home last May and kept for several days but it was impossible to do it without the neighbors knowing that officers were in her home and the news spread to the Tulsa Police Department as well as other officers in Oklahoma. Reports of Agent Hansen in this case contain an arrangement with Omer E. Harris, a close neighbor to Mrs. Jones, who is apparently intimately acquainted with her and with Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, owners of this oil lease, to advise Agent Hansen or the Oklahoma City Office of any suspicious callers Mrs. Jones has. The Gillespies are reputable people and apparently have the confidence of Mrs. Jones, and it is believed that they can be relied upon completely. Mildred Jones has repeatedly promised Agent Hansen that she will cooperate by immediately transmitting any information she receives regarding Harry Campbell, and it is believed, from an observation of her actions in the past, that she is truthful in this regard and that she will supply Agent Hansen with any information she comes into possession of.

With respect to the home where Mrs. Richard D. Wilson lives, until recently she was living with her husband at Arondale, Oklahoma, which is located on what is known as "Section No. 8" and her husband is a pumper on that lease. This house is located in a remote section of the country and could not be successfully kept under constant surveillance for any length of time. Mr. Charlie Cox, who works for the same company as does Wilson, and his wife, Mrs. Cox, who are neighbors to the Wilson, have both agreed to cooperate with Agent Hansen and the Oklahoma City Office by supplying information they obtain from the Wilsons with respect to Harry Campbell or anything that affects him. It is noted from the letter referred to above by the Detroit Office to the Bureau that Mrs. Wilson is now living in Hominy, Oklahoma, which is a short distance from Arondale. Further investigation will be made in this respect at Hominy, Oklahoma, to establish some confidential informant who will be able to observe the Wilson home. In this connection, however, it is to be noted that both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have, on numerous occasions, expressed their willingness to cooperate with

Agent Hansen by furnishing him any information they obtain regarding Campbell. As stated below, Mrs. Wilson will be interviewed by Agent Hansen in an effort to obtain how she came into the possession of the information that Harry Campbell has visited his home at Tulsa recently.

For sometime the Oklahoma City Office has had under consideration obtaining, in some way, a suitable surveillance, possibly the renting of a house near the home of Campbell's parents, in order that a constant surveillance might be made. I discussed this matter over the telephone with Mr. Tamm November 11, 1935, and he stated that an arrangement of this kind is desired by the Bureau. An effort will, accordingly, be made immediately to make this desired set up, particularly for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, so that Bureau agents may have the Campbell home under surveillance constantly over this holiday period.

Be sure. Louis Done Ed 11/16/35

With reference to Mr. Connelley's teletype referred to above, about Campbell visiting his mother, regarding which no prior notice had been given than the letter from the Detroit Office, referred to above, it is to be noted from Agent Paul Hansen's report dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 7, 1935, on page 2, that information was obtained as to a visit Campbell is alleged to have made to his home, being driven to Tulsa by "a boy" whose name is, in all probability, Milt Letts. The Oklahoma City Office is making a concentrated effort to locate this Letts fellow to solicit his cooperation in locating these fugitives. As reported before by Agent Hansen, Mrs. Lona Smith, widow of J. Earl Smith, who was apparently killed by Harry Campbell and others, and who is bitter toward Campbell and desires his apprehension above all other things in the world, lives most of the time with her sister, Ruby Blackwell, at 820 South Rockford Street, in Tulsa, next door to the Campbell home. She and her sister have promised to maintain a close surveillance at their home. If Campbell has been home to see his mother twice since Wynona's arrival at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, it was surely without the knowledge of these two informants. It is thought that Mrs. Smith, who is personally acquainted with Campbell, is a fortunate person to have living next door to the Campbells.

Agent Hansen will interview Mrs. Wilson at Hominy, Oklahoma, in the very near future and endeavor to obtain from her, without informing her of a knowledge of her conversation with Wynona, how she knows Harry has been to see his mother two different times since Wynona has been at Milan.

The reports made in this case by the Oklahoma City Office reflect that Agent Hansen has established confidential informants from the Kansas border south to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and vicinity. These informants are both reputable citizens and underworld characters and most of them are personally acquainted with Campbell and are persons that Campbell is likely to contact should he come to Oklahoma. Some of these informants are likewise personally acquainted with Karpis. Agent Hansen is devoting practically all of his time on this case in the Oklahoma City Office district and I feel that the case is being handled to the best interests of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Cincinnati
Chicago (1 Mr. Connelley)
St. Paul
Detroit

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November 14, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN.

Please refer to a memorandum dated October 14, 1935, which was submitted to you, transmitting all of the available evidence in the possession of this Bureau against Nathaniel H. Heller who was indicted at Jacksonville, Florida on February 7, 1935.

After a perusal of the evidence contained in the above mentioned memorandum, I will be pleased to receive an expression of opinion from you as to your intentions with regard to the prosecution of Nathaniel H. Heller.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Post Office Drawer 1487
Saint Louis, Missouri
November 14, 1935

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

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Recently, while Special Agent H. A. Loughran of this office was at Eldoredo, Illinois, discussing fingerprint work with the Chief of Police, Agent Loughran showed him the fingerprints on the first page of the new Identification Order Booklet, and in so doing the Chief saw the picture of Alvin Karpis. He immediately stated that he had seen that person during the past month; that there had been a collision between a new Ford V-8 Sedan, dark in color, with Illinois license plates, not noted, in which the only person occupying the car was the man identified as Karpis. He stated that there were two other local people in the other car and that the two cars had smashed fenders; that Karpis was very rough in his talk and though admitting that he was to blame stated that he was not going to pay for the damage; that the Chief had a feeling that he was plenty tough and for that reason was somewhat afraid to try and arrest him; that he even failed to take the license number and was unable to recall who the people were who were in the other car, although Agent Loughran closely questioned him in this regard. He recalled remarking to the other police officer afterwards that the man who was the stranger certainly looked like a convict and that he felt somewhat afraid of him. He did not seem to be sure where the accident had occurred but believed that it had originally happened at the intersection of Highways #1 and #14 on the edge of town. Chief Ritchey did not recognize the name of Karpis and was somewhat surprised when agent explained that he was the most sought after man in the United States by law enforcement authorities. Agent Loughran contacted the filling station attendants and the woman running a pullman food stand at the above intersection, but none of the persons interviewed recalled the particular accident nor were they able to identify the photograph of Karpis. Agent also presented the photograph to the officers of the local state bank in Eldoredo, but they stated they had never seen anyone fitting his description.

Apperently there is no further detailed information available at this time. The Chief simply thought he saw Karpis. This is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
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St. Paul
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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

November 14, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BERKID

As a result of the cover placed on the mail for Ada and Ruth Potts and Mrs. L. A. Mead at Sarasota, Florida, the enclosed envelopes were received at the Jacksonville office:

(1) Letter addressed to Miss Ruth Potts, [redacted] St., Sarasota, Florida; postmarked Palatine, Ill. Nov. 9, 1935; return address of [redacted] Route #1, Palatine, Ill.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. Lillian Mead, Sarasota, Fla., Louise Apts. #6; postmarked Marion, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1935; return address of [redacted] Marion, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.
November 11,1935.

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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.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 31st, 1935, addressed to the St. Paul Bureau Office, copy of which was furnished the Omaha Bureau Office.

On November 7th, 1935, at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, Special Agent G. H. Wilson interviewed JESS DOYLE, Number 12369, who at first was reluctant to talk at all unless assured that anything that he might say would not in any manner be allowed to be placed in any newspaper, stating that in the past various things had been printed in the newspapers and attributed to him, which had no basis in fact. Doyle was assured by Agent Wilson that anything he might say in this interview would not be given publicity in the newspapers.

Doyle stated that it was erroneously claimed and believed that he had been, in the past, intimate and closely associated with all the associates and friends of the Barkers and of Karpis, but in reality his acquaintance with such of those that he did know, grew out of his intimate friendship and association with Fred Barker, from the time he was a very small boy.

Doyle maintains that he was not implicated with the Bremer kidnaping, having split away from the gang prior to that time. When questioned as to any known connections or higher-up contacts of the gang in St. Paul, Doyle stated, "I can tell you one thing, when they got an apartment in St. Paul they would put in one telephone and assign it to the man in the State Apprehension Bureau at the State Capitol, and that telephone was never used for anything except to receive calls from that man. On one occasiona a call came to that apartment and no one was there to receive it, so it was switched to Harry Sawyer's place". When asked to explain the calls received over that telephone and whether they were tip-offs, Doyle stated that they were tip-off calls through that source. When asked who the man was in the Capitol, Doyle stated that he did

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not know, other than he was a large and heavy set man. When asked specifically if it were Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley to whom he referred, Doyle stated that he does not now recall those names.

Doyle claimed not to know Dr. Moran, although he at one time lived in Maywood, Illinois, and knew that Dr. Moran had an office there at the same time. Doyle stated that at one time he saw Kate Barker, Fred Barker and William Harrison together at the race tracks at Aurora, Illinois. When any reference was made to any member of this gang, Doyle would state that he certainly would not lose any sleep when he learned that either, or both, Karpis or Campbell had died, since he had personal reasons to desire that they no longer remain at large; that he knew in the past that they had made efforts to get him, Doyle, out of the way. When questioned further along this line, Doyle stated, for example, that while he, Doyle, was in the County Jail at Fairbury, Nebraska, on June 12th, 1935, waiting to be moved that same day to the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska, for safekeeping, he observed, from out of the jail window, Alvin Karpis, alone, getting out of a Dodge Sedan and walking across the street in Fairbury, and that shortly thereafter he returned to the car and drove away. Doyle was emphatic in this statement, stating that he could tell Karpis' walk at a distance, since it was half-way between a fast walk and a "lope".

Doyle stated that at present he could not furnish any information as to the present location of either Karpis or Campbell, but that in the future such may be possible. At this point in the interview Doyle appeared confidential and stated that just prior to his arrest in February, 1935, he knew that the place of AL SHERWOOD, South Coffeyville (Kansas-Oklahoma Line) was not too hot and afforded the most logical and accessible contact for the various members of the gang; that at that time and at that place, he observed a letter in the hands of one of the boys, inviting them to come on down and just fish and hunt, and that plenty of liquor was available; that he, Doyle recognized the handwriting as that of Karpis (since Doyle declares that Karpis writes a left-handed scribe) and although he did not actually see the postmark, he was of the opinion that it was from a point in Oklahoma, about one-half day's drive from South Coffeyville. Doyle stated that he had previously furnished this information to Agent Hansen, of the Oklahoma City Office. Doyle offered the statement that in the event that a check was made of Al Sherwood's place and community, that it would be most inadvisable to make open inquiry, or to drive into that community in a Hudson automobile.

Doyle stated that it is a fact that Kaplis does have contacts from coast to coast, and in his opinion some of the higher ups implicated in the Bremer kidnaping have not been apprehended. No further information was obtained from Doyle at this time. In the future, the Bureau will be advised of any additional information obtained from this source.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Chicago (E. J. Connelley)
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

November 14, 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: BREKID

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of October 8, 1935 (7-576), transmitting copies of a letter dated September 22, 1935, purporting to have been written by one Dick Tate, in which Mr. Tate indicated that one Edgar Knowles, owner of the Park Filling Station at Tarpon Springs, Florida, may be harboring fugitives, and requesting that an appropriate discreet investigation be made to determine whether Knowles is presently harboring or assisting any fugitives in this case.

Please be advised that Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, Resident Agent at Tampa, Florida, has developed that one J. J. Gilchrist, 533 East Tarpon Avenue, Tarpon Springs, Florida, was the author of the aforementioned letter. By interviewing Gilchrist and his son, Murry Gilchrist, the latter being employed by Edgar Knowles, they both identified the photograph of A. D. Hunt, with aliases, a notorious character in Florida, as an associate of HUGH GANT, who is the subject of the case entitled HUGH GANT with aliases—FUGITIVE, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, with Birmingham as the office of origin, as the man they thought might possibly be Alvin Karpis. Agent Yearsley observed A. D. Hunt at the service station of Knowles during the night of November 12, 1935. The Gilchrists also identified Hugh Gant's photograph as that of a person who has in times past visited the Knowles filling station with A. D. Hunt.

The Hugh Gant case is presently receiving the vigorous attention of the Jacksonville office in efforts to effect his apprehension.

Very truly yours,

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R.A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc E.J.Connelley at Chicago
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
November 14, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Please refer to the letter from the Kansas City office to the Bureau dated September 16, 1935, relative to the cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, Register No. 47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. It will be noted that typewritten copies on numerous communications received and sent by Farmer have been transmitted to the Kansas City office by penitentiary officials, but to date no information of great value has been received.

It is respectfully requested that the Bureau advise whether or not it is desired that the Kansas City office continue to procure typewritten copies of these communications.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge

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-Chicago - Cincinnati - St. Paul

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, L. O. #1216, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 14, 1935, please be informed that the Bureau desires the cover be maintained upon the mail of Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas until after the trial in the above entitled matter at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - E. J. Connelley
Cincinnati
St. Paul

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November 13, 1935

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

In accordance with Bureau letter of November 8, 1935, (7-576) I am transmitting herewith photograph of John Henry Foster alias William Elmer Meade, and other aliases, Denver Police Department #8390.

The information requested in Bureau letter of November 1, 1935, at the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, is being obtained and will be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as obtained.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

November 8, 1935.

Time - 10:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Jackson

Special Agent in Charge Alt telephoned Mr. Richmond from the Jacksonville Office and said that he wants to call to the attention of the Bureau an apparent conflict of instructions relative to the disposition of three confiscated automobiles which are being held by him, particularly as to the disposition of that automobile which belonged to Kate and Fred Barker at the time they were killed by Bureau Agents at Ocala, Florida.

Considerable correspondence has passed to and from the Bureau and the Kansas City Office, copies of which are in the possession of the Jacksonville Office, and between the Jacksonville Office and the Kansas City Office, and between the Kansas City Office and Mr. Frank Dixon, who is one of the co-administrators of the estate of Kate and Fred Barker, relative to the disposition of the automobile which is presently in the possession of the Jacksonville Office, and which is the property of the estate of Kate and Fred Barker. Mr. Alt pointed out that in all the correspondence up to November 1, 1935, the Bureau and the field offices have steadfastly maintained the position that the Bureau had absolutely no interest whatsoever in the confiscated automobiles, and that upon the presentation of due claim of ownership, the same would be released. To this end, the Jacksonville Office the other day received a letter from Mr. Frank Dixon, mentioned above, to the effect that pursuant to the attitude of the Bureau, he was sending his wife to Jacksonville to take possession of the Barker automobile and drive it back to Kansas City. Mr. Dixon in his letter explains that due to the press of business matters, neither he nor his attorney is unable to come to Jacksonville to get the car, and that the same should be turned over to Mrs. Dixon. This morning, Mrs. Dixon made her appearance at the Jacksonville Office, having in her possession a letter of introduction from Mr. Dixon, and also several letters which had been written to Mr. Dixon from the Kansas City Office stating that they could have the car. Mr. Alt said that there is no doubt in his mind but that the lady who came in the office this morning is as a matter of fact Mrs. Dixon. He continued that while he believes under the circumstances that this automobile should be turned over to her, he called attention to Bureau letter of November 1, 1935, which states in part that the Bureau was trying to make arrangements whereby the confiscated automobiles in the possession of the Jacksonville Office could be turned over to some other Governmental agency, and that the Jacksonville Office would be advised in due course. Mr. Alt pointed out that previous correspondence from the Bureau had instructed him to turn the Barker automobile as well as the other confiscated automobiles over to their legal owners. He wanted to know what he should do under the circumstances.

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Mr. Richmond in considering the correspondence relative to the matter, which Mr. Alt read to him, stated that when Mrs. Dixon calls for this automobile, a different set of circumstances from those contemplated in the correspondence arises. For instance, the correspondence states that the automobile may be turned over to Mr. Dixon or his representative, meaning, of course, his attorney. In view of this, Mr. Richmond said that the United States Attorney should be consulted to see if he wants the Bureau to release the automobile in question to the party who is calling for it, i.e. Mrs. Frank Dixon, and to see if the Bureau would be relieved of all responsibility which might be the outgrowth of such a transaction.

Mr. Richmond conferred with Mr. Glavin relative to the letter of November 1, 1935, mentioned above, and Mr. Glavin prepared a telegram to Mr. Alt instructing that the automobile in question should be turned over to Mrs. Dixon, provided the United States Attorney gives his official approval.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
November 14, 1935.

Mr. F. C. Zerbst,
Warden, U. S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Attention: Mr. E. E. Eckholdt.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters you have forwarded to this office relative to the mail of Elmer Farmer, your number 47103:

Your letter dated November 4, 1935, enclosing copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 2, 1935.

Your letter dated November 4, 1935, enclosing a letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff, postmarked Leavenworth, Kansas, November 3, 1935.

Your letter dated November 7, 1935, enclosing a copy of a letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 6, 1935.

Your letter dated November 12, 1935, enclosing a copy of a letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated November 9, 1935.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina

November 14, 1935

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

RE: BRKKID
Bureau File #7-576

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Cincinnati Office letter addressed to the Bureau under date of November 12, 1935, advising that only tracings of the signature of C. K. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. William Meade at the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, have been secured.

If it is desired that photographic copies of these signatures be made by this office, please advise me.

Very truly yours,

G. N. Lowdon,
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
November 14, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With further reference to your letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, Register No. 47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to each of the field offices designated hereinbelow copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 2, 1935.

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated November 3, 1935, at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated November 3, 1935, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 6, 1935.

Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer dated November 9, 1935, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,
W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge.

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer #47103
Postmarked: Chicago, Ill. Novem er 2, 1935

Thursday afternoon

Dearest Elmer:-

I thought I would write a letter to you as my last letter was rather short so here goes.

How are you getting along?

I guess you will receive my letter just about the same time you received Nick's. He has been wanting to write to you so finally he did last night. Suppose he told you he was not well, He is just about the same, you know he does not know he has cancer.

Have not been doing much of anything to tell you about. I went to Hammond with my aunt the other night. I guess I told you about it but anyway my cousin is going to see what he can do about getting me a pass to get in to see you. You know he is a good lawyer and I should have had him for you instead of Fischer. I think he can help me a little, I dont know though. He is working for the city and is a judge out there and besides he is a lawyer so heres hoping he can do me some good.

I never did hear from Sullivan in St. Paul, the least he could have done was to answer my letter.

I called Lil today and she is up in Wisconsin. You know she called here for me while I was down town last Monday looking for a job and she was supposed to call back but did not so when I called today, her sister said she had wanted me to go to Wisconsin with her, nice?

Well, honey, are you working? I hope so, then you can have some privileges. Expect to go to work Monday and I certainly am glad. Martha and I were downtown yesterday, she took me to the show; we went to see that Grant Kenworth who is appearing at the Oriental this week. He was very good. I am glad he got a break, he needed one. Does Jim write to you regularly? I never hear from them out there. Well, dearest, I guest this is about all for this time, news is a little scarce. When you write tell me if I can send you candy direct from the store. Be sure you let me know when you write because I will be in the loop when I am working and can get some of Mrs. Snyders candy for you. I hope you are well and also send a little message to Nick when you write to me so I can tell him, he will like that, so write soon with best love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth Kansas Nov. 3, 1935.

Dear Helen

Received your two letters this week also was glad to hear from you. so you are still looking for work. I seem to be in the same boat down here just cant get a job. I hope to have better luck this comming week and be placed to work some where that sure is to bad about Nick I hope he get better soon but if its like you say then I dont see how he can. I suppose May feels bad about it. so scotty is still in there with you. I didnt think May would want him to leave there as she always liked him also Nick. I didnt here from Chub. Blanche writes to me every week and tells me about him as he comes over to see her each week. I dont think you better write up to Sullivan any more at least not now he wouldnt do any thing untill after this next rrial anyway and if things dont turn out alright for him then you better not write to him for some time. I couldnt help him no way in this trial and told him so. he was shure I could and said that why he had me brought back up there. I told him I didnt know those people and Harold told him the same thing. so we were both on our way back here the next day. I didnt take the stand in my own trial so why should I take it now. I cant do myself any good and might make it worse for some one else. so Ill told you mick was getting along alright where he is at. I suppose she goes to see him now. tell lil to say hello to him for me. I think thats the best thing for Chub to do is sell the boxes to those people out there, then he cant get in to any trouble about them. I was having plenty truble last year with them and dont think I would of keep running them much longer the way things were. its much easier to take them away from Chub then me so if he knows what good for him he better get out of that kind of game before its to late. I made plenty of money but had to pay most all of it out, so didnt have anything left in the long run. I know if I ever get out of here I wont bother with any more boxes. if Im not to old I will get some kind of work to do a d if I to old I can go to the old folks home. I might be some good to my self at fifty but if thay keep me longer then that its the old folks home for me then. Its some colder down here today also raining all day. it wont be long now untill winter is here. Well this is about all for this week. Best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer

Letter written by Elmer Farmer #47103 to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth Kansas Nov 3, 1935

Dear Blanche

Received your letter on friday night also the ten dollars in it. I had plenty of money last month as I had four dollars left when I came back from St Paul and you sent me five more so that was plenty for last month. all I can spend it ten each month. I dont spend it all for tobacco most of it I spend for fruit and candy also papers and magazines. you can only buy five cent bars of candy thay come twenty for in a box thay sell for one dollar a box so I get about two boxes of thoes each month. you cant send me any clothes down here as all the clothes if furnished by the government for us. I didnt get placed to work this week as the warden was not here so hope he gets back this coming week and puts me to work. Its raining here today and is getting colder but it wont be long now untill winter is here. so chub weighs 210 lbs. now. I hope I never get to weight that much he better look out for him self as peopl with that much fat dont last long. I excicise every day at least for one hour and I think its doing me good. thats what chub should do every day and he would feel much better. I eat three meals every day and feel fine also sleep good at night, thats some thing new for me as I was up most of the night when I was out. so you and Gifford take a walk each night. I think that will do you good as I dont think you go out much. I will let you know when I think some thing can be done in my case. then you can write to Mc Meeken about it. I think he will get things fixes up for him self up in St. Paul as I read the St. Paul paper every day and he seems to be alright up there now. so if he is later on there he can ar range things up there to have my time cut, he told me when I was up there he could do much more for me after I was down here for a while. so he was paid plenty for the little he did so far. now when the proper time comes let him get me out. I dont suppose Gifford ever did get to talk to Reed. if you could get some one to talk to him he might do some thing. he is right down there where the right peo le are and if I get my time cut it will have to be done in washington so that why I thought it would be nice if some one could talk to him for me. the sooner thay get this case all cleaned up the better it will be for me, then I can start to have my time cut, that case in St Paul wont come up untill Jan 15-1936

Best regards to you and Gifford

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103,
Postmarked, Chicago, Ill. Nov. 6, 1935,

Tuesday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Just received your nice letter so thought I would answer it immediately. I was sitting waiting for the mailman. I guess we are in the same boat looking for a job, but I was down to Fields yesterday and I filed my application and am to go back tomorrow morning so heres hoping I go to work soon. I also went to the Fair and the Boston Store and filed an application so really should go to work soon. Honey, you did not mention receiving a letter from Nick, didnt you receive it?

You know what my aunt is like as far as feeling bad about Nick, one day she does and the next day she does not. Ray was here to see him last night and he was asking all about you and said to say hello to you. I guess we do not rate very high with Sullivan. I will not write again for a while. I hope you did the right thing up there. You know best I suppose, but

I guess you did have a lot of trouble with those old boxes and a lot of expense too., but I do think you could have gone along a lot better than Jim but of course I would think that I hope you do get out when you are fifty years old. That certainly seems like a long time for you to be there for not doing anything at all but be a good fellow, it all seems so unfair, when that Monte will get a small sentence I bet. I hope honey when you get out that you will be able to go along in a restaurant or a hotel and I am sure that I will be able to help you and be with you again, that is if you would want me to, You know I am not so certain about my rating with you, but you wont ever go to an Old Folks home if I know anything about it, so dont feel Blue honey. We had a lot of rain here and it has been quite chilly and Mc Garrity at Fields was telling me that is why I was not put right to work on account of the weather business is rather slow. Lil called me up last week when I was down town and wanted me to go to Wisconsin with her, It would have been nice but I dont know if I would like to go oike that. Irene was in Saturday night with Jacobson's daughter, I suppose you remember her, she is a little bit goofy. We went downtown to the show and that girl really does get in your hair. Irene is going to move over there and stay with my mother.

She is supposed to come in tonight and get some of her clothes, and if she does I think I will ride back with her and come home later tonight. I guess you and I are "orphans," we are both away from there but I hope when you get out of there things will be different for both of us, dont you? I will tell Lil to say hello to Mike for you when I hear from her. I suppose you read in the paper about the man who was stabbed at Stateville, well, that is where Mike is at so I suppose they will take some of his privileges away from him as well as the other men. Well honey, how to you feel? I hope you are well. Have you changed any at all? Are you thinner or stouter and any grayer? Tell me when you

write. I am thinner and have let my hair grow a little longer so that it is done up in a row of curls in the back and thats about the only change in me. I was over to see the Priest last night and he asked about you, so I do not know whether you will like it or not. I suggested he write to you, is that all right? It cannot hurt you to hear from him and it surely will look very well for you if a Priest is writing to you. I explained about you not being able to answer his letters.

I should I would be able to see you before Christmas or Christmas anyway but evidently I wont be able to. I think about you a whole lot and I hope I will get to see you soon, so until I do keep your chin up.

Would you like to have me write to Washington again about some work for you? Let me know when you write again. I hope I will be able to tell you I am working the next time, I write to you.

Well dearest, I guess this is about all for today and I will write tomorrow if I go to Bensenville and tell you all about it, so until I hear from you will close with lots of love

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave.
Chicago, Ill

Scottie is still here and is sleeping along side of me on the floor.

Letter to Helen Conliff written by Elmer Farmer
#47103

Leavenworth Kansas Nov. 9, 1935

Dear Helen:-

Received your two letters also one from Nick. was sure glad to hear from him and hope he gets better soon. he told me all about how he is feeling in it, also that he could not eat, and he didn't know just how it would turn out. I sure feel sorry for him and hope he get better real soon. I sent Harold Nick's regards also told him how he was feeling, he said he hope Nick would get alright soon also sends his regards.

I am not working yet and dont think I will very soon, the Government agents were here again to see me Friday and will be back again some time this coming week. there were from Kansas City and as long as thay keep comming to see me I wont be placed to work. I told them I had nothing to say and didnt want them comming to see me, but thay told me there was no law aginst calling on me so what else can I do. I may be up in St. Paul again, but I dont see how thay can do it with hurting there case. I dont know any one in the case up there so what good would I do them. I hope you have better luck than I do about getting work. Your cousin might be able to help me down here if he knew anyone in Washington. yo u might ask him about it. you cant send me anything down here now onley on Xmas and dont know just what you can send then but will let you know later on. so Ray was over to see Nick. I bet Nick liked that as he thinks quite a lot of him how is he getting along? give him my regards. I havent changed any since I left St Paul just about the same it will be ten months the 16th of this month that I have been locked up and was only out in the sun shine about seven times and then onley for about one hour and half. so you see how its been for me. I am in my cell twenty three hours each day except when I go to meals and that takes about twenty five minutes for each meal.. I read most of the time and when I am not reading I sleep so thats the way I pass the time away. the priest can write to me here and when I here from him will let you know. about you writing to any one now for me I dont think it would do any good so let it go for the time being. I hope you are working the next time I here from you then things will be much better for you. also that Nick is much better. May sure has her hands full now but hope things turn out alright. so scotty is there yet and in good standing. Well I will say good by for now best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer 47103

November 20, 1935.

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Mr. M. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Kansas City Office dated November 14, 1935, transmitting copies of letters exchanged between Helen Gonliff and Elmer Farmer.

Particular reference is made to the letter of Helen Gonliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, on November 6, 1935, which letter was written on Tuesday afternoon. It is noted therein that Helen Gonliff used the following language: "Ray was here to see him (meaning Nick) last night and he was asking all about you and said to say hello to you." The Bureau desires to know whether there is any possibility that the Ray mentioned above is identical with Alvin Karpis, who on many occasions uses the alias Ray. In the same letter the following language is observed: "Irene was in Saturday night with Jacobson's daughter, I suppose you remember her, she is a little bit goofy."

In view of the close relationship between Helen Gonliff and Irene Dorsey, it is believed that Helen Gonliff should be thoroughly interviewed with regard to the two matters mentioned above which are called to your attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc St. Paul
Cincinnati
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Kansas City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO — CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-88

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - NEGATIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BRELER - VICTIM.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CONFIDENTIAL INQUIRY.

Irene Dorsey, common law wife of Fred Goetz, alias Goerge Ziegler, now deceased, claims she does not know of Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley, Police Officers in St. Paul, Minn., being implicated in this case. She denies knowing them personally or having any information whatever that would connect Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley or Harry Sawyer with the instant case. Information as obtained from files of several major cases investigated by the Bureau set out herein which definitely establishes collusion between Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer of St. Paul and members of the St. Paul Police Dept., which made it safe for the Barker-Karpis mob to live and operate in that city.

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REFERENCE: Copy of personal and confidential letter to Special Agent in Charge H. E. Anderson, St. Paul, Minnesota, from the Bureau dated October 31, 1935.

DETAILS: AT WILLINGTON, ILLINOIS.

Irene Dorsey, common law wife of Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, who was killed in gangland fashion in March, 1934, was

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interviewed by Special Agent T. F. Mullen and the writer at her place of business in Wilmington, Illinois, for any information she could supply regarding the activities of Harry Sawyer, Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley in connection with this kidnaping case. Irene Dorsey advised that she and Fred Goetz at no time ever lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, that they frequently made trips to that city during the years 1931 to 1933 and on these occasions they always remained in hotels. She stated that she was only casually acquainted with Harry Sawyer, having met him for the first time in St. Paul, Minnesota, in either 1931 or 1932; that the last time she saw Harry Sawyer was in Chicago, Illinois, during September of 1933 at which time he and his wife, Gladys, visited the World's Fair and also visited them at their home on several occasions.

Irene Dorsey advised that she is not acquainted with Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley and that to her recollection Fred Goetz had never mentioned them in his conversations with her; that she knows of no information which would indicate that these two individuals were in any way connected with Harry Sawyer, nor has she any knowledge whatever of Harry Sawyer being implicated in the instant case in any manner.

Miss Dorsey advised that the information as set out in the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 30, 1934, is her entire knowledge of the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang and of the instant case.

For the information of the Bureau and other offices who were requested to develop information relative to this matter, there is reflected in the files of this Office considerable evidence which clearly indicates that Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer had connections with the St. Paul Police Department which situation made it safe for the Barker-Karpis gang as well as the Dillinger mob to live and operate in St. Paul without any interference by the St. Paul Police Department. This information which is being set out hereinafter was gathered from the files in the Chicago Office of several important cases which the Bureau has investigated in the past.

The first information obtained which indicated that Harry Sawyer had connections with the St. Paul Police Department is contained in the report of Special Agent W. F. Seery, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated September 14, 1931, in the case entitled,

FRANK NASH, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1166 - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. In this report there is recorded that Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni and Agent Seery were confidentially informed by an Officer of the St. Paul Police Department that it had been well established that Harry Sawyer and Leon Gleckman, the two outstanding leaders of the St. Paul underworld "stood in with the heads of the St. Paul Police Department" and that no real assistance could be expected from that Department in the apprehension of an associate or henchman of Gleckman or Sawyer. The identity of this informant was furnished to the Bureau under personal and confidential letter and is not known to this office. An examination of the files in this case fails to reflect any further information from this informant concerning the above allegation and it is possible that this individual can furnish further information which might be of value in connection with the investigation now under way.

In the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 7, 1934 in the instant case, it will be noted that several members of the Barker-Karpis gang lived at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue in St. Paul during the latter part of February and the first part of March, 1933. An investigation at this address revealed that Mr. P. J. Parnell, located at 1299 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was the custodian of these two buildings. According to the above mentioned report Mr. Parnell, upon being interviewed, advised that the building located at 1290 Grand Avenue is owned by Mr. W. Westfall, an attorney, located in the Guardian Building, and that the adjoining apartment building, 1280 Grand Avenue, is owned by the Hamlin University; that Mr. Coy O. Hardwick was employed by Mr. Westfall as an outside man to check on his properties and to recommend any necessary repairs, but that he had nothing to do with the rentals. Mr. Parnell further advised that it was customary for him and his wife to handle all rentals and collections in these buildings, and that they have always exercised great care in selecting tenants for same, renting only to those persons showing satisfactory references. Mr. Parnell further stated that Hardwick had never attempted to rent any of the apartments prior to the renting of apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue, and apartments #102 and #302, 1280 Grand Avenue, and to the best of his recollection had not rented any since that time. Parnell advised that around the middle of February, 1933, Hardwick came to him and informed that he, Hardwick, had a brother-in-law, Ray Steger, who was

in with a bunch of rounders from down south and that two or three of the vacant apartments could be rented to this bunch. Parnell stated that he was not very anxious to allow Hardwick to do any of the renting, but Hardwick finally prevailed upon him to permit him to do so and assured that everything would be satisfactory; that on February 18, 1933, or thereabouts, Hardwick came to him and stated that he had rented apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue and requested him to put it in shape immediately since it would be occupied at once by Mr. C. E. Moore who would be joined in a few days by his elderly mother who was supposed to be enroute from California; that he and his wife prepared the apartment for occupancy the same day, but no one showed up until a few days prior to March 1, 1933, at which time he observed several men moved into the apartment; that the day after these men moved in he questioned Charlie Miller, janitor, with reference to the occupants and Miller informed him that two men moved in, one of whom gave the name C. E. Moore, but that no woman was with them. He stated that he subsequently saw many strange cars with foreign license tags come to the apartment and this aroused his suspicions and he began checking on the cars of visitors coming to the apartment.

Mr. Parnell further related that a few days after the men had moved to apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue, Mr. Hardwick came to him and told him to get two more apartments ready for 5 o'clock the same day, specifying apartments #102 and #305, 1280 Grand Avenue. Mr. Hardwick seemed to be quite excited and Mr. Parnell informed him that he had rented apartment #305, which was already occupied, so Hardwick immediately substituted apartment #302. Parnell stated that he inquired of Hardwick whether the prospective tenants had examined the apartment in question to which he replied that he had driven the prospective tenants past the building and they said the apartments would be all right, and that they knew what the apartments were like on the inside because they had previously visited a friend who lived in the building at one time. Parnell stated that he requested Hardwick to give him the names of the prospective tenants and Hardwick told him that he did not know their names at that time, but that the apartments were being rented in the name of J. J. Burns, who would occupy apartment #302; that this man was in the land business and would have considerable visitors coming in and out due to the fact that he had some land matters to take up with members of the State Legislature.

Mr. Parnell further advised according to the above mentioned report that on the night of March 3 or 4, 1933, at about 10 p.m., he and his wife were returning home from a basketball game and passed the alley which runs in the rear of 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue and observed several automobiles in the alley and considerable moving in and out and back and forth between the buildings; that he observed several men in cars around the neighborhood who appeared to be placed as lookouts. He stated that he recognized some of the cars and men as being those who had visited the above three apartments and immediately surmised that something was wrong and that the gang was preparing to make their getaway. He stated that he immediately went to his quarters and telephoned Lieutenant Talbott, with whom he had already spoken about his suspicions of the gang, and Lieutenant Talbott arranged to have a squad car sent out immediately. Parnell stated that while waiting for the arrival of the Police he proceeded to 1290 Grand Avenue and secreted himself in the laundry room where he watched the operations of the gang; that during these operations he accidentally pushed against a door which squeaked and one of the men in the group wheeled about hurriedly, displaying a large shiny revolver, but he, Parnell, kept motionless for a brief time and the man turned around and continued on down the hall. Mr. Parnell stated that the photograph of Arthur R. Barker bore a very striking resemblance to the person he saw with the gun.

Mr. Parnell further stated that shortly thereafter, six detectives, whose names he could not furnish, came to his apartment in answer to the call made to Lieutenant Talbott; that the gang was still in the process of moving when these officers arrived; that they made no move to stop them, but merely seated themselves comfortably in his apartment. One of the officers exhibited a photograph to Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, which they partially identified as being that of one of the persons seen by them entering the apartments in question. The officer explained to Mr. Parnell that he need not worry about this fellow; that he had a nice wife and daughter and ran a place on Wabasha Avenue where the officers went to drink and were treated fine. Parnell further stated that the Police officers spent considerable time in his apartment this particular evening while these people were moving out and when he prevailed upon them to get busy and do something the officers merely looked at one another and winked; that they finally left his apartment after the gang had left and went over to the apartments previously mentioned;

that either the same night or the following morning the Police patrol drove up and took considerable clothing and bedding from the apartment, but left the gang's silverware and dishes, which were subsequently called for by a drayman on April 26, 1933, and turned over to the drayman by him; that the drayman presented a pencil note addressed to Mr. Hardwick and signed by J. J. Burns, C. E. Moore and S. E. Lockwood.

It was the belief of Mr. Parnell that the black suitcases removed from the apartments on the night in question were delivered to the Hollyhocks Inn, though he could not furnish anything definite concerning this. He also stated that he had heard from some source which he was unable to recall that this same gang moved to 1035 or 1055 Roberts Street in West St. Paul, Minnesota; that the owner of this property or the man who managed the same became aware of the identity of this gang and was given a good position at the State Capitol in St. Paul to remain silent.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Parnell could definitely identify occupants of any of the apartments, but stated they observed the group moving freely from one apartment to another and it was not possible to determine just which of the apartments the various members did in fact occupy. They stated that to the best of their knowledge, apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue, was rented to C. E. Moore and was occupied by two men, although a woman about 35 or 40 years of age and a girl about 14 years of age were seen coming out of this apartment; that apartment #302, 1280 Grand Avenue was occupied by J. J. Burns and son, and apartment #102, 1280 Grand Avenue, was being occupied by Lockwood.

Numerous photographs were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Parnell and they advised that the photographs of Harry B. Olson, St. Paul Police Dept. #22611, Vernon C. Miller, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis bore striking resemblances to persons observed by them as going in and out of the three apartments in question.

Mr. Coy O. Hardwick, above-mentioned, was interviewed and after telling several conflicting stories concerning his part in the renting of the above mentioned apartments, he finally admitted that his brother-in-law, Ray Steger, came to him prior to March 1, 1933, and inquired if he, Hardwick, had a vacant house which could be rented to a certain party; that Hardwick informed Steger that he had no such vacancy, whereupon Steger talked with him about vacant apartments. Although Mr.

Hardwick would not state definitely that Steger recommended these people to him he, however, left the impression with the interviewing Agents that such was the case and that Steger prevailed upon him to rent the apartments to these people. According to Hardwick, Steger had previously been employed as a bartender for Danny Hogan, now deceased.

With reference to Danny Hogan, the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 15, 1933, reflects that this individual was, up to the time of his death in 1927, the underworld boss in St. Paul, Minnesota; that after Harry Sawyer's trouble in Nebraska in 1925, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and became associated with Hogan, who was later killed when a bomb was attached to the starter of his car. It is said that Harry Sawyer subsequently assumed Hogan's position in that city.

The report of Special Agent Hall mentioned above further reflects that Ray Steger, who was then employed as a personnel investigator for the Minnesota Highway Department, attached to the office of the Attorney General, advised upon interview that he did not know anything concerning the persons who occupied apartments at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue. He also denied that he had anything to do with the renting of these apartments or had any conversations with Hardwick relative thereto. Steger did admit, however, that he worked for J. J. Kohn, located at 9th and Wabasha Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the period 1927 to 1933, and also as a bartender for two years for the late Danny Hogan.

The identity of J. J. Kohn and the nature of his business is not reflected in the files of this Office, but it will be noted that the address of this individual is within a short distance from the place previously operated by Harry Sawyer.

Lieutenant Talbott, St. Paul Police Department, was interviewed and he advised that he definitely recalled the telephone call which he received from the Parnells with reference to the occupants of the apartments on Grand Avenue; that he was off duty when the call came, but that he immediately telephoned Lieutenant Mondike, who was on the night desk and requested him to immediately send a squad to Parnell's place, instructing him how to get there through an alley without being seen by the occupants under suspicion. Lieutenant Talbott advised that Parnell informed him that the people were apparently

making a getaway and that he prepared a statement of facts at the time for filing in the office, however, Lieutenant Talbott was unable to locate his written report covering this matter. Lieutenant Talbott did not recall the names of the officers who responded to his alarm, but expressed the belief that detective Louis Schultz was one of the officers.

Interview was also had with Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney who stated that there was every indication that there had been a tip off in this case. He explained that the matter occurred just shortly after he assumed his present office and that no doubt it was some officer in the group who was not in favor of the then present administration and was responsible for what had happened. Inspector Tierney stated that he was unable to determine just what officers answered the call and had no idea as to the identity of the people who were occupying the apartments under suspicion. Inspector Tierney could not locate the written report of Lieutenant Talbott nor could he locate any report made by the officers who responded to the call. The only thing which Inspector Tierney was able to locate touching on the matter was a report of Officers McMahon and McGinnis, dated March 4, 1933, which disclosed that these two officers reported for duty at 8 a.m. and conducted the investigation at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, apartments #102 and #302.

As evidence which definitely substantiates the participation of Harry Sawyer and certain members of the St. Paul Police Department in the activities of the Barker-Karpis mob, attention is directed to the statement made by Jess Doyle which is contained in the report of Special Agent H. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 21, 1935. With reference to the above related matter, it will be noted that according to Doyle the Barker-Karpis gang left Reno, Nevada, around the first part of 1933 and went direct to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and he rented an apartment on Grand Avenue, the exact address, unknown; that Earl Christman and his wife, Helen Ferguson, also came to St. Paul at this time and rented an apartment on Marshall Avenue near Cleveland Street; that Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker and Kate Barker left Reno, Nevada, two days later. Doyle further advised that on or about the third day while in St. Paul at this time, he came home alone one evening and observed Gladys Sawyer, the wife of Harry Sawyer, sitting in an automobile parked in front of the building. She intercepted him

him and asked where Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were and when he replied that he did not know, she stated that he had better look them up as the Police were contemplating raiding their apartment in the morning. According to Doyle, he went downtown to look for Fred and Alvin, but could not find any one of the gang. He stated that when he returned Gladys Sawyer was still in front of the building and she informed him at this time that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had been there and had moved out; that they would meet him, Doyle, at her husband's place on Wabasha Street. Doyle stated that when he arrived at Harry Sawyer's place, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were there and theytold him that they had seen Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker and Mother Barker, and that they were on their way to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the three of them, meaning Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and himself, left for Chicago that night in Fred Barker's Chrysler Sedan.

It is possible that Helen Ferguson could furnish valuable information relative to the tip off of the contemplated raid mentioned above.

Another incident which clearly indicates that Crumbley and others of the St. Paul Police Department made it safe for the Barker-Karpis mob to remain in St. Paul, Minnesota, is reflected in the report of Special Agent J. D. Glass, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated November 1, 1932, in the case entitled, FRANK NASH, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1166. - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. In this report information is set out to the effect that about three months prior to April 25, 1932, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker, together with her husband, George Anderson, lived in a house at 1031 South Roberts Street, West St. Paul, Minnesota. The woman who rented them this house resided nearby at 1035 South Roberts Street and she became suspicious of these people and noticed that Karpis and Barker would, when leaving the house or returning to it, each carry a violin case. She told her son, Nick Hannegrath, who resides with her, of her suspicions and he closely observed these people. Shortly thereafter on April 25, 1932, Nick Hannegrath noticed the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker in a Detective magazine, which stated that these two men were wanted for the murder of the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri. He readily recognized the pictures in the magazine as likenesses of the two men living in his mother's house. About 1 a.m. on April 25, 1932, Hannegrath reported the matter to Chief of Police Dahill and Police Inspector James Crumley of the St. Paul Police Department. Fred

Barker, Alvin Karpis, Kate Barker and George Anderson were at that time asleep in the house at 1031 South Roberts Street. The St. Paul Police Department for some unknown reason delayed going to the house to apprehend these people until about 8 a.m. that morning; that at about 7 a.m. Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and their companions had packed their belongings and left the house.

On April 28, 1932, Mayor Mahoney, St. Paul, in his campaign made a speech in which he said the St. Paul Police Department had tipped off Barker and Karpis so that they could make their escape.

In further connection with this matter, attention is invited to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated July 3, 1933, in the case entitled, VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1194; et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER (FRANK NASH). It will be noted that J. Glenn Harrison, Assistant Editor of the St. Paul Despatch, Pioneer Press, advised that he had received information from a confidential source that about five weeks ago three men and a woman rented the house at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, from a man and his wife who had moved to a lake; that their actions were very suspicious, and when brought to his attention he reported the matter at 11:30 p.m. on June 19, 1933, to Chief of Police Thomas Dahill and on the following morning to County Attorney, Mike Kinkead, St. Paul, however, he did not believe that the Police had made any investigation in the matter. In connection with the above, the owners of the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue subsequently positively identified the photograph of Paula Harmon as the woman who rented the house and stayed there during the entire time that the house was occupied.

At the time of Paula Harmon's detention in the Chicago Bureau Office for questioning, she furnished the following information relative to the above matter.

She stated that after Fred Barker was released from the hospital where he underwent an appendicitis operation she rented a house at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota; that Fred Barker and Arthur Barker lived with her at this address. She further stated that they were visited while living at this place by Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Russell Gibson and Frank Nash. She stated that on the date William Hamm was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota,

she noticed that Arthur Barker was missing from 204 Vernon Avenue and did not return at any time thereafter, to this address, and neither did Alvin Karpis call at her home during the period from June 15 to June 19, 1933. She stated that about midnight June 19, 1933, Jack Pfeiffer called at the house and told her she had better move; that Jack Pfeiffer assisted her in moving their belongings out of 204 Vernon Avenue and took her to a cottage on White Bear Lake where she spent the night alone. Jack Pfeiffer subsequently made some comment to the effect that the newspapers carried an article describing a woman who had moved out of 204 Vernon Avenue.

It will be noted that Paula Harmon, according to the latest information concerning her is still confined in the Texas Hospital for the Insane at Rusk, Texas.

To show that the Dillinger mob operated with the protection of the St. Paul Police Department, attention is invited to the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, dated January 22, 1935, in the Dillinger case, particularly to the statement obtained from Joseph Raymond Negri, alias "Fatso" Negri, a close associate of Lester Joseph Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson, and John Paul Chase. In this connection Negri stated that while they (Gillis, Chase and Negri) were staying at the Mount Grant Lodge at Walker Lake, Nevada, they learned over the radio that Homer Van Meter had been killed; that they drove into Fallon, Nevada, and obtained a newspaper which Negri believed was a San Francisco paper. The names of the officers who killed Van Meter were set out in this newspaper. According to Negri when Gillis and Chase read these names, they remarked, "The ------, he is the fellow that we paid a thousand dollars. Perhaps he was in a spot where he had to go along." Negri conjectured from this conversation that Dillinger, Gillis and Chase and Van Meter, had paid this officer a thousand dollars for giving them a tip that their car or cars had been spotted and were being watched, although he was not definite as to this.

With reference to the killing of Homer Van Meter, it was noted in the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 28, 1934, also in the Dillinger case, that Chief of Police Cullen, Detective Tom Brown and Detective Thomas McMahon and Jeff Dittrich were in the party that killed Van Meter.

There is also interesting information relative to this matter contained in the letter to the Bureau dated April 13, 1934, from Inspector H. H. Clegg at St. Paul, Minnesota. In this letter there is recorded the statement obtained from Bessie Green in which she advised among other things that she was informed by Homer Van Meter that on the day of the shooting at Lexington Avenue, March 31, 1934, and about ten or fifteen minutes before the shooting, John Hamilton together with Pat Cherrington and Opal Long had departed from Dillinger's apartment and drove away expecting to be gone but a short time; that Hamilton and these two girls subsequently returned to within one block of the apartment and upon seeing the excitement about the building they hurriedly departed from the vicinity. According to Bessie Green, Van Meter further advised her that Hamilton and the girls then drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, to Pat Reilly's home, but he was absent, after which they drove to McCormick's restaurant where someone took them away in a Ford Sedan. She stated that it was her information that Harry Sawyer was in the restaurant at the time and that he furnished the car or had instructed someone to procure a car for this getaway; that Hamilton and the two girls drove to "some one's place in the country" which Harry Sawyer knew about and it is the belief of Bessie Green that this place was Harry Sawyer's farm. She stated that Sawyer's farm was raided on Saturday night of that week, but that prior thereto an individual by the name of McMullen of the St. Paul Police Department tipped off Harry Sawyer that the raid was about to be conducted, whereupon he escaped the trap and word was sent to Hamilton and the two girls in sufficient time for them to make a getaway.

In connection with the above incident it will be noted in the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, dated July 16, 1934 at St. Paul, Minnesota, that Pat Cherrington, sweetheart of John Hamilton, furnished the following information to Special Agent G. J. Gross and this Agent, while she was awaiting sentence in the Dade County Jail, Madison, Wisconsin:

With reference to the shooting in St. Paul on March 31, 1934, Miss Cherrington advised that she and Hamilton had been in the apartment which Dillinger and Evelyn Frechette occupied; that she and Hamilton had accompanied Dillinger and Evelyn Frechette to a movie house on two or three occasions near by this apartment, and explained that she just happened to be away from the apartment at the time Dillinger made his

escape. She went on to state that subsequent to the above mentioned shooting she and her sister, Opal Long, together with John Hamilton went to Detroit, Michigan, where they contacted Homer Van Meter, who took them to Harry Sawyer's cottage near St. Paul, Minnesota, where they remained four days; that they received a tip that the place was to be raided and left about 6 0'clock in the evening and returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they met Tommy Carroll and "Baby Face" Nelson and remained overnight in St. Paul.

It is possible that Pat Cherrington can furnish more detailed information with reference to the tip off mentioned above.

The following undeveloped leads were dictated by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. PAUL BUREAU OFFICE. With the idea in mind of developing any prior association of Harry Sawyer with the Police of St. Paul, which it is believed represented the usefulness of Sawyer to the mob, that is in keeping them advised of the Police activities and also as to furnishing them with places of concealment and bases of operation, particularly during the period Bremer was held, the following investigation should be conducted:

This information will probably definitely indicate the association of certain individuals of the St. Paul Police Department with Harry Sawyer and others, but should be carried out very discreetly in order not to create any impression that an inquiry is being made of the Police Department's activities and should be ostensibly for the purpose of getting the background of Harry Sawyer, and which information of course will be of value to us and can be used in the trial of this individual on January 6, 1936. The files of the St. Paul Office should be reviewed together with any confidential information submitted to determine any possible leads, however, such review should not delay the immediate necessary inquiry in this in order that it will be ready for use before January 6, 1936. The confidential informant referred to on pages two and three, a Police Officer,

if still reliable should be contacted for the present general setup and any knowledge he may have of the activities of Harry Sawyer and and his associates.

In connection with Coy O. Hardwick and Ray Steger, brother-in-law of Hardwick, the latter being indicated as an investigator for the Minnesota State Highway Department under the office of the Attorney General, in the renting of apartment #106, at 1290 Grand Avenue and Apartments #102 and #302 at 1280 Grand Avenue, by the members of the Karpis-Barker gang in February and March, 1933, further inquiry should be made particularly of Charlie Miller, the janitor at 1290 Grand Avenue, as well as Hardwick for any information which identifies the members of this gang as being at this address and particularly as to whether or not Harry Sawyer appeared there at any time or whether Mrs. Gladys Sawyer appeared there. It is noted that reference is made to the fact that the gang apparently rented a place at 1035 or 1055 Roberts Street, West St. Paul, where supposedly the manager became aware of their identity and in order to keep him quiet thereafter, he was given a position in the State Capitol. It is believed that this may refer to Nick Hannegrath, 1035 South Roberts Street, West St. Paul, and the incident wherein he reported to the Police on April 25, 1932 the location of the Karpis-Barker gang at 1031 South Roberts Street, West St. Paul and inquiry should be made to see whether or not Hannegrath was ever approached particularly by James Crumley as to taking a Government position, it being indicated that Crumley is now with the State Identification Division of Minnesota, possibly Hannegrath might be willing to disclose any conversations he has since had with Crumley as to his, Hannegrath's, knowledge of the apparent disregard of the information as to the location of the gang at this address.

Reference is made to Officers McMahon and McGinnis, the former possibly being one and the same as the present Detective Thomas McMahon, who reported they conducted investigation at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue as to apartments #102 and #302, and these officers should be approached without disclosing the purpose of the inquiry to determine if possible who the other officers were participating in this, as possibly an honest officer may be in the group who will advise us what occurred and whether there was a tip off and whether or not Harry Sawyer had any part in the picture. These officers might be induced to make such identifications themselves particularly if Sawyer and other members of the mob who were at this address at the time in question.

The CLEVELAND BUREAU OFFICE, Helen Ferguson, Toledo, Ohio, should be contacted without definitely disclosing to her the purpose of the inquiry and she should be questioned as to her being at the address on Grand Avenue, St. Paul, during February and March, 1933, with Karl Christman, and effort should be made to ascertain if Harry Sawyer was involved at any time and whether or not the Police tipped them off to get out of this location.

The DETROIT BUREAU OFFICE, Interview should be had with Pat Cherrington as to her prior statements as to this and particularly as to any information she has as to whether or not the Police warned them to get out; also as to any knowledge she may have as to the association of Sawyer with any of the gangs at St. Paul.

- P E N D I N G -

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

November 14, 1935.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

This mail cover on Isabelle [redacted]
Route 1, Box 44, Mankato, Minnesota, has [redacted]
receiving mail from the persons, firms and [redacted]
[redacted]. The Postmaster at Mankato furnished [redacted]
[redacted]ings from these letters, but only [redacted]
[redacted] not furnish [redacted] of the return [redacted]
[redacted]tained are [redacted]
[redacted]mples of [redacted] that Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]ecial Agent [redacted] Kirkland on [redacted]
[redacted]e Postmaster at Mankato, Minnesota, and requested him to
[redacted]rnish complete [redacted]ings of the address and the return address
[redacted]d to supply the [redacted]ings promptly to this office. Agent
Kirkland also [redacted]ers on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. O. R.
Neuenfeldt, Route [redacted] 44, [redacted] this
[redacted] the same address [redacted] Belle Horn's.

The Postmaster at St. Peter, Minnesota, was [redacted]
also requested to place a thirty day cover on all mail of O.R.
Anderson who receives his mail on a Rural Route out of St. Peter,
Minnesota. This office has requested the Postmaster at St. Paul
to place covers on the mail of O. R. Neuenfeldt, 357 Walnut Street,
St. Paul, and on all mail received by occupants of 254 Sherman
Street, St. Paul, this latter address being the residence of
James F. Miner at whose place Belle Horn always visits when in
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10-9-35 from Mrs. C. F. Hendrup, 217 Saratoga Ave., St.Paul, Minn.; to Isabelle Born

10-12-35 from ? to Miss Ruth Anderson, Mankato, Minn. (statement)

10-18-35 from Farmers [redacted] Co., [redacted], Minn.; to Isabelle Born

10-18-35 from Mildred Karlsen, [redacted]

10-19-35 from V Phillip[redacted] Mont.; [redacted]

10-19-35 from 907 L[redacted] Los Angeles [redacted], Isabelle Born [redacted]

10-23-35 from North St[redacted] Co-operative Dair[redacted] St. Peter, Minn.; to Isabelle Born [redacted]

10-24-35 from Box 99, Pontiac, Ill.; to [redacted]

11-1-35 from Neil Neilsen, Inc., Mankato, [redacted] (statement)

11-1-35 from Mutual Auto Ins.Co., [redacted] Born (statement)

11-1-35 from Schwiskert Hardware, Mankato, [redacted] statement)

11-1-35 from Mrs. Mae [redacted]g, 516 So.Mountain [redacted] Mont.; to Miss Isabelle Born

11-4-35 from P.O.Box [redacted], Mankato, Minn.; to Mrs. Isabelle Born (statement)

11-4-35 from Blyth W. Sponenberg, P.M., [redacted]ry, Sphinx Chapter, No. 300 (1180) O.E.S., Brookstown, N.J.; to Miss Isabelle Born

11-5-35 from [redacted]; to Mrs. Belle Born

The attention of the Los Angeles Office is invited to the letter postmarked October 19, 1935, which bore return address of 907 [redacted]. By conversation with Mr. [redacted] Comm[redacted] might be advised that I thought that Box 99, Pontiac, Ill[redacted] probably the [redacted] Office of [redacted] Inte[redacted] Secret Agent [redacted]

versed in the details of this case may have [redacted] identity of that letter writer, it is being left to him to request any additional investigation he desires.

The attention of the [redacted] the letter postmarked October 19, 1935, at Phillipsburg, [redacted] the return address not being shown; to the letter [redacted] November 1, 1935, which bore the return address [redacted] Nuremberg, 816 So. Mountain Av., [redacted].

Very truly yours,

H. H. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
November 15, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 19, 1935, (7-576) to Burnam Cummins, City Marshal, Ava, Missouri, with which were transmitted photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a fugitive in the above entitled case.

On November 9, 1935, at Ava, Missouri, City Marshal Cummins advised Special Agent V. W. Gillen that he wanted this photograph because there had recently moved into the community a doctor whom he thought might be Dr. Moran. However, since he saw the photograph of Dr. Moran he was sure that he was not the doctor at Ava, Missouri. Not only was there no facial resemblance, but the doctor who had recently come to Ava was about sixty years old, whereas Dr. Moran is much younger.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul
Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley, Chicago

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1021 Bankers Building
Milwaukee Wisconsin

November 14, 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; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated November 6, 1935, relative to the above entitled matter.

On November 7, 1935, Special Agent Albert Franz of this office interviewed Captain Leo Kinney of the Madison, Wisconsin Police Department relative to the robbery of Nelson's Jewelry Store at Madison, Wisconsin on May 23, 1935, and the connection of Volney Davis relative thereto. Captain Kinney stated that a Mr. D. MacIntyre, Attorney at Law, Madison, Wisconsin is trying to prove that Volney Davis was the individual who really robbed Nelson's Jewelry Store on May 23, 1935.

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MacIntyre represents one Richard Graham, who was arrested with Sam Johnson in connection with the robbery of the Nelson's Jewelry Store. He is also said to have been to the newspapers with his story, and Agent Franz did not deem it advisable to interview MacIntyre feeling that MacIntyre might make something of the inquiry of Agent Franz which might harm the State's case against Graham.

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At 120 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, Agent Franz interviewed Mr. Arthur A. Frautschi, who maintains a high class undertaking establishment. Mr. Frautschi stated that he did not see the man who was supposed to be Volney Davis, but that the apartment rented to a man and woman who gave the names of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jordan was actually rented through Mr. Frautschi's secretary, John H. Schantz.

Mr. Frautschi, however, exhibited a photograph of a baby which he found in the apartment after Mr. and Mrs. Jordan did not return. The photograph was made by the Pyke Studio, 116½ South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois.

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Inquiry at this studio relative to the identity and whereabouts of the Jordans disclosed that they were unknown.

A card of Dr. Walter B. Whipple of 119 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois was also found in the apartment of the Jordans, and he too denied knowing the Jordans.

Mr. Schantz informed Agent Franz that on May 24, 1935, the Jordans rented the apartment at $45.00 per month from him, paying $7.00 down at that time, and paying $22.50 additional on June 1, 1935. On June 8, 1935, they advised Mr. Schantz that they were going away for the weekend, but they never returned. He further informed that at the time the Jordans rented the apartment from him, they brought some cheap dishes and groceries, which they left behind.

Agent Franz also interviewed Norbert Reining and Lloyd Miline, of the same address, and they together with Mr. Schantz gave the following descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan:

	MR. G. L. JORDAN	MRS. G. L. JORDAN
NAME:		
AGE:	28 or 29 years	20 to 25 years
HEIGHT:	5' 8"	5' 6"
WEIGHT:	155 lbs.	115 lbs.
HAIR:	Black, straight	Black
COMPLEXION:	Dark	Dark
BUILD:	Broad shoulders	
SPEECH:	Southern accent	
OCCUPATION:	Claimed to be a resort owner	
	Had a Ford V-8 Coupe with Georgia plates	

All the persons interviewed at 126 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin advised Agent Franz that the Madison, Wisconsin Police Department exhibited a photograph of Volney Davis to them, but that he in no way resembled Mr. Jordan, who resided at that address. The pocket identification orders were exhibited to these individuals, but they were unable to find anyone therein who resembled Mr. Jordan.

Subsequent to the inquiry made by Agent Franz on November 7, 1935, Special Agent J. L. Madala of the Chicago Office conducted investigation in Madison, and it is presumed the results of his investigation will be reported by the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC:Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AIR MAIL

November 14, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of November 8,1935, file number 7-576, as to the possibility that the Treasury Department might be able to print two or three hundred thousand dollars of a particular type of money which could later be identified by some marking or characteristic after it had been used in the paying of ransom in a kidnaping case, the following observations are set up both for and against the promotion of such an idea.

In my opinion the foremost and most important consideration in this situation is that it is very doubtful whether or not the Bureau could in safety, both from a legal standpoint and the possibility of future unfavorable criticism should any project fail in consumation, be so definitely and conclusively identified with the matter of the actual payment of the ransom money in a kidnaping case. It is realized of course that we possibly might at a safe distance at such a time make suggestions to the persons arranging to pay such a ransom, which of course has been the procedure in the past. This situation, however, is one which in the future particularly, requires very definite and diplomatic handling as to just how far we should have an interest, if any, in the payment of the ransom, particularly as to a case of this kind. Making available through the Treasury Department money which could be identified, and by reason of which definite identification, would definitely identify our association with the project to the public, that is, there would be no question as to the fact that we had had definite knowledge and understanding as to the payment of this ransom, and that this information would be generally furnished to banks who would be asked to look out for the money by reason that we had used money previously prepared for this purpose. With the above observations in mind it is not believed that there is much to be considered in the way of opinions for and against the use of the method indicated in reference letter.

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However, the following additional observations are set out, based upon the assumption that my first observations would be disregarded,and the plan carried into action.

One possible reason for not having a large amount of this money made up in this manner would be that a definite arrangement for marking of this kind having been arrived at, it is not believed that it would be safe thereafter to use this, except in one identical case. The information as to this being given generallyto the banks, if not to any others, would undoubtedly result in it becoming known to the public the method by which we are detecting these bills, and of course any subsequent ransoms paid would be examined by the kidnapers for not only the indicated marking, but any other concealed marking if a number of markings were employed, and provided they found the money delivered in this manner we would not only lose the ransom money, but might possibly endanger the life of the victim still being held, and prevent the release of the victim. As I stated, we might use this as to only one kidnaping, and it would be effective and the victim would be released before it was known that they had been given marked money of this type.

There would also be presented the situation of a special issue of money, which by reason of such special designation, would have certain additional value among collectors of different types of money, and if this were a small ransom, it might make the bills used to pay such ransom of sufficient value to cause certain individuals to withhold the information from us that they had one of such bills, for the possibility that they might at a later date cash in on its added value. There is no question but what these would have an added value to persons who collect rare or old coins or currency.

There are a number of arguments in favor of such procedure, that is, the issue of special money for the payment of ransom, which would materially enhance the possibility of apprehending kidnapers or passers of this money. It is believed that it is practically an impossibility for the ordinary teller in a large bank to make any adequate check of bills by the numbers, and if a certain identifying mark were all that it was necessary to look for, a teller could immediately detect one of these bills if handed to him without any ransom list being available to him. It is believed however, that if identifying marks were placed upon these bills, it still would be necessary to maintain a list of the

serial numbers, for use as evidence in the case, particularly if the only bills found had the identifying mark removed from them, inasmuch as while this would be a circumstance indicating that it was one of the ransom bills, it is not believed it would be conclusive unless we had more identifying information.

If such plan were carried out, it would be necessary to make some identifying mark on the bills which would not be readily detected, and the adding of a prefix or suffix letter to the serial number it is believed would be such as to make it readily detectable to anyone observing same. The change should be made as to a regular bill in general circulation, and this possibly could be arranged by some change in the scroll, in such a place that it could not be readily removed by mutilation. As to the Federal Reserve notes, as to which a supply would have to be made up for twelve different districts, possibly the addition of the letter A after the words "series of 1928 B" would be possible without this readily being detected, in preference to placing such a designation before or after the serial number. It is not believed that the addition of an "A" after the "B", or before the "B" in connection with the words "Series of 1928 B" would be readily detected , but would be such a mark as would be very definitely called to the attention of anyone handling this bill, immediately it was observed. It is not believed that any bills have been prepared which would indicate the series as other than series of 1928, or other date year, with other than a single letter following it, or without a letter, and the placing of two letters after this would undoubtedly definitely identify either the notes of the Federal Reserve banks or the National currency. This would be a very simple change in the bills, and could of course be followed as to any and all bills which were to be arranged in this manner. It is not believed that a definitely different type of bill would be possible without serious possibility of the ransom being rejected . It is very possible that a kidnaper will designate a definite type of bill to be received, and of course to be readily available we would have to have groups prepared in this manner as to all types issued by either the Treasury Department as National currency, or for the Federal Reserve banks.

Another suggestion which has been brought to my attention is that of having stamped across the bill in large letters "ransom" or some similar word, in an invisible ink which could not be seen and which

due to the pigment of the special ink used could be brought out by reading same through a colored glass, which of course would require each bank to equip itself with such a reading glass, and therefore it should be a color and type of glass readily obtainable. However the possibility and feasibility of this is something which it is suggested that the Laboratory of the Technical division work out, if such a plan were to be put in operation. This system, if possible, would probably be preferable to having the Treasury Department have anything to do with the issuance of the money, and could probably be carried out by an expert in connection with any group of money assembled. This of course has the same limitations as indicated above as to the changing of the bill, that is, that it would only be absolutely practicable as to the payment of one ransom, although possibly a series of colors might be worked out which could be detected only by the use of a certain color glass, and a certain type of glass as used in the first instance having been exposed, the kidnapers might overlook the fact that the second set of money was so marked in the same manner.

A general observation is that if and when the Treasury Department would issue any such money this should be an operation carried on between the bank of the party who was paying the ransom, and the Treasury Department, that is, the bank for a suitable exchange of currency, would receive a like amount of currency from the Treasury Department, and the bank of course then would have to arrange for the furnishing of this money to the party who was to pay same, and this would necessarily remove us somewhat from the scene of the operation, if this general plan were carried out.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
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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: BRIKID

Mr. Edward A. Evans, President of the Evans Fingerprint Supply Company, Chicago, Illinois, called at this office on November 15, 1935 stating that he desired to interview Cassius McDonald, inasmuch as he had been intimately acquainted with him in the past. He further stated that his wife, who died about a week ago, was a very close friend of Mrs. McDonald, and that the latter had requested that he talk to McDonald in the Ramsey County Jail here in an effort to learn the details of the charges against him, stating that he had kept her in complete ignorance of them.

Mr. Evans also advised that he had viewed the indictment against McDonald, which is in the possession of Mr. Barnard, McDonald's Detroit lawyer, and was much impressed by the details of it. Judging from its definiteness Evans stated he believed the Government had a very good case against McDonald, and that his sole purpose in interviewing him would be to persuade him to make a full disclosure of his actions to the Government and enter a plea of guilty in the hope of expecting leniency from the court. Evans advised that for the past four years he has not been acquainted with McDonald's activities, and would not be surprised if he had engaged in somewhat shady enterprises.

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For his own background Mr. Evans stated that from 1901 to 1905 he was the Superintendent of Identification at Washington, D. C., which was later absorbed by this Bureau, that his father is Inspector Emmett Evans of the Chicago Police Department.

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This request for interview was communicated to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, who approved of same provided Special Agent Clinton Stein could be present. Accordingly, Agent Stein and Mr. Evans proceeded to the Ramsey County Jail, where Evans talked to McDonald. McDonald's first statement was that the Government was accusing him of participating in the conspiracy to kidnap Edward Bremer, but that he could prove that he was talking to the "American Ambassador" in Cuba in the latter's home at the time that Mr. Bremer was kidnaped. Evans explained to McDonald that he was not charged with the actual kidnaping but with assisting in the exchange of ransom money. This explanation seemed to clarify McDonald's mind.

Evans also advised him that he would be foolish to attempt to make bond at this time and to spend a lot of money to retain a lawyer, inasmuch as the Government would never have indicted him unless they had a strong case against him. Evans further advised him that it would be to his best interests to consider his activities in this case thoroughly, with the view in mind of making a full disclosure to the Government in the hope of receiving mercy from the court. McDonald advised that he would consider this matter thoroughly and would later communicate with Mr. Evans or this office as to the decision he has reached.

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan was advised of the outcome of this interview.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen K.S.

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
cc Mr.E.J.Connelley, Chicago

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U. S. Department of Justice
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November 16, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 11, 1935 file 7-576, as to the statements made by Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, the former wife of Gus Winkeler, particularly as to her ability to learn from Lillian Holden, Chicago, the address or location of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

In my opinion Mrs.Walter Marsh does not possess as much intimate definite detail as to the supposed mob previously associated with her former husband Gus Winkeler as she would have one believe, and it is believed that her knowledge is based principally on the fact that she knows these parties by name, and it is not believed that she would be accepted under conditions which would make her particularly valuable to us, to any mob still located in Chicago.

The above observations are further indicated by the fact that there has appeared in the December issue of Famous Detective Cases, a detective story magazine issued by the McFadden Publications, Inc., the story previously promoted by Mrs. Winkeler as to her life with Gus Winkeler, and the first installment of this story appears in the issue above referred to, on page 4, entitled "I'm on the spot - facing death" - "Public Enemy's Widow tells all, by Mrs.Gus Winkeler". This first part of her story follows closely the story which has previously been made available to the Bureau, copy of which was furnished some time in the past.

In view of the alleged exposures set out in this story, and the possibility of what further disclosures she is supposed to make in the future, it is doubtful whether she would be acceptable to anyone who would be in a position to have any information of value to us in this or any other case. There is also the possibility that she might, by making

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direct inquiry of certain people, definitely interfere with the investigation being made to locate the subjects in this case.

However, as to the possibility of her getting any information from Lillian Holden, which in my opinion is a rather doubtful possibility, it is not believed that any harm would be done by having her communicate with this woman or visit with her, in accordance with the suggestion set out in the last paragraph of Bureau letter of November 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

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.

In re: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 6, 1935, file 7-576, as to a requested interview with Robert Delaney, brother of Dolores Delaney, living at Chicago at the present time at 6045 Kimbark Avenue, with the hope that possibly he could disclose to us information which would assist in the location of Alvin Karpis.

It is not believed that an interview of this individual is warranted at this time, by reason of the fact that his mother Mrs. Delaney has been in Chicago and together with Robert Delaney has been in close touch with the parents of Alvin Karpis; in fact she has visited with and stayed overnight at the home of John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which information was learned in connection with our present telephone tap and surveillance upon Karpavicz. If an interview is to be had with Robert Delaney it is believed that this should be at a later date, consistent with developments in connection with our surveillance of the senior Karpavicz. We have this in mind, and also the possibility of interviewing Mrs. Delaney, the mother of Dolores Delaney at a later date, provided our present operations do not result in obtaining information.

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Also in connection with Bureau letter of November 13, 1935 as to considering the possibility of having [redacted] visit at Chicago as an informant and contact the John Karpavicz family, further consideration is being given to this . However, this also is believed to be a matter which should be considered for its possibilities when our surveillance of John Karpavicz has been in effect for a longer period of time.

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Letter to E.J. Connelley,

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Of course, it is doubtful whether this family, judging by their very careful actions in the past, would give any information of this kind to this woman. It is not believed however that any particular harm would be done by having her contact them, as they are of course thoroughly aware of the definite efforts being made to apprehend Karpis, and when I go over the set-up in Oklahoma City as to the efforts being made to cause the apprehension of Harry Campbell should he appear in that vicinity in the near future, I will arrange with S.A.C. Brantley for the possibility of having this woman act for us in the manner indicated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
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NOVEMBER 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agents A. J. Korstrom and A. E. Parland are proceeding tomorrow to Coffeyville, Kansas and the vicinity for the purpose of covering various leads which have developed in the [redacted] kidnaping case. In the course of their investigation they contemplate proceeding into the territory of the Oklahoma City office, near the Kansas state line, and undoubtedly will conduct some investigation in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, California

November 18, 1935.

Mr. William H. McCarthy, Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; ET AL.
GEORGE EDWARD BRUMER-Victim.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, will you please furnish this office, for a period of 30 days, tracings of all first class mail delivered to Mrs. C. A. (Mary) Baxter, 1457 Polk Street, San Francisco. Kindly refer to our file 9-33.

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

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, California

November 15, 1935.

Mr. J. A. Johnston, Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
Alcatraz Island, California.

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with departmental regulations, will you kindly permit the bearer, Mr. W. R. Ramsey, a Special Agent of this office, to interview Volney Davis, an inmate of your institution.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; Et Al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING, Etc.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

November 14th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BERKID

As requested in your letter of November 13th, 1935, I am forwarding herewith six copies of the photograph of William E. Keede for your assistance in carrying out the lead contained in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 7th, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #709,
Portland, Oregon,

November 14, 1935.

T. Hedlund,
Postmaster,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation [redacted] this office it is requested that a thirty [redacted] on all first class mail addressed [redacted] following [redacted] addresses:

[redacted] West) 23rd Street, which is the [redacted]

[redacted] Street, which [redacted]

It is requested that [redacted] appearing on the envelopes of mail [redacted] be submitted the day [redacted]

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

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

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Efforts to secure copy of telegram sent from Silver Grill unsuccessful to date [redacted] has no information. [redacted] not located. Photostatic copy of sworn statement of ownership executed by Weaver obtained. Photostatic copy of bills of sale executed by Weaver and Jay Carter obtained and forwarded to Bureau for handwriting examination. Detective Manson advised that he believed Owen Green, Toledo detective, could secure photograph of some of the subjects of this case standing beside the boat of Ted Angus. Telephone Gates Mills 364 listed to George Stanbridge, who bears good reputation.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 7/29/35.

DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mr. E. J. Pfeiffer, Assistant Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company has been repeatedly contacted by Agent for the purpose of securing a copy of the telegram sent from the Silver Grill on June 22, 1935. However, Agent has been unable to secure same to date of this report. Mr. Pfeiffer has promised Agent that he would locate the telegram for Agent

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. P. Mon Sarlane SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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and have it available for inspection at an early date.

Special Agent J. L. Willard later contacted Mr. Pfeiffer and he stated that the records for three states had been checked but he was unable to find the telegram in question.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

[redacted] was interviewed and advised that he had heard nothing since Agent's last visit, however, he had been handicapped to a certain extent because of a bartenders' strike and had been unable to get away for any length of time, but expected to visit the Casino Club very shortly and would advise Agent upon the next contact.

During the time Agent was in Toledo, numerous attempts were made to contact [redacted] however, Agent was unable to locate him. According to [redacted] had been invited to a party and she had not seen him since and did not know his present whereabouts.

Detective Harry Manson of the Lucas County Prosecutor's office was interviewed and advised that he had not received any additional information relative to Louis Levi and his activities.

During the interview Detective Manson stated that he recalled one of the city detectives remarking some time ago that he could secure a photograph of some of the subjects of this case standing beside the motor boat of Ted Angus at the Bay View Golf Course. Manson was of the opinion that the detective was Owen Green, however, he was not sure. Agent questioned Manson about Green and he stated that Green was straight and could be trusted if approached in the proper way.

Through the assistance of Prosecutor Frazier Reams, Agent secured a photostatic copy of the bill of sale executed by Weaver, using the alias of J. A. Orhood, to Jay Carter on July 24, 1934. In view of the fact that the bill of sale was written in longhand the same will be transmitted to the Technical Laboratory with a request that the writing be analyzed and compared with the known specimens of various subjects' handwriting now on file at the Laboratory.

Information relative to the above automobile transfers is set forth in the report of this Agent dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 4, 1935.

AT GATES MILLS, OHIO

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, July 27, 1935, wherein it is stated that a check of the toll calls from the Silver Grill, West 28th and Detroit Streets, revealed that number 364 at Gates Mills was called.

A search of the telephone directory revealed that number 364 is listed to George H. Stanbridge, Berkshire Road.

Mr. Ralph Jacobs, postmaster, upon interview advised that Mr. Stanbridge is one of the old time residents of the village and insofar as he knew he bore an excellent reputation, and that due to Mr. Stanbridge's age he was now retired and living with his son-in-law, J. Bolsom. Mr. Jacobs stated that his clerk could probably give Agent more information about Stanbridge as he had known him for several years.

Mr. H. A. Emery, post office clerk, was contacted and he stated that he had become acquainted with Stanbridge about forty years ago, when he, Emery, was a motorman on the interurban railway and Stanbridge was a stage carpenter, commuting between Cleveland and the village. Mr. Emery advised that in his opinion Mr. Stanbridge, who was now retired, bore an excellent reputation and resided with his son-in-law, J. Bolsom.

Continuing, Mr. Emery advised that the son-in-law J. Bolsom was employed by a furniture near the down-town area of Cleveland. However, he was unable to state the name of the furniture company, nor the capacity in which Bolsom was employed. Mr. Emery advised that insofar as he knew, Bolsom also bore a good reputation.

AT HURON, OHIO

Repeated attempts have been made by Agent to interview Mrs. Fred W. Wilgrube, as requested in Bureau letter dated September 19, 1935. However, Agent has been unsuccessful to date. Efforts to contact Mrs. Wilgrube will be continued and every effort made to complete this investigation at an early date.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE will maintain contact with its informants at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

At Toledo, Ohio will contact Detective Owen Green and ascertain the name of the individual who possesses a photograph of subjects of this case standing beside the boat of Ted Angus, and if it is deemed advisable endeavor to secure same.

- PENDING -

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

ATTENTION - TECHNICAL LABORATORY

November 15, 1935.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is photostatic copy of sworn statement of ownership executed by William Weaver, using the alias of J. A. Orhood. Said sworn statement was filed on May 14, 1934 with the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio. It is respectfully requested that the Technical Laboratory, examine the signature "J. A. Orhood" appearing on said sworn statement and compare same with the known specimens of the signature of William Weaver.

Also attached is bill of sale executed by Jay Carter, transferring title of a Chevrolet coupe to the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio. It is requested that the Technical Laboratory compare the signature of Jay Carter, appearing on same, with the known specimens of signatures of William Weaver and Theodore Angus, Toledo Police #9617. The signature of Angus appears on the fingerprint card transmitted to the Bureau by the Toledo Police Department, exact date not known.

It is also requested that the signature "Jay Carter" appearing on the bill of sale be compared with the signature of H. Berry appearing on the bill of sale executed by J. A. Orhood, transferring title of a Chevrolet coupe to Jay Carter. This bill of sale is also attached. It is also requested that the signature of Jay Carter be compared with the specimens of the signature of Myrtle Eaton. It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the bill of sale executed by J. A. Orhood to Jay Carter be compared with the known specimens of the handwriting of William Weaver. If possible, a comparison should be made of the signature of Blair Caldwell appearing on said bill of sale as a witness and notary, with the writing appearing on said bill of sale.

Copy and Specimens Retained in Laboratory

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In view of the fact that Agent was able to obtain only one copy of each bill of sale and sworn statement of ownership, it is requested that the Cleveland office be furnished with four copies each of the bills of sale and sworn statement of ownership in order that one copy may be retained in the Bureau file in this case.

Very truly yours,

JP. MacFarland CES

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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- Chicago
- St. Paul
- E. J. Connelley

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-8064

Specimens: 7-576-8064 A. Photostatic copy of Sworn Statement of Owner No. 362714.
" B. Photostatic copy of Bill of ~~Xxx~~ Sale for Used Motor Vehicle No. 362714, filed July 31, 1934.
" C. Photostatic copy of Bill of Sale for Used Motor Vehicle No. 362714, filed July 27, 1934.

Examination requested by: Cleveland Office

Date received: 11-23-35 hmc

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: 11/26

Examination by: Appel

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

HAM/aws

November 15, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. McIntire, I am transmitting herewith ten copies of the photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of George Philip Conrad, our file #FBI-5095.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI. FILE NO. 7-37-

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

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Billie Fitch alias Billie Joe Palmeri, interviewed, but no information of value concerning Harry Campbell received. Interviews with Thomas Kelley, Ralph Parr and James Myers, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, unproductive of information of possible value in this case.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Chicago office to the Kansas City office dated November 4, 1935; letter from the Kansas City office to the Oklahoma City office dated August 29, 1935; letter from S. A. C. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, to the Kansas City office dated September 27, 1935.

DETAILS:

Through Detective Don Teeters, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, assigned to the Narcotic Bureau, Treasury Department, Billie Fitch, alias Billie Malanzo, alias Billie Joe Palmeri, was located at 1324 East 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd floor, where she and her alleged husband, Ray Palmeri, are running a house of prostitution.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: W. A. Smith SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Billie Fitch was interviewed by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and D. M. Brightman, and, although several hours were spent with her, no information of great value was obtained. She advised that although at one time she had associated with Harry Campbell for a period of about a year at Tulsa, Oklahoma, she had not seen or heard from him since five years ago when she left Tulsa to take up her residence at Kansas City, Missouri. Since her departure from Tulsa, however, she informed, that she had made frequent visits to Tulsa and South Correyville, Oklahoma, and had corresponded with Campbell's mother at regular intervals up until a year ago when she began to live with Ray Palmeri, who is a local narcotic peddler, who formerly resided at Bridgeport, Conn. She informed that since her association with Palmeri, Campbell's mother has had nothing to do with her, and that no efforts between them have been made to correspond since that time; that at no time, however, during their correspondence, did Mrs. Campbell ever inform her of Campbell's whereabouts, nor had she ever made an effort to inquire about him or attempt to contact him, and that she is no longer interested in him. She believes however that if Mrs. Campbell were aware of her son's whereabouts, she would not divulge the same to anyone, and that it would be worse than useless for her to endeavor to ascertain that information through inquiry of Mrs. Campbell.

When questioned concerning possible associates and contacts of Campbell, she was at a loss to furnish any, stating that since her departure from Tulsa, she had had no contacts with anyone there other than her sister. At the time she associated with Campbell, she said, Glen Le Roy Wright was extremely friendly with Campbell and although she was a schoolmate of Volney Davis and Fred and Arthur Barker she did not recall that Campbell had anything to do with them during the period that she associated with him, stating that she believes Davis and the Barkers were incarcerated during that period. She further informed that she was positive that Campbell would not endeavor to contact her at Kansas City as she had broken all ties with him a number of years ago and as her present husband was of a jealous disposition and would resent such attention, she would make no effort to help them in the event Campbell or his friends did contact her. She was informed that the Bureau would pay $1,000.00 for information

leading to Campbell's arrest and, although she believed she could be of no possible value to the Bureau, she agreed to immediately notify the Kansas City office in the event that she has any information of value to report concerning Campbell or Karpis.

She was further advised that if she contemplated a trip to South Coffeyville or Tulsa in the near future, she should advise the Kansas City office, so that appropriate plans could be made for her to secure information of value concerning Campbell. However, she did not express a willingness to do so, but she will again be contacted in the every near future in an attempt to enlist her cooperation and to secure information of value from her.

Relative to the letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, to the Kansas City Bureau office, dated September 27, 1935, advising that John C. Prendergast, Chief of the Uniformed Officers of the Chicago Police Department, had advised that he had been informed that Thomas Kelley, Register No. 45350, Ralph Parr, Register No. 45351 and James Myers, Register No. 45352, now confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, had passed some of the Bremer ransom money, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom and J. B. Brown interviewed the above named parties at the Missouri State Penitentiary, but were unable to secure any information of value.

James Myers when interviewed advised that for a number of years prior to repeal of the National Prohibition Act he had lived in St. Charles, Minnesota, and had engaged in the manufacture and distribution of illicit alcohol in the vicinity of Ottawa and Minneapolis, Minnesota. In November of 1931 he was sentenced to three years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the National Prohibition Act and was released from that institution in November of 1933. He disclaimed any acquaintanceship or knowledge of various Subjects in the Bremer case, although he admitted having had extensive dealings with numerous bootleggers in Minneapolis, including Tom Skelly, a brother of Cliff Skelly, convicted for his part in passing some of the Urschel ransom money. Myers advised that he was not personally acquainted with Cliff Skelly, although they had been incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth at the same time. Myers further advised that in October of 1934 he was sentenced to serve ten years in the Missouri State Penitentiary with Parr and Kelley(or Kelly)for the burglary of a grocery store at Marysville, Missouri.(probably Maryville). He stated that his acquaintanceship with Parr and Kelley dated to the night prior to the burglary when they had met in a Kansas City saloon and having

become intoxicated were proceeding to Parr's home at Clarinda, Iowa, stopping enroute at Maryville, Missouri; that they broke into a grocery store and while in the process of burglarizing this store they were arrested by an armed posse. Myers stated that neither Parr nor Kelley had ever mentioned any of the Subjects in the Bremer case to him and that he doubted that either of them had any acquaintanceship in either St. Paul or Chicago.

Ralph Parr was also interviewed and denied any knowledge or acquaintanceship with the various persons connected with the Bremer case. He stated that although he had been to Chicago on one occasion his activities had been confined solely to the neighborhood of Clarinda, Iowa. He further advised that he had served a two year sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and had met Kelley at that institution when he was also serving a term for another violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Parr stated that he has no acquaintanceship with anything or anybody concerning this case and was at a loss to account for the fact that his name had been suggested as a possible possessor of some of the ransom money.

When Kelley was interviewed he refused to make any statement whatsoever other than to state he had nothing to say to anyone, and that he was not implicated in any way as far as the instant investigation was concerned relative to his having passed some of the Bremer ransom money. He also denied any acquaintanceship or knowledge of various persons in this case. It is to be noted that Kelley is the Subject in the case entitled GERALD H. DAVIS, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, K.C.File 26-4609. He has been interviewed on numerous occasions for information concerning that case and at no time has been willing to divulge any information whatsoever.

From Warden J. M. Sanders the following list of relatives of the aforementioned three individuals was obtained:

RALPH PARR:

Mrs. Nettie Parr, 615 East Garfield, Clarinda, Iowa.

JAMES MYERS:

Mrs. Edrie Myers, Route 3, Sheridan, Missouri.

THOMAS KELLEY - or Kelly:(Detainer filed by U.S.Atty., Kansas City, Mo.)

Wife - Mrs. Marie Kelly, 1019 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

With further reference to James Myers, it was noted that a detainer had been filed by the Pardon Executive, Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C., and a warrant is now held for his arrest by the U. S. Marshal's office at Kansas City, Missouri.

Agent Brown requested that Warden Sanders place a cover on all mail received and sent by the aforementioned three persons at the penitentiary and in the event any is received that is thought to be of value same will be immediately transmitted to the Chicago office for their information.

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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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PHONE. BREKID. SURVEILLANCE JOHN KARPAVICZ DEVELOPES CONTACT WITH QUES-
TIONABLE LITHUANIAN FAMILY 3236 WEST 110TH STREET, ONE STEVE LETUCKS,
WHICH IS BEING COVERED. PERSONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTIFY PICTURE KARPIS
AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN AROUND BUT UNABLE ASSOCIATE HIM WITH ANY PLACE
OR CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH MAKES IDENTIFICATION OF DOUBTFUL VALUE, HOWEVER,
CHECKING NEIGHBORHOOD AND ADDRESS CAREFULLY AS SENIOR KARPAVICZ RETURNED
FROM ADDRESS WITH TOYS FOR BABY. CONVERSATION INFORMANT [redacted] WITH b7c b7d
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KARPIS BY REFERENCE KARPIS SUPPOSED AFFECTION FOR BABY.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 15, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 1, 1935 (file 7-576) to the Jacksonville Bureau office, in which it was requested that a disposition sheet be forwarded showing the disposition of the arrests set out in this letter, in the Chicago Bureau office district, as to William Elmer Meade with aliases.

In compliance with this request there is attached hereto the disposition sheet in question.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

JLM:JMS

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CC Cincinnati
CC St.Paul

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DISPOSITION SHEET

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Robbery. found his
car freshly painted
and bullets also in
it and proved he was
one but let him go.
He came here from
Chicago Ill. had his
Auto Licence from
whiting Ind. Married
a girl from this town
she always helps
him. they had a
visiting them three
days before they left
for Sioux City where
the one was pulled
as Sioux Falls S. D.
They were in Ohio
& Virginia when those
were pulled. drove

Pierrein, Iona
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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
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ONE PM

Mr. Hoover
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: You claim
to have all of your
Dillinger gang but
Karpis. We have a
Lyle Palmer here
looks like his
name should be
Alvin Karpis, who is one
of the biggest Bank
Robbers in U.S. and
gets away with it. The
State men had him
for the Mason City

address was 73 X. Cour
remember last no.
Bitter Sweet: Chicago, Ill
had her mail finally
on Xerox address, they
were in Ex. Chicago. &
when Xerox robberies
were pull, he was
seen here day before
this bank was robbed
but proved a failure
but shot two men.
He use to sell stolen
cars for Gus Winkler
he married Mardelle
Rhine from here in
Chicago. she was
lowing beauty trade
she said. they had
safety deposit box in
there in one of the banks
with valuable papers.

see it. a deal was
pulled off near Britt
Iowa a week ago Sat.
Nov 2. killed a man
dropped women out of car
took their car had
a wreck with theirs and
come were cut badly
& hurt, four men. he
came in that day
had serious ga [illegible]
and would let her
folks in claimed. he
was threatened with
dyphtheria. but had
to move by their selves
so must of been something
more serious. Our State of
men can be bat. for 50 K
down rely on them. I
know all this have traced
thro her mother.

down into Florida
and right back and
of the picture of Ma.
Barber she was one
that visiting them here.
They were two
that escape St Paul
when Dillinger was
shot. had an apartment
been up a week. drove
in that night. scared
and she tried to bleach
her hair right away
and put on glasses. She
had red hair but now
has let grow natural.
next day. after they
arrived here to ask a
load of groceries & Cartons
of cigrettes east. then

get your men on
Job will find a
couple biggest Bank
robberies in country
He has a friend here
also by name of Murray
from Chicago. Ill sent
to have lot of money. He
use to hang out at
Russel Lamon Hotel
at Waterloo. where they
were. when Diamond
robbery was pulled at
Sioux City last year
she drove in with feet
half frozen. that morning
after robbery. and called
him at Hotel in Waterloo
and said, How is buy thing
He sure is a smooth
one. Get busy. don't
depend on our State men.

Please keep
this private.
— Yours Truly

After 5 days, return to

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OELWEIN, IOWA.

Mr. A. J. Hoover.
c/o Electric Bureau
Washington
D. C.

PEP:CJ

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November 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication, dated at Oelwein, Iowa on November 15, 1935 relative to one Lyle Palmer who, the writer alleges, has been engaged in numerous bank robberies and other criminal activities.

Copies of this communication are being forwarded to you for your information and whatever investigative attention is deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #533469

OC - Chicago

Encl. (photostatic copy of anonymous letter, as stated above)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 15, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to my letter of September 17, 1935 in this matter (Bureau file #7-576) and your letters of September 30, 1935 and November 7, 1935 relative to Joseph T. Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, representative of the Federal Laboratories.

You are advised that my attention was brought to the alleged activities of Joseph T. Miller by Lieutenant Robert Houston of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. Houston's remarks concerning Miller were more or less vague, indefinite, and no basic data or first-hand information were furnished by him as to Miller's activities. It was apparent from Houston's remarks to me that his information was obtained from some of his confidential informants.

I know Miller personally, and have seen him several times. In addition to his activities as a representative of the Federal Laboratories, he is a "private investigator", insurance adjustor, and according to his own statements to me has done some work for some mining companies in northern Oklahoma within the last several months, in order to break some strikes and effect the cessation of said labor disorders. He bragged to me about how much he was being paid per day for his services, how long it took him to bring about the desired results, but that he was successful, and that the mining companies who employed him were entirely satisfied with his services. In this connection I have heard rumors to the effect that Miller in his activity in connection with the labor disorders, and perhaps in other matters, has been deceitful.

Houston in his conversation with me concerning Miller

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stated that Miller, as a representative of the Federal Laboratories, within the last few years sold a Thompson submachine gun to the City of Ada for the use of its Police Department, and when Joe Neal, the Chief of Police who was holding office when this gun was purchased, went out of office he took with him the submachine gun; that Miller subsequently recovered it, and was alleged to have sold it to some outlaws, not naming any suspect to whom he was supposed to have sold the weapon. I had Special Agent R. N. Butterworth of this office make inquiry at Ada concerning this machine gun, and Chief of Police Somer Jones informed Agent Butterworth that Neal did take the submachine gun when he left the Police Department, but that it has since been recovered, and is now in the possession of the Ada Police Department. It was personally examined by Special Agent Butterworth, and is found to bear #3276, model of 1921 Thompson submachine gun.

In my conversations with Houston concerning Miller I asked him whether he had any information to the effect that Miller is supposed to have had any traffic with members of the Barker-Karpis mob within the last few years, and he stated that he did not, but that he "believed possibly that he has had". He was unable to furnish anything tangible, or any specific leads, as is indicated above.

I interviewed Carol Tankersley, widow of Herman Barker, deceased brother of Fred and Doc Barker, and she informs me that she knows Joseph T. Miller, has known him for many years, and that she considers him unreliable, not dependable, a liar, a fence for stolen property, and not worthy of the confidence of anyone who is endeavoring to enforce the law. She stated that her knowledge of and experiences with Joseph T. Miller date back several years. She stated that when she and Herman Barker were married, and during the activities of the members of the mob, she recalls that one evening she and Herman were at the house of Miller in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Herman had taken her to discuss with Miller a "business proposition", apparently fencing some stolen stuff; that some police officers came by, knocked on the door, which was opened by Miller, and these officers asked Miller if he had seen Herman Barker, to which Miller replied that he had not; and that Herman Barker was at that moment hiding behind the door within a few feet of Miller. She stated that she knows Miller personally, but has had no direct dealings with him herself with respect to stolen goods or other unlawful activities, but that she has heard that he has fenced stolen stuff, and the foregoing statement of hers, if true, and I believe it is, will be corroborative of what she has heard. The Tankersley woman mentioned that Miller had been employed by some mining companies in northern Oklahoma during the past several months in connection with some labor disorders, and it is generally believed that he was possibly as active in fomenting these disorders as he was in quelling them, for

the reason that he was paid a large sum for his work in connection therewith by the mining companies to break the strike.

Carol Tankersley told me that she does not know that Miller ever sold any of the Barkers any weapons of any kind, and that she is pretty certain that he never sold them any Thompson submachine gun while she was running with the mob, which was, of course, prior to the death of Herman Barker. She stated that she had heard a sister of Al Purdy, now in the penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, make a remark to the effect that Miller may have supplied Al Purdy with some weapons, but not machine guns, several years ago, but as to definite information concerning this she has none; that she does not believe Purdy's sister or Purdy himself would reveal information concerning Miller, and she, under no circumstances, would like for either of these persons to be approached concerning this for the reason that they are both outlaws at heart, and possibly would suspect her of revealing the information, which would destroy her usefulness as an informant.

Miller is a personable sort of an individual, knows most of the peace officers in Oklahoma, goes to all the peace officers conventions, frequently contacts the officers, and I am informed is generally liked. He is the type of individual who goes about bragging of his friendship and acquaintance with this, that and the other person, usually naming some individual in a more or less responsible official position, as an intimate friend of his. I am somewhat inclined to share the views expressed by Lieutenant Houston and Carol Tankersley that Miller is possibly unreliable, and would not be the least backward in going in to a shady deal in fencing some stolen stuff that could be readily disposed of, if the remuneration therefor were sufficiently attractive. I likewise am inclined to think that he possibly would sell outlaws guns, if he could do so without it becoming known to officialdom. In support of my opinion, as expressed, that Miller would possibly handle stolen stuff, I recall a conversation some months ago with him, which was of very short duration, concerning the possible recovery of some of the jewelry that was stolen in the robbery of the Benjamin Goldberg jewelry store in Tulsa last spring, and concerning which the Oklahoma City office has a file under the National Stolen Property Act. It is my recollection that Miller stated that he believed that Goldberg would want him to assist in the recovery of some of the jewelry, and that he believed that with his contacts and his experience that he could possibly produce some results. I asked him whether he had any definite information concerning the location of any of the jewelry, and of course, he informed me that he did not have. I told him that I should like very much to see Goldberg recover all of his property, but that this Bureau is perhaps a bit more eager to obtain evidence concerning fences for stolen stuff than it is for the actual thieves, and that I would do my best

to see that whoever was found in possession of the property was prosecuted vigorously, and I should like to receive any information of this character coming to his attention. Miller very shortly discontinued the conversation concerning the Goldberg matter.

The foregoing constitutes the extent of my information concerning Miller, as developed by the several inquiries I have made concerning him and his activities.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Cincinnati
St. Paul
Chicago
Connelley (Chicago)

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Post Office Drawer #1687,
St. Louis, Missouri,
November 16, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE.
I.C.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MOORE, with
aliases, I.C.#1238; HARRY CAMPBELL,
with aliases, I.C. #1256; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AN OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the New York Office to the Bureau, dated October 29, 1935, in connection with the above entitled matter, wherein it is stated in the first paragraph on Page #3 that the advisability of interviewing John Contos is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

This Office has ascertained that Contos presently resides in the Monticello Apartments, 4535 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, Telephone - Forest 6627, and maintains an office at 1502 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Please advise me whether you desire that Contos be interviewed at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri.	11-16-1935	11-9 to 15-35	M. C. SPEAR ebc.

TITLE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I O #1218, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BRELER - VICTIM

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants of the Kansas City office indicate that Karpis and Campbell may be coming in and out of Kansas City and may presently be associated with the remnants of the former "Irish" O'Malley gang; information being to the effect that these members plan a bank robbery in Missouri in the near future. P.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, November 15, 1935.

DETAILS:

On Saturday, November 9, 1935, while at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, Agent A. ... Farland overheard a conversation between two detectives to the effect that Karpis and Campbell were in or around Kansas City, Missouri. The conversation also reflected that Maurice Denning and two racketeers from St. Louis were in this mob. One of the St. Louis racketeers, a stout, heavy-set man, was supposed to be the one that had shot and fatally wounded Vivian Chase.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: W. A. Smith. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Shortly after this conversation between these men Special Agent Farland called at the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department where information was obtained from a confidential source (the name of this informant will be furnished at a later date), that Karpis, Campbell and their mob had been in and around Kansas City, Missouri, for the past two or three weeks. Karpis was reported to have plenty of ready cash; that Campbell had come here with him and there was also a man who is known as "Pineapple" Jackson, his true name being unknown at this time, with them, and they were about to go into the cleaners racket. There was also a short heavy set man who is known as "Cowboy," true name not being known at this time.

This mob has three automobiles, a Studebaker Sedan, tan color, new; a Buick Sedan, color blue or black, new; and a new Ford Coupe, painted black, the Ford being used to do their running around the city. An effort will be made to obtain the license numbers of these cars. Recently Karpis was reported to have left for some place in the North, leaving Campbell here. He was reported to be about to make a trip to Oklahoma.

The informant who furnished this information to Agent Farland's confidential informant claims that he will make an effort to have these parties meet in some certain place and would then furnish the information to the confidential informant in Kansas City, Missouri. Arrangements are being made at this time to have the informant call at room of Special Agent A. E. Farland in the Schuyler Hotel, and if this can be accomplished, arrangements will be made to secure the adjoining room where the conversation can be overheard.

The following information was dictated by Special Agents D. M. Brightman and V. I. Parry as result of investigation by them in this case; the same having been previously dictated in memorandum form by those Agents:

On November 12, 1935, informant #3 called the Kansas City Bureau Office and requested that Special Agent D. M. Brightman contact him within the next two days as he had some information he wanted to furnish. Accordingly, on November 13, 1935, Special Agents D. M. Brightman and V. I. Parry contacted informant #3 at St. Joseph, Missouri, at which time informant #3 stated he knew the Bureau wanted Karpis but was not sure about Campbell. Informant then stated that both these men were in Kansas City and that his information was that they had joined up with the Sparger, Langdon and Doyle crowd and were presently meeting in the

apartment of Blackie Doyle in Kansas City, this apartment being located in the neighborhood of 35th and Woodlawn. He stated that he was sure this information was correct and felt, when questioned about the expenditure of any money for maintaining a plant in this neighborhood, that such money would be well spent. His further information was that both Karpis and Campbell were broke and had joined up with this mob with a view to staging some crime that would get them some money.

Informant #3 was advised at this time of the amount the Bureau would pay for information furnished to the Bureau alone regarding information leading to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell and said that he would immediately take steps to secure more definite information, and arrangements were made so that Agents would be immediately advised.

Upon returning to the Kansas City Bureau office a telephone call was awaiting and informant #2 asked Special Agent D. M. Brightman to meet her at the Grand Avenue Garage, Kansas City, Missouri. Accordingly, Special Agent D. M. Brightman contacted the informant at the Grand Avenue Garage and she advised that she was the party who had given the information to informant #3. b7c b7d

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[redacted] informant stated that she had been playing around with this crowd for some time since [redacted] and that they had the utmost confidence in her, and that she ascertained from Sparger and Langdon that at the present time they were staying with Blackie Doyle who was still unable to join them in their escapades as he was shot in the shoulder in St. Joseph, Missouri, and was recuperating; that his arm was in a very bad condition at the present time and that a doctor, whom she thinks is a Mexicandoctor who had formerly attended both Blackie and Jess Doyle and Edna Murray and who has the reputation of attending any wanted man, is probably attending Doyle.

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[redacted] this contact told Sperger and Langdon, in the informant's presence, that the bank at most any time would have around $20,000.00, but both Subjects later explained that they wanted more money because it was to be split five ways, that is, with Campbell, Karpis, and Blackie Doyle; that it would take five men to pull this stick-up; and that they would need more than $4,000.00 apiece out of it. Informant stated that she was sure they would ask her to go with them the next trip they took to further case the bank as they need a woman along, as it would not attract so much attention when they sit in the car looking the bank over.

[redacted] At all times during the conversation between Langdon and Sperger, they brought up the names of Karpis and Campbell and stated that Karpis and Campbell were in and out of Kansas City quite often and at times they would all meet at Blackie Doyle's. From the conversation, informant thinks that Karpis and Campbell are out of money, which she thinks accounts for their contacting additional men to pull a big job. She further stated that in the conversation between these two men, they stated that Karpis had lost his machine gun and was now on the lookout for more guns.

[redacted] that since losing the car in which Vivian Chase was killed they were in need of a new automobile and thought they could go to Nebraska and steal two new cars off the floor from some show room which would not be as hot as cars stolen in this vicinity.

[redacted] Informant then accompanied Special Agent D. M. Brightman to the Kansas City Bureau office, at which place she was further interviewed by Special Agents M. C. Spear, V. I. Parry and D. M. Brightman,

and at this time she gave substantially the same version but stated to Agents that she was sure that she would come to Kansas City within the next day or two and positively locate the hideout of Blackie Doyle; also, that when the Canton (?) bank was robbed, Sparger, Karpis, Langdon, Campbell and an unknown man were to go to Tucher, Oklahoma, as that was the closest good hideout they had; also, that she herself may be invited to go with them the night the bank is to be robbed, and possibly other places, but at this time she had not decided whether it would be best or whether her life would be endangered if she were to go.

She advised she would keep in close communication with the Kansas City Office and would inform this office of any contact which was to be made by any of the above mentioned parties.

It is to be noted that the informants who are referred to by number in that part of this report which was submitted by Special Agents Brightman and Parry have been previously named in a recent communication from the Kansas City office to the Bureau in the case entitled: MRS. GEORGE CHASE, with aliases, I. O. No. 1199(deceased) Lloyd Doyle, with aliases, I. O. No. 1208-A, et al; August Luer-Victim, Kidnaping. For the information of those offices receiving copies of this report who did not receive a copy of the letter in question setting out their names it may be noted that that [redacted]

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Attention is also called to the fact that while Informant No. 2, who talked to Agents Brightman and Parry indicated that the place of the contemplated bank robbery was Canton, Missouri, it is thought that probably the place is Holden, Missouri, in view of the indication by this informant that the place in question was somewhere in the vicinity of Warrensburg, Missouri, and was but a short distance from Kansas City, Missouri.

Further appropriate investigation is being made relative to the above information received, and proper steps are being taken by the Kansas City office in an endeavor to ascertain the bank which the individuals mentioned above may have in mind in order that that bank may be appropriately warned and notified to be on its guard for such a robbery.

It is noted that the modus operandi contemplated by the above named individuals in the proposed bank robbery at Canton(or possibly Holden), Missouri, is practically identical with the modus operandi used by "Irish" O'Malley and his gang in the robbery of the bank at Okemah, Oklahoma, which is carried under a case entitled: "Dewey Gilmore, with aliases, et al, Okemah National Bank, Okemah, Oklahoma; Bank Robbery;" this modus operandi also being identical with that in the attempted robbery of a State bank at Blythedale, Missouri. The modus operandi in both of these robberies was that the robbers entered the bank at night preceding the robbery through the ceiling or top of the building and waited in the bank for the arrival of employees the following morning at which time the robbery and attempted robbery, respecttively, took place. Information concerning the Blythedale attempted robbery will be found in the case entitled: Martin John Langdon, alias John Langan, alias Martin Rogan; Clarence Sparger; Charles Arbogast; Lee Fletcher, (Deceased), National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, particularly in the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 21, 1935.

Referring to letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Kansas City office dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 12, 1935, requesting investigation at Wichita, Kansas, to ascertain the location of Milton Letts, Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. J. Norstrom made investigation at that point within the last couple of days, but were unable to locate this individual. Agents Farland and Norstrom are making further investigation in this case in the southeastern portion of Kansas and the southwestern portion of Missouri, and details concerning their inquiries to locate Letts will be submitted by them in a report on a later date.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. FILES, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRESLIN - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. G. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri November 16, 1935, on Page 3 of which it is shown that Informant No. 2 of the Kansas City office has advised that Blackie Doyle, a subject in the Lear kidnaping case, has been shot in the shoulder and that he is probably being attended by a Mexican doctor who formerly attended both Blackie and Jess Doyle and Edna Murray.

In this connection the Bureau desires that you immediately secure an interview to be had with Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. It is, accordingly, requested that a copy of the reference report be furnished to the Omaha office with the request that Jess Doyle be appropriately interviewed concerning the identity of the doctor who is now alleged to be attending Blackie Doyle.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Identification of the Body of William J. Harrison

I am transmitting herewith an Interesting Case write-up concerning the identification of the body of William J. Harrison, together with a photograph of the scene of the building in which Harrison's body was supposedly burned, together with a photostatic copy of the jeweler's account book containing descriptive data of Harrison's watch which ultimately led to his positive identification.

Authority is requested for the publication of one hundred copies of this Interesting Case write-up, together with a dozen copies of the attached photostat of a jeweler's account book, and the attached photograph.

Respectfully,

R. E. Joseph.

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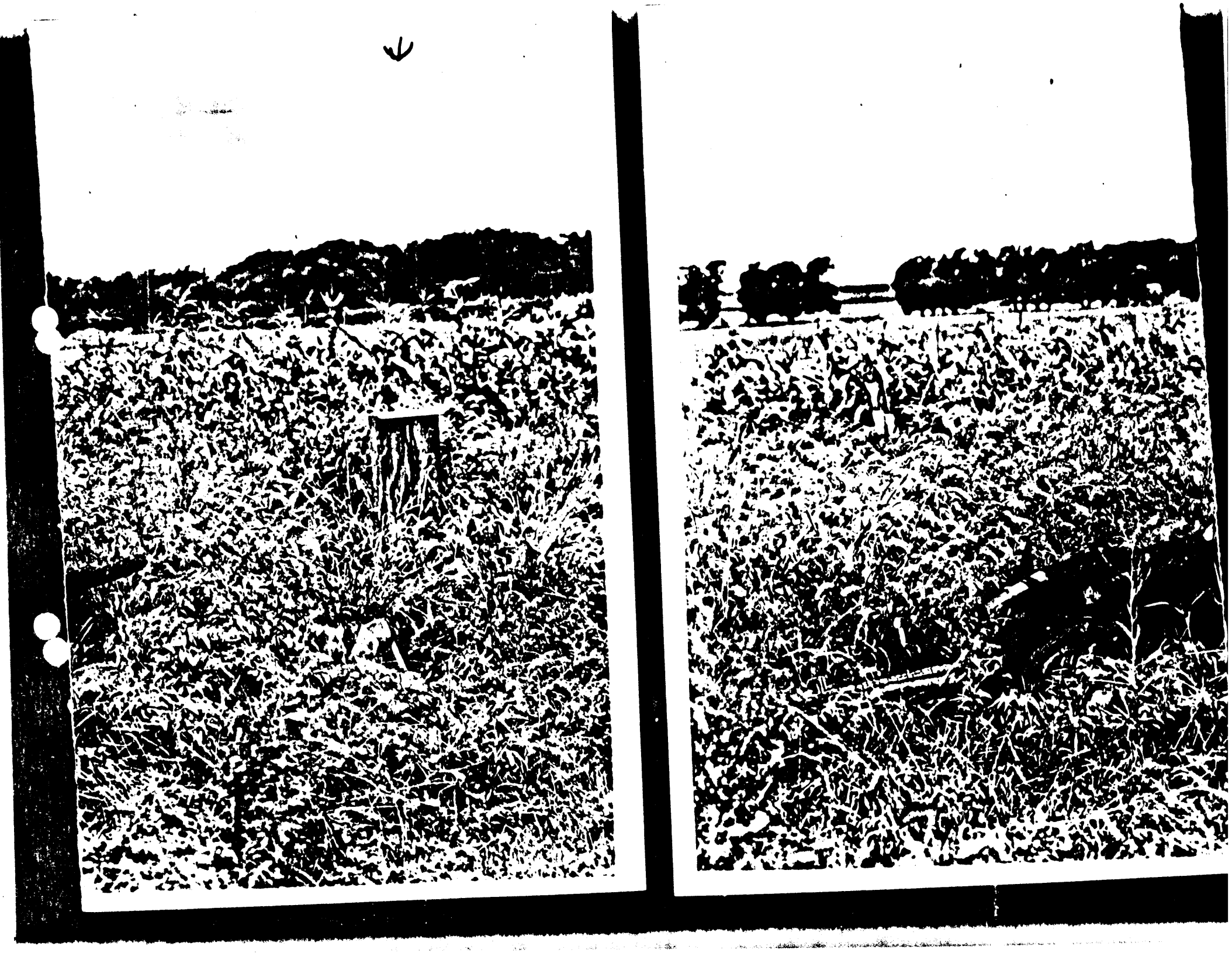

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Identification of the Body of William J. Harrison

William J. Harrison was born in St. Louis, Missouri, September 27, 1900. He spent the major portion of his adolescent years in St. Louis. In about 1926 he went to Calumet City, Illinois, where he operated numerous "Speak-easies" and dispensed alcoholic beverages during the prohibition era. He became associated with the Capone syndicate of Chicago and fraternized with persons of such notoriety as Gus Winkler, Big Homer Wilson and "Killer" Burke. Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler was one of the leading Capone henchmen, and spent much of his leisure in pleasant golf games with Harrison who was a golf professional.

Harrison became acquainted with members of the Barker-Karpis gang through Fred Goetz. Harrison had become a man of wide experience in his travels, and, as a result of his underworld activities was able to furnish to members of the Barker-Karpis group, some of their most valued contacts, and without whom many of their sinister designs would not have been consummated.

When plans were being formulated in Chicago and St. Paul, for the abduction of Mr. Edward George Bremer, arrangements had to be made for the removal of the women members of the gang from St. Paul, and finding them apartments which would serve as a safe rendezvous for their gangster companions. This task fell to Harrison, who lodged the women in pleasant apartments on Chicago's South Side, which were operated by a "right guy". During Mr. Bremer's twenty-two days of confinement in the Bensenville, Illinois, hideout, Harrison served as an outside "contact man" for the gang, thus insuring its continued safety during the abduction period. Harrison, despite his precarious undertakings, was a man of wit and humor, and served as the "court jester" or "court fool" to the amusement of his gangster affiliates.

Temporarily, after the release of Mr. Bremer, the gang quit Chicago, Harrison providing safe refuge, entertainment and invaluable contacts elsewhere. When it appeared to the gang, however, that the "heat was off", certain members returned to Chicago, using Harrison to rent apartments, thus allaying suspicions which might have arisen had the more notorious members of the gang secured the apartments themselves.

Harrison was trusted, and even his garrulous nature had not, up to this time, given rise to doubt on the part of his companions. Unwittingly, however, he communicated to other associates of the gang who were not in the "inner circle", certain information which, it was felt, should not have been divulged.

Using a ruse, Harrison, on the night of January 5, 1935, was lured by his companions to an abandoned barn in the vicinity of Ontario-ville, Illinois. When he entered the barn in the hope of effecting his mission he was shot to death by several of his erstwhile associates. His body was then soaked in gasoline, placed in an appropriate position and the barn was set on fire. The structure was completely demolished. On the following day, January 6, 1935, the charred outline of an apparently unidentifiable body of a human being was observed, lying in the smolder-ing embers. Only a torso remained.

The Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois, was notified im-mediately, and the body was removed by the Du Page County coroner to an undertaking parlor at Roselle, Illinois. An x-ray examination of the body disclosed it to be that of a male individual. The x-ray also dis-closed the location of a bullet which was found embedded in the lower part of the right shoulder of the corpse. A ballistics examination of this bullet reflected that it had been fired from a .32 calibre automatic pistol.

A search for identifying items left at the scene of the crime disclosed an Elgin wrist watch and gold link wrist bracelet lying beside the body. There was also found what remained of a pair of octagon shaped eye glasses. In addition thereto there was found an empty five gallon gasoline can and a crank for a Model A Ford automobile.

Investigation by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office at the Elgin Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois, reflected that the watch had been assembled in 1928 and had been sold on February 15, 1929. There were no records, however, disclosing the identity of the firm to which the watch had been sold. The watch is described as grade 428, model 6-0, movement 32,166,666, chrome nickel plated case #0,211,813. All jobbers handling Elgin watches were circularized by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office in an effort to trace the watch, but without results. The Sheriff's Office also caused this watch to be submitted to scientific analysis. The examina-tion disclosed a jeweler's repair number C-633 which had been scratched on the inside of the case. Pertinent information concerning the watch and the repair numbers were published by the Sheriff's Office, during the month of June 1935 in a magazine issued by the Jewelers' Association, in an effort to effect an identification, but without results.

Meanwhile the investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been progressing in an effort to locate and apprehend the remaining fugitives who were responsible for Mr. Bremer's abduction, including William J. Harrison. Information was uncovered from time to time to the effect that Harrison had been murdered by members of his own gang. These whisperings of the underworld became quite current. Investigation loaned credence to the report. Special Agents learned from sources intimately associated with Harrison that he had worn, prior to his death, a wrist watch which had been fastened to his wrist by a gold link bracelet. This bracelet was found beside the corpse. It had also been definitely determined that Harrison, immediately prior to his death, was wearing rim glasses of an octagon shape. Remnants of such glasses were found beside his body. It was ascertained that Harrison was last seen by certain members of the gang on the morning of January 5, 1935. It was also learned that Harrison had an appointment to meet a certain woman companion of the gang on the night of January 5, 1935. This appointment was not kept, and Harrison was never seen thereafter.

During the last days of August, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ascertained definitely that Harrison had been murdered by certain of his companions, and that his body had been burned in an old barn to prevent identification. Immediately thereafter the location of this barn was learned, and certain material facts were disclosed which clarified the circumstances surrounding the murder of the unidentified man. Exhaustive inquiry covering a period of more than one and one-half years had disclosed the habits, the contacts and the places where William J. Harrison had lived and operated. Agents secured from the Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois, pertinent data concerning the wrist watch which had been found near the corpse. Systematic inquiry in the vicinity of Hammond, Indiana, and Calumet City, Illinois, where Harrison had "held forth" during his more favored years of hoodlumism, disclosed that on August 21, 1933, Harrison had had a wrist watch repaired by a jeweler friend in Hammond, Indiana. The jeweler had scratched his repair number C-633 on the inside of the case, and on his charge slip had referred familiarly to his friend and patron as Billie Harrison. The watch repaired was an Elgin wrist watch, which according to the jeweler's records bore movement number 32,166,666, nickel case #0,211,813. It had needed a new mainspring. That was the watch found beside the murdered and burned body of Harrison.

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Salt Lake City, Utah	11-18-35	11-10-35	VAL C. ZIMMER GS

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; ET AL;

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

Edward George Bremer - Victim.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

$5 and $10 bills received Walker Bank and Trust Co., Salt Lake City, on branch Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. 8-19-35 checked, but not listed as ransom bills in instant case. No information secured at St. George, Utah, concerning identity woman who mailed letter from St. George, Utah, to Beaumont Apts., Kansas City.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, 6-10-35.

DETAILS:

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

A review of the file in the Salt Lake City Bureau office indicates that information contained in memorandum from Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin on August 20, 1935, to Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis D. Wine, was never reported. The memorandum submitted by Agent McLaughlin is as follows:

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Mr. S. S. Cartwright, Walker Bank and Trust Company, called at the Salt Lake City office on the morning of August 19, 1935, about 11 A.M., and advised that he had several Federal Reserve notes on the 9th District, Minneapolis, Minnesota, branch of the Federal Reserve System; that there were some fives, tens and twenties, and possibly was some of the Bremer Kidnaping money.

"The writer checked forty $5.00 bills, four $10.00 bills and eight $20.00 bills, and found that they were not listed in the Bremer Kidnaping list.

"The writer interviewed Mr. Hatch, teller No. 15 of the Walker Bank, and he advised that about 11 o'clock this morning, a woman described as:

Age.	35
Height	5 ft. 6 in.
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Medium brown
Round face.	
Neatly dressed.	
Lower teeth very small with gold fillings	

came to the bank with $400.00 in bills of fives, tens and twenties, and that he noticed that they were all on either the Chicago or the Minneapolis banks, and accordingly notified S. S. Cartwright of the bank to have the bills checked. He stated that he believed the woman possibly was a "Madam" and she impressed him as being such a person. He further stated she asked to have the money changed in large denominations, and he gave her three $100.00 bills and two $50.00 bills. She asked the teller if he had any $1,000.00 bills, and he said "no" but that he could get them from the Federal Reserve Branch. She said she might come back later in the day for a $1,000.00 bill, which indicated that she had more money in her possession.

"Mr. Hatch stated that he would communicate with the Salt Lake Bureau office in the event the woman returned to the bank."

A memorandum submitted by Special Agent (A) C. S. Duggan to Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis D. Wine, dated August 20, 1935, with reference to investigation conducted at St. George, Utah, as requested in report of reference, has never been reported, and accordingly is being submitted hereinafter as follows:

"At St. George, Utah, on August 7, 1935, Sheriff John E. Cottam, and Postmaster William Brooks, were interviewed regarding the identity of the woman who mailed a letter from St. George to the Beaumont Apartments, Kansas City, Mo. Both stated that they had no knowledge as to the identity of this woman, and knew of no woman who was a resident of St. George, Utah, who had been in Kansas City, Mo. within the past two years.

"The register of the Liberty Hotel, St. George, Utah, was furnished to agent for his inspection. No registration could be found which would in any way indicate that subject Volney Davis had registered there at any time within the past year.

"Mr. G. W. Hale, manager, and Charlie Andrews, clerk, were questioned regarding subjects. Photographs were displayed to them but they stated that they were unable to furnish any information, and could make no identification of photographs."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Salt Lake City office: At Reno, Nevada, will conduct appropriate investigation as requested in report of Special Agent W. J. McNulty, New York, 8-23-35.

At Virginia City, Nevada, will conduct further investigation in accordance with report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, San Francisco, 7-5-35, for the purpose of locating John Ferriak.

At Carson City, Nevada, will ascertain whether J. F. Stratton is available for interview, as requested in report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, dated 8-11-35.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, w.as., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.as., I.O. 1252; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.as., I.O. 1256; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, w.as., I.O. 1239, et al., EDWARD BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

R. L. Finn, gambler, on interview states he is identical with J.J. Ward; operated house in Centerville, Mass., where Condorf, Upshaw and Farrell often came; denies being acquainted with Meade. Fred P. Farrell, Fred Condorf, J. E. Hayes and Geo. Farry all interviewed; admit knowing Meade; deny knowledge of his present whereabouts, and refused cooperation with Bureau in attempts to locate him. George Kennedy and James Barker reputed to have returned to Florida. Frankie Duris, former bootlegger, denies knowing Meade and refuses to discuss whereabouts of other confidence men. Further efforts being made to locate Meade's contacts at Boston.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, Mass., dated October 22, 1935.
Report of Special Agent Wm. J. McNulty, New York City, dated October 3, 1935.
Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated August 8, 1935.

DETAILS:

This Agent interviewed Robert Finn at his home on James Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. Mr. Finn readily admitted that he was the man who ran the house on Craigville Beach Road in Centerville, Mass., and that it was run as a gambling establishment. He stated that he used the name J. J. Ward

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while operating there. He gave the names of the parties who had been his employees there, as James Warman, his assistant; Eddie Betts, a colored man; Bessie Smith, a colored cook; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, housekeepers, and Freddie Freed, as a part-time operator. He refused to divulge the names of the persons who stayed at his house, but would admit or deny when asked concerning particular individuals. He admitted that Farrell, Condorf and Upshaw had been there, at various times, when asked by this Agent. He denied emphatically, however, that William Elmer Meade was there, and denied that he had ever seen the latter individual.

Mr. Finn is aware that some of his patrons are confidence men, but states that he allows them to gamble at his places as long as he does not know them to be fugitives from justice. He says that he has been operating gambling establishments in Boston all of his life, and intends to continue to do so. He states further that he cannot operate if fugitives from justice come to his place, and that he has always tried to keep them out. He expressed a desire to help in the capture of Meade, and states that if this Bureau will guard his confidence, he will transmit to this office any information he may pick up relative to Meade. His private telephone number, which he gave to this Agent, is Longwood 4284.

Mr. Finn explained his reluctance to talk of his other customers, on the ground that since he does not know them to be wanted and because many of his customers are respectable business men, he cannot afford to talk about them since it would ruin him. However, he states that he would have no scruples about telling of Meade's whereabouts, if he knew them.

This Agent called at the Personal Book Shop at 96 St. James Avenue, Boston, in an attempt to learn the whereabouts of Fred P. Farrell. Miss Clark, Secretary, after conversation with the attendants at the Brookline Branch, stated that Mrs. Farrell had been in that Branch a few days before and had mentioned that she was now residing at the Myles Standish Hotel, in Boston.

At the Myles Standish Hotel this Agent contacted Mr. James [illegible]on, Assistant Manager. The registration in Farrell's handwriting, [illegible]d that he registered on August 28, 1935 and had been given Suite 906. [illegible] given his previous address as Craigville Beach Road, Hyannis, Mass.

Mr. Wilson interviewed an elevator boy whom he stated could [illegible]d. This boy said that Farrell was there frequently with a party

in room 514, named Graham. The boy identified at once, the picture of Fred Gondorf as being identical with Fred Graham. Graham on checking in had given his former residence as 370 Riverside Drive, New York City.

This Agent was furnished with a list of telephone calls made by these individuals, and Mr. Wilson assured that all mail would be traced. A check of the telephone numbers called, revealed calls made to George Kennedy at 1401 Beacon Street, J. E. Hayes, 1454 Beacon Street, Brookline, and George L. Farry at 1948 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, Mass. Many calls had been made to the Penagate Hotel on Beacon Street, and at this place later investigation revealed the presence of James Barker, who is apparently "the Englishman" mentioned in the anonymous communication, as set out in the last report of reference.

At the Boston Police Headquarters this Agent was unable to find any record of Kennedy, Hayes or Farry. The records of Gondorf and Farrell have been set out previously.

At a conference with Special Agent in Charge, C. B. McBean it was felt that in view of the apparent temporary nature of the stay of these individuals, they should be interviewed in the near future. Accordingly a teletype message was sent to the Bureau on October 21, 1935, advising of the presence of these men, and requesting information as to whether they were wanted. The Bureau replied by telegram on the same date and stated that Farrell and Gondorf are apparently not wanted.

Accompanied by Special Agent T. E. Myers, this Agent interviewed Farrell at his room at the Myles Standish Hotel. Farrell readily admitted his profession as a confidence man and stated that he knew William Elmer Meade but had not seen him in years. He believed the last time was in Miami, Florida in 1933. Farrell stated that he and his friends had no use for Meade and would "not foot" it out of town if they knew Meade to be there, since they knew the latter individual to be "hot". He stated that the consensus of opinion in confidence circles was that Meade was a fool to run away from a rap which they believed he could beat. The further opinion is that Meade is not the type to mix in a kidnaping, and his acquaintances are all very much surprised to read of his connection with this case.

Farrell emphatically denied that he was the Fred mentioned in the wire to Callahan, stating that he would not cross the street to help Meade because he knew him so slightly. He explained that in his business no money could be made by mixing up with fugitives from justice, because the nature of his business required him to be always in the open.

among his own crowd, he stated, it is sort of the code that only if a warrant has been issued for one of its members, he surrender himself and try to beat the rap with legal skill. He stated that Boston is his home town but that he does not operate here, but would give no further history of himself. He was informed by this Agent that his name was definitely linked with that of Meade and that he would be kept under the eye of this Bureau until Meade's apprehension. He stated that, of course, he was sorry to hear this and that it might seriously interfere with his operations, but that under no consideration would he ever try to obtain any information concerning Meade, or should he obtain any, would he turn it over to this Bureau. He stated that this was not a defiance of the Bureau but was simply a statement of a code that had been his all his life. As reason for this he gave that he and his friends had to depend on other members of their profession in keeping their secrets, and that he had nothing but the greatest detestation for a stool pigeon. He stated that he would not attempt to fool this Bureau by any statement that he would be of assistance when it should be quite obvious that he would not be. As consequences were pointed out to him he, in most polite terms, continued to state that no matter what happened to him or his family, he would never violate the code of his profession. He stated that although it would apparently make no difference to this Agent, he could quite truthfully say that he had no idea where Meade is at the present time, nor as to how he could locate him. He absolutely refused to discuss the whereabouts or connections of any other person in his profession, or, in fact, any name mentioned to him. He claimed that he did not know that Meade had been in Boston last summer until he read of Meade's capture at Northampton.

The same evening this Agent interviewed Fred Gondorf with substantially the same results as had been obtained from Farrell. Gondorf admitted that he had known Meade for thirty years, originally in Denver when that city had been the gathering place of the confidence men. He stated, however, that his connection with Meade had grown less and less in later years, and that he has not seen him since one time in Chicago in 1933 when they met in the lobby of a hotel. Gondorf stated that he had had his medicine for wrangling with the United States Government at one time, and that he, Gondorf, is now very careful not to infringe on Federal laws. He was equally polite in his statements to this Agent, that if he had any information concerning Meade he would not turn it over, giving the same reason as had Farrell. He added that Meade travelled with a different crowd than theirs and was regarded generally as having become something of a fool for spending his time in trying to evade the law and fleeing over the country from a charge

that he, Condorf, believes could be beaten. He also stated that it was a written rule in the profession that one did not ask questions of other members not in his own set, so that he, as a matter of fact, had no knowledge of the Meade's present connections might be. He also expressed his incredulity that Meade would be foolish enough to be involved in the Bremer case, and received the statements of this Agent with polite but firm refusal to ever give any information regarding a member of his profession. The day following this interview this Agent was informed that Condorf had left the Myles Standish Hotel with his wife, stating to the clerk, that he was going West.

Subsequently J. E. Hayes was interviewed at his apartment at 1454 Beacon Street, and George Barry at his apartment at 1949 Commonwealth Avenue. The interviews with these men were substantially the same as were those with Farrell and Condorf. Barry denied that he had ever known Meade and Hayes stated that he had only seen him once. They were also informed, as had been the others, that being known by this Bureau to be friendly with Meade, they would be constantly bothered by Bureau Agents and that in all probability any plans they might have for future operations might be seriously endangered. However, each of them stated his regret that any such thing might come about, and admitted that it might be very hard on them, but still stated that they had been in the business too long and were too old to change or deviate from a rule against any stool pigeon activity, which had been an integral part of their whole life. They readily admitted that it would be to their advantage to have Meade caught, since it would removed this unwanted pressure from the Bureau, but they firmly and politely stated that they would never be a means thereof. Each of them also stated that they held high regard for the Department of Justice and would not be foolish enough to try and tell this Agent that they would assist in the search when he, as well as they, knew that they would not.

At the Regent Apartments at 1401 Beacon Street it was discovered that Kennedy had given up his apartment and moved the day that this Agent had interviewed Farrell and Condorf. The Manager, Mr. A. E. Doucette gave this Agent the names of J. E. Hayes and James Barker, who had been frequent callers on Kennedy in his apartment, and Mr. Doucette stated that Kennedy was apparently from Miami, Florida.

At the Fenagate Hotel it was discovered that James Barker had checked out on the same day as had Kennedy. However, inquiry at the hotel revealed that he was somewhat friendly while there.

with one T. E. Cary. Upon interview Cary stated that he was in Boston attempting to recover from asthma, from which he was obviously suffering. He stated that he had met Barker occasionally at that hotel, sometime before, but knew nothing whatever concerning him. Cary finally admitted, however, that he was a gambler himself but refused to discuss his affairs any further.

At the desk of the Fensgate Hotel Earl Bronk, Clerk, stated that his records showed that Barker had been there on two occasions, the first being from April 29th to June 21, 1935, and subsequently, from August 28th until his last departure. Each time he had given his previous residence as the Brady Apartments at Miami, Florida. In the interval between these two dates he is reputed to have gone to Europe. His wife had resided with him at the Fensgate Hotel.

It may be noted here that all of these men paid cash in payment of rent.

Subsequently this Agent interviewed a Frankie Duris in his apartment at the Westminster Hotel. Duris had been previously ascertained to have been a long time resident of Boston and a former bootlegger. When interviewed he admitted his former activities and stated that he is friendly with the confidence men previously contacted by this Agent but has never been one of them himself. He stated that they had discussed the visit of this Agent to them in his, Duris', presence, and that they had all agreed that they did not believe Meade was guilty of any connection with the Bremer kidnaping, since such activities were so foreign to his makeup. Duris also said that this crowd was superior to Meade and had nothing to do with him, and that from their conversation he was certain they did not know where he was. He was equally certain that if they had any information they would not turn it over to the law under any circumstances. As for himself, Duris stated that he shared their opinion in this matter. He stated that while he did not know Meade, nor had he any information concerning him, he would make no attempt to discover any or to give it to the Bureau. He refused to discuss the whereabouts of Barker or Kennedy or Odell, or anything in connection with their business.

It may also be noted here that the only hint dropped by any of the persons interviewed, was that Meade's friends were probably those who worked with him at the time of the swindle for which he was last indicted. In this connection it is thought advisable

to contact Inspector Graham of the Post Office Department at New York City, and ascertain, if known, whose Meade's confederates were at the time of the swindle for which he was indicted.

There is being set out below the description of Hayes, Kennedy, Barker and Farrell, together with what information is known of them. The descriptions of Farrell and Gendorf have been set out in previous reports.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Name	- George D. Kennedy
Last residence	- 1401 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Age	- 58 years
Nationality	- American
Marital status	- Married
Height	- 5' 10"
Weight	- 212 pounds
Build	- Stocky
Hair	- Scanty, gray turning white.
Complexion	- Florid.
Glasses	- Metal framed.
Clean shaven	
Peculiarities	- Neat dresser

Mr. Kennedy's wife's name is unknown but she has a sister, Hazel Harley, who lived with them on Beacon Street. His wife is described as follows:

Age	- 52 years
Height	- 5' 8"
Weight	- 140 pounds
Complexion	- Medium

Mr. Kennedy owned a large sedan automobile equipped with Florida license plates, thought to be a Buick.

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[redacted] He was supposed to have been staying in Boston for reasons of his health.

Name - James Barker
Age - 42 years
Height - 5' 11"
Weight - 160 pounds
Hair - Gray, straight.
Marital status - Married
Does not wear glasses.
Peculiarities - Has decided English accent; very b gentlemanly; reputed to have stomach trouble.

Mr. Barker's wife is described as follows:

Age - 30 years
Height - 5' 7"
Weight - 140 pounds
Complexion - light
Hair - light
Peculiarities - Looks Swedish and talks with slight Swedish accent.

Barker drives a Cadillac car with Florida license plates.

Name - J. E. Hayes (Jay E. Hayes)
Age - 45 to 50
Last address - 1454 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.
Marital status - Married.
Nationality - American
Height - 5' 10"
Weight - 190 pounds
Build - Medium
Hair - Black with grayish tinge.
Eyes - Blue
Wears small mustache.
Peculariities - Small mouth; carries glasses on black ribbon.

Name - George L. Farry
Last address - 1948 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, Mass.
Nationality - American.
Marital status - Married.
Wife's name - Lola
Age - 45 to 50 years
Height - 5' 8"
Weight - 170 pounds
Build - Heavy
Eyes - Black
Complexion - Light
Hair - Black and grey.

It is noted here that [redacted] indicate that Fred Condorf received a package [redacted] Holyoke, Massachusetts. Hotels from William Hanlon, 247 Maple [redacted], also received a letter, [redacted] October 20th, from George B. Moon, [redacted] Wisconsin.

[redacted] received a letter at 1454 Beacon Street, Brookline, [redacted] Massachusetts, from [redacted] Eugene, 324 Fourth Ave., East, Great Falls, [redacted] Montana.

Condorf also received a letter from Mrs. I. M. Matten, 324 West 74th Street, New York City.

Among the telephone calls obtained from the hotels are the following names which may be deemed important in future investigation:

Calls from Fred P. Farrell, at the Myles Standish Hotel:

Samuel Selesnick, 150 Pleasant St., Brookline, Mass.
A. W. Chesterton & Co., 44 India St., Boston, Mass.
Wm. H. Davis, 1402 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.
George Zoff, 39 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Brookline, Mass.
Wm. Fitzgerald, 8 Lincoln Rd., Brookline, Mass.

Calls from Fred Graham, at the Myles Standish Hotel:

Daniel F. Duris, 411 or 417 Common Street
(Telephone - Belmont 4266)
Frank S. Jacobi, 12 Hartford St., Dorchester, Mass.

Calls from James Barker, at the Fensgate Hotel:

Rose A. Panzone, 8 Myrtle Street, (2d floor rear)
Boston, Mass.
Mrs. A. Malloy, 819 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, Mass.
Edward L. Dunn, 120 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Other numbers called by these persons included telephone calls to each other and to various stores and shops in Boston. They are not being set out herein but are being retained in the file for possible future reference.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Florida will attempt to locate and interview George Kennedy and James Barker who are supposed to be residents of that city.

BUTTE OFFICE, at Great Falls, Montana, will determine the identity of Mrs. H. S. Green at 324-4th Avenue West, [redacted] corresponding with Mrs. J. E. Hayes.

NEW YORK OFFICE will confer again with Inspector Graham of the Post Office Department relative to the developments of this case, and obtain from him the name of Meade's confederates in the swindle on which that department has indicted Meade.

MILWAUKEE OFFICE, at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin will determine the identity of Gus B. Rose, corresponding with Fred Graham, alias Fred Gondorf, and interview him relative to the whereabouts of William E. Meade.

BOSTON OFFICE, from the information contained in this report, will continue attempts to locate contacts of Meade in Boston.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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November 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: CASSIUS McDONALD

Reference is made to my telephonic conversation with you this morning, at which time I suggested that it might prove desirable to permit the St. Paul office to give certain information to the press at a propitious moment concerning Cassius McDonald.

The only information available in the file regarding the recent charges brought against Cassius McDonald in Boston, Massachusetts is to the effect that on November 7, 1933 the Boston Police Department wired the Detroit police asking that a hold be placed upon Cassius McDonald since he was wanted in Boston for the larceny of $30,000. It was accordingly explained to the Boston police that McDonald was being held by the Government and that a warrant must necessarily be lodged with the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Bureau has received a copy of a letter, directed by the Boston office to the Detroit office, dated November 8, 1935, which discloses that McDonald and three others have been identified as the parties who on June 1, 1934, by means of an old pay-off swindle, took $30,000 in cash from John Capobianco, a contractor at 129 Chiswick Road, Brighton, Massachusetts. The other parties to the swindle are John Poeifield alias John Mack alias John McNamara; John Nobile alias Fallo alias Allen alias Costello. The third party to the swindle is Charles Phillips alias Al Caplan. The fourth person is John Patterson. Mr. Capobianco, upon interview by a Bureau Agent, stated that he is almost positive that the picture of Cassius McDonald is that of John Patterson.

Mr. Capobianco and his attorney, Philip Adams of Boston, are presently considering a trip to St. Paul for the purpose of identifying McDonald, since the Boston police have indicated that they are not obtaining a warrant until Capobianco is positive of his identification of McDonald. It is suggested that if a positive identification is made of McDonald, it might be advisable to permit the St. Paul office to furnish this information to the press.

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A review of the press items discloses that only one brief dispatch appeared in the St. Paul papers and is quoted herewith as follows:

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Cassius McDonald, Held In Bremer Case, Also Wanted At Boston.

Troubles keep piling up for Cassius McDonald, reputedly wealthy Detroit sportsman who is charged with passing $72,000 of the Bremer kidnap ransom.

Word was received here today that the Michigan politician is wanted in Boston on a warrant charging him with a $30,000 larceny.

In the meantime McDonald is in the federal detention home at Milan, Mich., and has until Saturday to raise $25,000 bond or be moved immediately to St. Paul.

McDonald along with Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, now in Ramsey county jail as Bremer kidnap suspects, are to go op trial here Jan. 6, 1936."

This appeared in the St. Paul Daily News on November 7, 1935.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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Post Office Box 913

Chicago, Illinois

November 18th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: BERKID

In accordance with Bureau instructions and in line with your letter of October 30th, 1935, in the above entitled matter, I am forwarding herewith by registered, insured mail, the $1,145.40, as well as a Scheaffer Pen and Pencil Set (green), two pocket combs, two bill folds, 1 pocket knife, two black shoe laces and 1 brown shoe lace, which were found in the possession of Volney Davis at the time he was apprehended.

There is being attached to this letter a list of the serial numbers and denominations of the bills comprising the above sum of money.

It is suggested that in disposing of same your Office arrange to obtain appropriate receipts and furnish the Bureau as well as this Office with copies of said receipts.

Very truly yours,

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge
Louisville, Kentucky

RE: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge Dewey and Special Agent R. D. Brown this morning relative to a contemplated visit [redacted] at the Government Narcotic Farm, Lexington, Kentucky on Tuesday, November 19, 1935.

It is desired to determine if it will be necessary [redacted] to have in his possession a letter granting permission to visit this Hospital [redacted] He has been in considerable difficulty in the city of Chicago during the past four years and there is a narcotic charge pending against him at the present time.

[redacted]

While I would like to maintain the goodwill of this individual, still I do not wish to place ourselves in the position of a sponsor, provided any actions of his in the future might be embarrassing.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONKLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -- Victim	KIDNAPING -- HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -- NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dan Tubbs states that the last time he saw Campbell was in the early part of 1933, when Campbell visited him in Evansville, Wyo., with a wife and another man; description of stranger not that of Karpis, nor could Tubbs identify photo of Karpis as being that of stranger. Interview with Matt Goad revealed no information. Sheriff Allen and Captain William Miller unable to give any additional information.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Shiley, Denver, dated 9-23-35.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed Sheriff R. Jack Allen, Natrona County, Casper, Wyoming, who was unable to give Agent any information other than that set out in reference report. Agent deems it advisable to keep in touch with Sheriff Allen in regard to any developments in instant case, in view of the fact that Sheriff Allen knows Campbell personally, and is always willing to cooperate with the Denver Office.

Agent interviewed Captain William Miller, Bureau of Identification, Casper

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Police Department, Casper, Wyoming, who was unable to give any information in addition to that set out in report of reference. When asked about Dan Tubbs, Captain Miller stated that Tubbs' relationship with Campbell is about the same as that of most of the people around Casper who were acquainted with Campbell when Campbell resided and worked in Casper. Mr. Miller stated that Tubbs is a fellow who minds his own business, is very close mouthed, offering no information, and is a card shark, and at present is driving a truck on the Alcova Dam Project. Captain Miller further informed Agent that he interviewed Tubbs after Campbell is supposed to have visited Tubbs at Tubbs' place in Evansville, and that Tubbs, a friend of Captain Miller, gave him all the information that he knew about Campbell. Captain Miller further informed Agent that he thought that if Tubbs was in the possession of any information that he, Miller, would be able to get it from Tubbs, and that if he was able to do so, he would so advise the Denver Office.

Agent interviewed Dan Tubbs, 128 West F. Street, Casper, Wyoming, at his residence. Tubbs stated that at present he was driving a truck on the Alcova Dam Project. Tubbs informed Agent that the last time he saw Campbell was in the early part of 1933, at which time Campbell visited Tubbs at his place in Evansville, Wyoming, with Campbell's wife and another fellow, a stranger to Tubbs. He stated that it was his understanding that this stranger was a party by the name of Jack Wright, whom he heard was later picked up in Oklahoma on some charge. He was unable to give Agent any description of this person, other than that he had very small features, was very peaked looking, and that several of his front teeth were missing. Upon being shown a photo of Alvin Karpis, Tubbs stated that such was not in any way similar to the stranger. Mr. Tubbs further stated that Campbell stayed in Casper about one month at that time, but he was unable to state where he roomed. Tubbs further informed Agent that at that time he did not know that Campbell was wanted on any criminal charges, and that he did not learn of this until Captain William Miller, of the Police Department visited him, just after Campbell had left. He further stated that since that time he has not seen or heard of of the whereabouts of Campbell, and that Campbell was never out to Alcova within the past two years. He further stated that he did not know any more about Campbell than did any other party who knew Campbell when he resided and worked in Casper. He stated that Campbell was very close-lipped, and had never offered any information to him, and that he, Tubbs, had never questioned him concerning his business. Tubbs further stated that if Campbell ever came to Casper, the first person he would ever visit would be he, Tubbs, or Oscar Kelt, at Evansville, Wyoming, and stated that he would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau, and if he received any information as to the whereabouts of Campbell, that he would get in touch with Captain William

Miller, of the Casper Police Department, whom he knew.

Agent interviewed Mr. George Miles, [illegible] Fort 15th Street, Casper, Wyoming, who is a Special Agent for the U. S. F. & G. Railroad Company. Mr. Miles stated that Walt Good was unable to give him any information concerning Subject Campbell, stating that he had merely met Campbell once.

Agent also interviewed Walt Good, who stated that his name was Henry Good, and not Walt. Mr. Good stated that he himself never knew Campbell, nor had he ever met him. However, he stated that one evening about two years ago he attended a dance at his wife at Casper, and there Campbell was pointed out to him by his wife, who knew Campbell when he lived in Oklahoma; that he then met Campbell for the first and last time; that his wife came from Oklahoma, and Campbell had been a neighbor of his wife's family at that time. Good also stated that he understood that Campbell was present at the dance in the company of one Oscar Felt, who lived in Evansville. It is noted that Felt has been the Subject of previous reports in this case. Good further stated that he heard that Campbell had visited Midwest, Wyoming, about four or five months prior. It is noted that the report of Special Agent J. B. Shiley, Denver, dated 9-9-35, covered this rumor.

Good stated that one Mack Welsh, 1238 South Chestnut Street, Casper, Wyoming, knew Campbell both in Casper and in Oklahoma, and that Campbell had operated a bus from Evansville to Casper, as an employee of Welsh. An examination of the file disclosed that Welsh already has been interviewed, and therefore no lead will be set out.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Henry Good, wife of above party, who stated that she knew Campbell when Campbell was a neighbor of her family back in Oklahoma. She further advised Agent that she also knew him when he worked in Casper, and that he was employed by her uncle, Mr. Welsh, as a bus-driver on the stage from Evansville to Casper. She also stated that she has not seen Campbell during the past four years, outside of the instances related above by her husband. She was unable to give Agent any information other than that which has already been reported.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: at Casper, Wyoming, will keep in touch with Captain William Miller and Sheriff R. Jack Allen as to developments or further information in instant case.

Unless an examination of the file reveals that Mr. M. Welsh, 1238 South Chestnut Street, Casper, Wyoming, has already been interviewed in instant case, the Denver Office will interview the above concerning Subject Campbell.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER — Victim.	KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Andrew S. Gurante presently located at Astoria, Long Island, according to a letter addressed to James Scurry, Manager, Halcyon Hotel, Miami, Florida, on November 11, 1935.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, November 11, 1935.

DETAILS AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

On November 14, 1935, Mr. James Scurry, Manager, Halcyon Hotel, Miami, Florida, advised Agent that he had received a letter from Andrew S. Gurante, the original of which he exhibited and which, it was noted, was postmarked at New York City, New York, at 12:30 A.M., on November 11, 1935, addressed to James Scurry, Manager, Halcyon Hotel, Miami, Florida. The enclosed letter dated November 9, 1935, requested information of Mr. Scurry as to whether Gurante had any mail at the Halcyon and if so to forward same to 2808 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York. The letter was signed A. S. Gurante and beyond expressing regards for Scurry and his wife, Gurante said nothing further.

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Mr. Scurry, who has cooperated with the Bureau in this matter, requested that in the event it becomes necessary to contact Gurante that no information be given to him to indicate that Scurry furnished his address to the Bureau. Mr. Scurry was assured that his confidence would not be violated.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE, at Astoria, Long Island, is requested to verify Gurante's location at 28-08 35th Street, since it appears, from the report of Special Agent William J. McNulty, New York City, dated October 3, 1935, that Gurante may be desired as a witness in this matter at a subsequent date.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Exhibit

During the course of the Bremer investigation, Agents have obtained numerous firearms and items of firearms equipment from members of the Karpis - Barker gang in Chicago, Illinois, Cleveland, Ohio, and Oklawaha, Florida. There are many items of unusual interest in this collection.

In view of the magnitude of the Bremer investigation, it is felt that the Bureau should maintain a separate exhibit of the firearms and firearms equipment which have been confiscated from members of the Karpis - Barker gang. The Bureau is therefore directing a letter to the Chicago Office containing instructions to forward to the Bureau all firearms and items of firearms equipment which have been confiscated during the course of this investigation and which are still being held in the Chicago Office pending further disposition.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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Mr. Werner Hanni,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
610 Alamo Nard Hotel,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 9, 1935 transmitting six ledger sheets containing specimens of the handwriting of Dr. Robert Carville Urniston for examination in connection with the case entitled, ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al.; KIDNAPING.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's teletype message of November 18, 1935, you are advised that the material submitted was examined in the Bureau's Laboratory and seven latent fingerprints were developed thereon. These impressions were compared with the fingerprints of Mr. Joseph P. Moran, I. O. #1252, but no identification was effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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P. O. Drawer 867
San Francisco, California

November 14th, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases, I.C.
#1218, Fugitive, Et Al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRELER, VICTIM;
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;
Obstruction of Justice; National
Firearms Act.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, dated at New York City, November 2, 1935, in connection with the above captioned case, a copy of which is being enclosed herewith, for your information and assistance.

Please be advised that Special Agent F. C. Dorwart, of this office, conducted investigation at Sacramento, California, which disclosed that the stock of the Shaw-Batcher Company at Sacramento, California, had been purchased by the Thompson-Diggs Company, Hardware Wholesalers, Sacramento, California, on April 1, 1932. This investigation disclosed that the records of the Thompson-Diggs Company showed that the .380 calibre colt automatic pistol #112352 billed by the Colt Firearms Company to the Shaw-Batcher Company, Sacramento, California, on January 26, 1932, had been part of the stock taken over from the Shaw-Batcher Company. A check of the invoices of the Thompson-Diggs Company developed that an invoice of June 9, 1932, shows among other guns, the sale of instant .380 calibre colt automatic pistol No. 112352 to the Reno Sporting Goods Company, Reno, Nevada.

It is therefore requested that the Salt Lake City office at Reno, Nevada, continue the tracing of the .380 calibre colt automatic pistol No. 112352 requested in the report of reference.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman,
Special Agent in Charge

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November 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIAM DAINARD with aliases,
FUGITIVE, L.O./1258-L, et al;
George Weyerhaeuser, Victim,
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Information has been received from both Harmon H. Haley and Mrs. Margaret Haley to the effect that subject William Dainard has received treatments for gonorrhea from some doctor in Los Angeles.

It has been noticed from the report of Special Agent H.D. Trout, dated at Washington, D. C., August 19, 1935, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, L.O./1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim, KIDNAPING, that arrangements were made with Mr. R. M. Williams, of the publishing firm of Williams and Wilkins Company, Mount Royal and Guilford Avenues, Baltimore, Maryland, who publish the magazine Journal of Urology, to include in their publication a photograph and description of Alvin Karpis and that Mr. Williams, through the use of his mailing list, mailed a copy of the identification order on Karpis to all subscribers to the Journal of Urology.

It is desired that you immediately endeavor to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Williams whereby the photograph and description of William Dainard will be published in this magazine and copies of the identification order on Dainard issued to all subscribers of the magazine.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - F.J. Connelley - Chicago
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: ABERDEEN
MR. E. J. CONNELLEY - CHICAGO

BREKID; KNOWN HANDWRITING OF DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN INDICATES CONSIDERABLE SIMILARITY WITH HANDWRITING APPEARING ON LEDGER SHEETS OF DR. ROBERT CARVILLE ORMISTON. FINGERPRINTS OF DR. MORAN NOT IDENTIFIED WITH LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED. CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW ITS FILES AND INTERVIEW BETTY TRACEY IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN FURTHER HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING OF MORAN. ABERDEEN REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY AND PROMPTLY ALL ANGLES SUGGESTED IN SAC HANNI'S REPORT OF NINTH INSTANT.

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Laboratory Report

November 18, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive,
I. O. 1718, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-7976

Specimens: A. One record sheet bearing date of "15th - 31st, August - 1935" and beginning with name of "Adams, George".
B. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935 - 15th to 31st" and beginning with name of "Robinson, Herbert".
C. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935, 1-15" and beginning with name of "Lang, Raymond".
D. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935, 1-15" and beginning with name of "Browning, Joe.",
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Examination requested by: Aberdeen Bureau Office.
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Examination requested: Document and Fingerprint.

Result of examination: NOV 20 1935

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E. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935, 1-15" and beginning with name of "Leonards, Andrew".
F. One record sheet bearing notation at top, "Work Sheet - August - 25 - 1935" and beginning with name of "Adams, George".
All of the above specimens are in the handwriting of one Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, and are to be processed for fingerprints.
G. Three blank forms bearing the handwriting specimens of Ormiston on the reverse side.

Evidence of a large number of similarities in the handwriting and handprinting of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston and the known writing of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Identification Order #1232, would tend to indicate a strong possibility that these specimens were written by Dr. Moran. It should be appreciated in this connection that the insufficient number of specimens of known writings and handprinting of Moran are not wholly adequate in that they were made a number of years ago and are of too small a quantity to warrant the reaching of a positive conclusion.

The Chicago Office should note that additional specimens of known handwriting and handprinting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran are desired by the Laboratory. It is suggested that these specimens be obtained from acquaintances of Moran.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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November 18, 1935.

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Mr. Werner Hanni,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
610 Alonzo Ward Building,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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 November 12, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #877905.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

The surveillance of the John Karpavicz family is being maintained by the Chicago Office. That office learned recently that John Karpavicz, the father of Alvin Karpis, not so long ago purchased a very expensive baby bed at the Chicago Baby Carriage Company. It was learned that he paid for the bed with a crisp $100.00 bill and the girl making the sale observed him to have at least one other $100.00 bill and several other bills of smaller denomination. He has also purchased for the child of Alvin Karpis an expensive Kroll baby carriage. It has been learned that the baby bed and carriage so purchased are ordinarily purchased only by wealthy parents who can well afford to spend considerable sums of money for such conveniences. For this reason, it is believed that Karpavicz is obtaining money through his son. The Chicago Office has also ascertained that Karpavicz has contact with another Lithuanian family in the neighborhood whose reputation is very doubtful. This angle is being covered thoroughly at the present time.

There have been no developments in the Toledo area. Confidential informants have advised that former associates and harborers of Karpis and Campbell are now speculating as to the present location of Karpis.

Respectfully,

K.R.McIntire

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al; I. C. #1218; Edward George Bremer - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: John A. Schmitt and Frank Schmitt, Portland, Oregon, both disclaim any knowledge of present whereabouts of William Elmer Meade, their brother-in-law. Mail cover placed on all mail received by both parties.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William J. McNulty, dated October 3, 1935, at New York City; and letter from Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd dated November 5, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS: Referring to reference letter of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, it is respectfully stated that the investigation requested in the report of Special Agent J. H. Rice, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated October 21, 1935, has been covered and reported in the report of Special Agent John F. Sears, dated November 2, 1935, at Portland, Oregon; and that the investigation requested in the teletype from the Philadelphia Office, dated October 3, 1935, has been reported in a letter from Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, dated October

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17, 1935, at Portland, Oregon, and sent to the Director at Washington, D. C., a copy of said letter being routed to the Chicago Office.

Discreet inquiry was made of Mr. John A. Schmitt, 1725 N. W. 23rd St., Portland, Oregon, old address 369 N. 23rd. Mr. Schmitt is an elderly gentleman, and was fairly open in his conversation. He stated that he does have a sister by the name of Kate Meade, who is the wife of Elmer Meade, a dealer in stocks and bonds. He stated that the only address he has for them is Chicago, Illinois. He, however, advised that two years ago or more, his son, John, now nearly 20 years old, made a trip to Chicago and visited with his aunt Kate. He further stated that his son had, in the past, received a letter or two from Mrs. Meade. He was asked if he would mind securing the address for this Agent, and replied that his son kept all his papers locked away, and he would not bother them. It was then suggested that Agent return later in the evening when the son would be home, and Mr. Schmitt then stated that such action would be absolutely useless, as his son had flatly denied to furnish the address of Kate Meade to anyone. In view of the fact that William Meade is being sought by the Post Office, it is probable that Post Office Inspectors have made inquiry of Mr. Schmitt, and that the Chicago address is being guarded.

From Mr. John Schmitt it was learned that he has a brother, Frank Schmitt, who resides at 2334 N. W. Thurman St., Portland, Oregon, which address is just around the corner from John Schmitt's home, and that Frank might know the address of Mrs. Meade. Agent contacted Mr. Frank Schmitt, and as soon as the words "Kate Meade" were spoken, Mr. Frank Schmitt cut in with the remark, "you tell me where they are and I'll tell you where they are". He flatly denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Meade, stating that they moved about from one place to another so often that it was impossible to keep track of them.

It was not thought advisable at this time to press these inquiries. [redacted] John Schmitt's route a mail cover was requested on the addresses [redacted] If no information is forthcoming from these mail covers, and the Meade address is not secured from the leads set out in the report of Agent McNulty, the Portland Office will upon request, take further steps to attempt to secure the address of the Meades.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
November 16, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., Fugitive,
I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
L. A. File #7-42

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a forwarding address card left at the General Delivery window, Post Office, Los Angeles, California, while same was unattended.

This card was turned over to the Los Angeles Bureau office on November 9, 1935, and it is requested that same be submitted to the Technical Laboratory for comparative purposes.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID Number: 7-576-8089

Specimens: 7-576-8089 A. One "Order to Change Address" card signed "Alvin B. Karpis".

Examination requested by: Los Angeles Office

Date received: 11-21-35 (mch)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel #1

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION #8956
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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID Number: 7-576-8069

Specimens: 7-576-8069 A. One "Order to Change Address" card signed "Alvin B. Karpis".

Examination requested by: Los Angeles Office

Date received: 11-21-35 (mch)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: Examination by: Major #2

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Because of differences between the questioned writing on the Change Addres Order - & the signatures of Karpis on file at the Bureau it is probable that the person who filled in the Change Address order is not Karpis. -

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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

During the course of an investigation by Special Agent Paul Hansen in this case, information was developed to the effect that Milton Lett, of Route 2, Wann, Oklahoma, may be a contact of Harry Campbell in Oklahoma, and in fact, it is suspected that possibly he is the go-between for Campbell and the members of his family in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Milton Lett was interviewed by Agent Hansen on Saturday night, November 16th, and on Sunday, November 17th, but no definite information was obtained from him and he made no admissions to the effect that he has been contacting Campbell. The information which we have to the effect that Campbell may have been contacting Lett is vague and indefinite, and of course there was very little material available for use in interrogating this individual. Agent Hansen informed me that Lett did state that he believed possibly he "has seen Campbell in the past" one or twice", but he would furnish no information as to times and places. Lett promised Mr. Hansen that he would furnish him with any information he obtains concerning Campbell. Further contacts will be made with Lett in an effort to make an informant of him.

During the course of his investigation Agent Hansen obtained information to the effect that Maggie Lett, mother of Milton Lett, Route 2, Wann, Oklahoma, has received registered mail at the address given for her on the dates and from the places, as follows:

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731416	Cleveland, Ohio - 5-6-35
701194	Cleveland, Ohio - 6-3-35
706172	Cleveland, Ohio - 7-29-35
706811	Cleveland, Ohio - 8-5-35
1090	Brunswick, Ohio - 10-7-35.

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Agent Hansen informs me that during the course of his inquiries which of course were guarded and discreet, in the vicinity of Vann, Oklahoma, he has been unable to learn of any relatives or friends of the Lett family who reside in Ohio who would be sending registered mail to this woman. Agent Hansen informs me that during the course of his interviews with Milton Lett, he made some guarded inquiries concerning members of the family and that Lett stated he has two young brothers who are at home, that he has several sisters, some of whom are married and only one of whom resides any distance from home, and that she lives in Wichita, Kansas, and that the rest of them are not far distant from Vann, Oklahoma.

As stated, it is suspected that Milton Lett may be a contact and go-between for Campbell, and in view of the fact that investigation in the past has disclosed that members of this gang, including Campbell, have frequented Cleveland and other points in Ohio, it is theorized that these registered letters may have been sent by Campbell to Maggie Lett for Milton Lett to deliver to members of the Campbell family.

It has not been deemed advisable at this time to make an open inquiry of Milton Lett or of Maggie Lett concerning these registered letters. It is therefore requested that appropriate inquiry be made at the very earliest practicable time of the proper officials of the Post Office Department at Cleveland and Brunswick, Ohio, for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the person or persons sending the registered mail, as indicated above, to Maggie Lett. All information of record in the Post Office at Vann concerning this registered mail is included in this letter.

Appropriate arrangements have been made with the Post Office authorities at Vann that Agent Hansen be immediately informed should any more registered mail be received for this woman.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRADTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau
Kansas City
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Connelley (Chicago)

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 18, 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

Reference is made to your letter dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 12, 1935, requesting investigation at Wichita, Kansas, to ascertain the location of Milton Letts; reference also being made to the last paragraph of report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, dated November 16, 1935.

Special Agent A. E. Farland, who, together with Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, is presently making an investigation in this case in the Southeastern part of Kansas and Southwestern part of Missouri, has advised that Milton Letts has been located in Coffeyville, Kansas by Special Agent Paul Hanson, of the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, office.

It is presumed that a report relative to the investigation concerning Letts will be submitted by the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

November 16, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases
Kidnaping
APPREHENSION ORDER
NO. 1239-359

This is to advise that there was a shortage of 120 copies of the above numbered apprehension order received at this office, and it is requested that the Bureau furnish additional copies inorder that circularization to our mailing list may be completed.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cleveland, Ohio

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November 16, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau communication dated November 14, 1935, making inquiry as to whether any of the special agents attached to this office are engaged in the investigation of the recent robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, please be advised that no agents of this office have been active in the said investigation. However, it might be indicated that recently a communication was received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connalley requesting that the photographs of fugitives in the Brakid case be displayed to the witnesses of this robbery. This will be done forthwith.

Very truly yours,

JPM/LTB

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE. BREKID. REFER YOUR TELETYPE OF YESTERDAY. RECORDS OF CALIF-
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: MR CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO

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JDR:EB

November 14, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

I wish to advise that a search of the files of the Identification Division fails to reveal any criminal record of J. D. Moran, duplicate copies of whose fingerprints are attached hereto. These fingerprints were received with a letter from the St. Louis office dated November 11, 1935.

Respectfully,

J. D. Reynolds.

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FILE NO. 9-25

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
DETROIT, MICHIGAN	11/12/35	11/11/35	W. B. MATNEY

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; etal. EDWARD GEORGE BREUER - Victim

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Wynona Burdette, U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, denies ever having heard of Bill Crumbley of the St. Paul Police, or Tom Brown, former Chief of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota. She admits visiting Harry Sawyer's farm in St. Paul, Minn., and later saw Sawyer and his wife in Fred Barker's apartment in Cleveland, Ohio, almost daily for a period of one month. Burdette denies that Campbell ever discussed Sawyer's connection with the gang, but states she believes he was a member as he associated with Campbell and Fred Barker. Barker and Campbell visited Tia Juana gambling resort during fall of 1934. Burdette believes Campbell is employed as laborer in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Copy of the Personal and Confidential letter to Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen, St. Paul, Minnesota from the Bureau dated 10/31/35.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [illegible] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Miss Burdette advised that she has never heard of anyone named Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley. Miss Burdette advised that this was the only time when she saw either Harry Sawyer or Gladys Sawyer in St. Paul, Minnesota. Miss Burdette advised that she remembers the day after the Bremer kidnaping was reported as she and Paula Harmon were visiting in Volney Davis' and Edna Murray's apartment, and in that regard gives the following information:

She and Paula Harmon were in the kitchen of the above mentioned apartment, and Edna Murray was in the bathroom. Some unknown person appeared at the door and talked for a short time to Volney Davis. Miss Burdette did not see who this person was and did not later hear of the identity of this person. She stated that immediately thereafter, Davis demanded that Edna Murray immediately get on her coat and come with them. Davis did not explain to Paula Harmon or Wynona Burdette why he was leaving or where he was going, but he had stated that he would send someone after them later. Miss Burdette can give no concrete reason for their belief that the above conversation related to a "tip off" but stated that immediately after Davis and this woman had left that Paula Harmon and she believed that Volney Davis had been instructed to leave as the place was about to be raided. These two girls became extremely angry at Davis and decided to leave the apartment immediately. They left the apartment at that time and about one block's distance from the apartment they were picked up by Fred Barker. Miss Burdette has not received any information as to exactly what happened but believes that it was someone advising Davis to leave the apartment as it was about to be raided. In this connection Miss Burdette advised that she has no concrete information, but it has been intimated that the gang had "tip off" men in Reno, Nevada, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Burdette advised that the only person outside of the gang that she met while in St. Paul was a Jack Phifer, who operates the Hollyhocks Tavern on the River Road in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In connection with her meeting Mr. Phifer, Miss Burdette states that on several occasions she and Campbell accompanied by Paula Harmon and Fred Barker proceeded to the above mentioned place, and while there had their meal and "did some plain and fancy drinking." Miss Burdette states that Phifer would come to their table and carry on a conversation with Fred Barker and Harry Campbell and that he called Harry Campbell "George" as Campbell was going under the name of George Martin. During these conversations with Phifer he would discuss the different brands of liquors and other trivial matters. Miss Burdette advised that at no time did she overhear any conversation which would lead her to believe that Phifer knew George to be Harry Campbell.

Miss Burdette stated that the only other time she saw Harry and Gladys Sawyer was in Cleveland, Ohio and in this regard she states that while living in Cleveland, Ohio she and Davis visited the home of Paula Harmon and Fred Barker almost daily for a period of about one month, and that during all of these visits Harry Sawyer and his wife Gladys were living with Paula and Fred. When asked concerning the conversations had with Harry Sawyer and Gladys at the above mentioned place, Miss Burdette states that the conversation was trivial in as far as the different members of the gang were concerned and stated that Mrs. Sawyer talked a great deal concerning her little girl.

Miss Burdette advised that the only time she saw Pat Reilly was on one occasion when she visited Harry Sawyer's saloon for a short time and someone pointed out one of the bartenders and said that his name was Pat Reilly. Miss Burdette was questioned concerning the information Campbell would give her when they left the location on short notice, and she advised that Campbell would say this, "pack up, we are leaving."

Miss Burdette advised that after Fred Barker had gotten after Campbell for talking to her, Campbell never gave her any information although according to what Paula Harmon told the Bureau Agents in Chicago Fred Barker must have told Paula most of the things he told Campbell not to tell her. Miss Burdette advised that while she and Campbell were in Florida they talked with Fred Barker about Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette "leaving the gang."

Miss Burdette advised that she is very much in love with Campbell and they agreed that they would get married and settle down in Oklahoma. Miss Burdette states that Campbell asked her if she would stay with him even though he did not have a lot of money, and advised her that he was going to get a job and upon being asked what sort of a job he was going to get, Campbell stated "he didn't give a damn if it was digging ditches." Miss Burdette advised that during her conversations with Campbell she was advised that about 1927 he worked for a while for an oil company at Midwest, Wyoming. Campbell also advised that he formerly was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company at Tulsa, Okla.

Miss Burdette states that during her conversations with Campbell she learned that he was quite attached to oil field work and advised that if she were looking for Harry Campbell she would go to Tulsa, Okla., as she believes that is where he will be found at this time. When questioned concerning the other parts of Oklahoma where Campbell might go, Miss Burdette advised that Subject dislikes Oklahoma City very much and the only place which he likes is Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In this connection Miss Burdette advised that on several occasions she had a hard time keeping him from going back to Oklahoma. Miss Burdette advised, as has been set out in previous reports, that Campbell is very much attached to his mother, and that she believes he would visit his mother even though it meant his apprehension. Miss Burdette advised that after she was released by the Federal authorities in Cleveland, Ohio she proceeded to her home and while there she and her sister broadcast over the station at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Miss Burdette stated she does not know how Campbell learned of her whereabouts, but stated that he came to the radio station in Ponca City and asked her to leave with him.

Miss Burdette questioned Campbell concerning the attitude of "the gang" in regards to the information she gave to the authorities in Cleveland and Campbell advised that it did not make any difference to him what she told them. Miss Burdette advised that she believes it is probable that Subject Campbell is at present in contact with his relatives in Tulsa, Oklahoma and believes that it is quite probable that Campbell may contact members of her family.

Miss Burdette advised that she was very anxious to assist the Government in any way possible and stated that she was willing to give any testimony and was willing to testify at any time to any of facts which she has given to Agents of this Bureau. Miss Burdette is quite pleased that her clothing which was found in Florida has been turned over to her sister and stated that all of her clothes had been returned with the exception of one pair of riding pants and riding boots and one pair of hunting pants and one pair of hunting boots. Miss Burdette advised that these boots were "Friendly Fives." She stated that if these articles are at present in the possession of the Bureau, she would appreciate their being sent to Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Hominy, R. B., Oklahoma.

Before Agent's leaving Milan, Miss Burdette again advised Agent that she was very much in love with Campbell and if she secured information relative to the present location of Campbell, she would immediately advise reporting Agent, as she would rather "have him in custody than have him get killed." Miss Burdette talked very freely with Agent concerning the case and her statement relative to her belief that Campbell will be found in or near Tulsa is in line with conversation overheard by Agent Muzzey during visit of Mrs. Wilson to Wynona Burdette.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

In keeping with telephonic conversations had between you and Mr. Zarn of the Bureau, the Bureau desires to make specific reference to the letter of the Detroit Office to the Bureau, a copy of which was sent to the Oklahoma City Office, reflecting information obtained by Special Agent A. A. Hussey at the time he covered a conversation between Mrs. E. B. Wilson and Wynona Burdette, the conversation disclosing that Harry Campbell had undoubtedly been in contact with relatives of Wynona Burdette within recent months.

In keeping with the above reference, please refer to the report of Special Agent H. H. Matney, dated at Detroit, Michigan, November 12, 1935, disclosing a further interview with Wynona Burdette. The Bureau considers the information furnished by Agent Matney quite significant, particularly that portion of the above mentioned report in which Wynona Burdette inferred that Campbell is willing to undertake menial labor, that he is attached to the oil field work and would undoubtedly go to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she believes he can be found at the present time. She has also inferred that on several occasions she had difficulty in keeping him from returning to Oklahoma; that Campbell is very much attached to his mother and that she believes he would visit his mother even though it meant his apprehension.

In line with the information obtained by Agent Hussey, the report of Agent Matney discloses that Wynona Burdette advised that she believes it is probable that subject Campbell is at present in contact with his relatives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and believes that it

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is quite probable that Campbell may contact members of her family. The Bureau also considers significant the change of attitude on the part of Wynona Burdette to the effect that she will furnish information relative to the apprehension and location of Campbell in view of the fact that she feels she would rather have him in custody than have him get killed.

You will recall that heretofore Wynona Burdette has been willing to furnish information relating to other members of the gang, but has been unwilling to assist in any manner which would result in the apprehension of Campbell. It is desired that the report of Agent Matney should be given careful consideration in connection with future investigation relative to the location of Campbell.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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November 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

Dear Sir:

As of possible assistance to you in future investigations, there are forwarded to you herewith six photographs of each of the following individuals:

Alvin Karpis
Harry Campbell
Charles Joseph Fitzgerald
Dr. Joseph P. Moran
Willian J. Harrison.

Two photographs of Doris O'Connor are also being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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AT WEST LIBERTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Postmaster Thelma Forbes of West Liberty stated that she does not know of any locality referred to as Shannon in the vicinity of West Liberty; that the Shannon described in the letter from the Cleveland Office would be situated, if existing, in the Short Creek District extending for seven miles from West Liberty to the Ohio River; that the said district is partially within the territory of the West Liberty Post Office and partially within that of the post office at Short Creek, West Virginia. She stated that she knows of no gambling establishment operated within the said district known as Yankee Creek or as Yankee Lake; that the only creek in the district is Short Creek and that the only lake is an artificial pond known as the "Avalon" not situated in the Short Creek District, but located some seven miles towards Elm Grove, West Virginia, operated during the summer months by ARTHUR STEIFEL of Wheeling, West Virginia who dug the pond as a development to his real estate interests in the vicinity.

Upon being exhibited the photograph of Ernie LaSalle, Postmaster Thelma Forbes stated that she at no time saw in West Liberty the man portrayed thereon; she stated that as she could not give any lead towards ascertaining the information desired, knowing it to be a fact that Clark Wolf hereinbefore mentioned and Clarence Porter of the "Red Onion," have no associates in their business. It may be noted that Postmaster Thelma Forbes made it clear that neither Porter nor Wolf are actually operating what might be termed a gambling joint.

AT SHORT CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA

Postmaster J. H. Wilhelm of Short Creek, West Virginia stated that there existed some thirty years ago a post office known as Shannon, West Virginia, the post office being located in the house of a man named Shannon, which house has been since sold to a Mrs. MAHNER, situated about half way between Short Creek and West Liberty, on the Short Creek Road. Postmaster Wilhelm stated that though there existed a post office named Shannon, there was at no time any town or village known as such, that the Shannon Post Office was operated by the Shannons in connection with their store and was in reality a point at which farmers and miners located along Short Creek, called for their mails. Postmaster Wilhelm stated that when the post office was discontinued some thirty years ago, the district was covered by Short Creek, West Virginia, Post Office through the

establishment of Free Delivery Route Number 2. The carrier in the said route has been for years J. W. HARRIS, a farmer residing some two miles from Short Creek, West Virginia who is very well acquainted with people residing in the neighborhood.

Postmaster J. E. Wilhelm could give no information concerning a gambling resort known as Yankee Creek or Yankee Lake, referred to as being situated in the general direction of Short Creek. The Postmaster could not identify the photograph of Ernie LaSalle, furnished by the Cleveland Office.

J. W. Harris stated that he has resided in the Short Creek District for many years; that he is certain that there is no gambling resort in the district known as Yankee Lake or Yankee Creek, and that as a matter of fact, he knows of no gambling resort which might be known under another name in the northern section of Ohio County, West Virginia. Mailcarrier J. W. Harris stated that he knows Clark Wolf who up to some three months ago conducted the Brookside Service Station in the Short Creek District; that Wolf operated, in connection with the said service station, a dance hall, possibly sold some moonshine, but at no time operated a gambling joint. Rural carrier Harris stated that Wolf discontinued the dance hall and the service station and went back to work early in the spring of 1938 for the West Power Company Plant at Power, West Virginia.

Rural carrier J. W. Harris also stated that he is also well acquainted with Clarence Porter, operator of the "Red Onion;" that the "Red Onion" may be described as being a small roadhouse, frequented mostly by miners and farmers, handling possibly some liquor and beer. He stated that the "Red Onion" is situated along the south branch of Short Creek and is served by the Wheeling, West Virginia Post Office; that he, however, has on occasions been in the "Red Onion;" that he noticed no gambling going on there and that he is certain that Clarence Porter is associated with no one.

Rural carrier J. W. Harris could not identify the photograph of Ernie LaSalle herein mentioned.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE is requested to interview the original informant of Prosecuting Attorney Frazier Reams and attempt to procure from him additional information concerning the possible location of Ernie LaSalle bearing in mind that the informant of Prosecutor Reams might have been in error in giving Shannon, West Virginia as the place in which LaSalle is located now.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 31, 1935 to the St. Paul Office, in which the Chicago Office was requested to interview Marie Marian Conforti and Bessie Green with regard to Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley and Harry Sawyer.

The report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 14, 1935, while disclosing an interview with Irene Dorsey, fails to show the requested interviews with Marie Marian Conforti and Bessie Green and it is observed that no undeveloped lead is set forth for said office to conduct such interviews. In keeping with my letter of October 31, 1935, it is again requested that the interviews with Marie Marian Conforti and Bessie Green be expedited and the Bureau advised of the results promptly.

The Bureau observes that after Bessie Green was apprehended in St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the Fremer and Dillinger cases, she furnished valuable information with regard to Tom Brown and others on numerous occasions. The Bureau observes that a summary, showing in detail all of the information furnished by Bessie Green, was never submitted in the form of a report. The Chicago Office is, therefore, requested to immediately review its files and make a report showing all of the information furnished by Bessie Green. It is felt that pertinent information which she furnished in the Dillinger case may now be required in the Fremer case, when such summary is required.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul
Cincinnati

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November 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: Confiscated Automobiles.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 18, 1935, in which you were informed that it would be satisfactory for the three seized cars now in the possession of your office to be used in connection with undercover work being conducted in the Bremer and Weyerhaeuser cases.

It is the desire of the Bureau that these cars be disposed at the earliest possible date. Please advise immediately when these cars have been disposed of.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE PAGE 16 REPORT AGENT BROWN, CHICAGO, DATED 10-16-35 AND MY TELETYPE 11-15-35 [redacted] VISITED RED DEROCHE, ALLEGED CAPONE SYNDICATE LIEUTENANT, ON 11-14-35. DURING VISIT ONE RED CARAVELLE ALIAS RED CASEY JOKINGLY REMARKED TO DEROCHE HE BELIEVED DEROCHE IS AS FOND OF HIS LITTLE SON AS IS KARPIS OF HIS BOY. IF [redacted] CORRECT IN THIS, CAPONE SYNDICATE PROBABLY HIDING KARPIS. [redacted] CLAIMS TO KNOW DEROCHE, WHO IS CAPONE REPRESENTATIVE KENOSHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN WHERE [redacted] HAS BEEN PREVIOSULY OPERATING AND KNOWS VARIOUS HIDEOUTS AND HOODLUMS. AUTHORITY REQUESTED ADVANCE [redacted] 50.00 FOR EXPENSES TRIP TO KENOSHA COUNTY TO VISIT CARAVIELLE AND OTHER HOODLUM CONTACTS AND HIDEOUTS PURPOSE DETERMINING IF KARPIS THERE. NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS TO SURVEILLANCE KAGPAVICZ FAMILY.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: ALVIS KARPIS with aliases;
FUGITIVE, I.C.#1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Boston Office to the Detroit Office dated November 8, 1935 disclosing that Cassius McDonald and three other persons have been identified as the parties who on June 1, 1934 by means of an old pay off swindle, took $50,000 in cash from John Capobianco, a contractor at 128 Chiswick Road, Brighton, Massachusetts. It is noted therein that Mr. Capobianco and his attorney, Philip Adams of Boston, are presently considering a trip to St. Paul for the purpose of identifying Cassius McDonald as a participant in the above-mentioned swindle. The above-mentioned letter discloses that Capobianco has partly identified a photograph of Cassius McDonald as being identical with John Patterson, who was alleged to have participated in this swindle.

There are transmitted herewith three of the most recent photographs of Cassius McDonald. It is requested that these photographs be immediately exhibited to Mr. Capobianco, to determine whether McDonald is, in fact, identical with John Patterson. If such an identification is made positive by victim Capobianco, the Bureau should be advised immediately. You should also keep the Bureau currently advised as to the anticipated trip of Capobianco and Adams to St. Paul for the purpose of identifying McDonald as John Patterson.

Please advise the Bureau of the results of your interview with Capobianco not later than close of business November 25, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, L. O. 81218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that you arrange to have Special Agent D. P. Sullivan of the Chicago Office proceed to the Nebraska State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska, in the immediate future and interview Jess Doyle for all information which may be obtained relating to the above entitled case. Before proceeding to Lincoln, Nebraska, Agent Sullivan should review all reports containing information pertinent to the interview and should be thoroughly familiar with all the information which might be expected of Jess Doyle.

Information should be obtained from Doyle which might assist in the location of the fugitive members of the Karpis - Barker gang. It is desired that information be developed implicating others in this matter. The Bureau feels that Jess Doyle may now be willing to furnish information which may be used as evidence against Harry Sawyer and William Weaver during the course of the forthcoming trials. For this reason, it is requested that Doyle be asked to relate all of the activities of the gang in detail immediately preceding the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Please have reference to the letter of the Omaha Office dated November 11, 1935, which discloses that a man in the State Appropriation Bureau, at the State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, was used to tip off the gang. [illegible] this matter should be obtained from Doyle, if possible.

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Mr. Connelley, 11/19/35

Reference is also made to that portion of the above mentioned letter in which Doyle alleges that he saw Alvin Karpis in the vicinity of the County Jail at Fairbury, Nebraska, on June 12, 1935. More detailed information should be obtained from Doyle along this line, if possible.

Reference is now made to page three of the above mentioned letter in which it is reported, "Doyle stated that it is a fact that Karpis does have contacts from coast to coast, and in his opinion some of the higher ups implicated in the Bremer kidnaping have not been apprehended." The Bureau desires that information be obtained from Doyle as to the identity of the said contacts of Alvin Karpis. The Bureau also wishes to learn in detail the identity of the "higher ups" who are alleged to be implicated in the Bremer kidnaping.

It does not appear from the reference letter that Doyle was specifically interrogated with regard to the part played in the Bremer kidnaping by Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley and Harry Sawyer, of St. Paul. With regard to this matter please refer to Bureau letter to the St. Paul Office, dated October 31, 1935, which sets out the allegations of Edna Murray as to the part played by Tom Brown. A review of the files in the Chicago Office will disclose numerous allegations on the part of Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Bryan Bolton and Bessie Green to the effect that Tom Brown participated in the Bremer kidnaping. It is desired that all available information along this line be obtained from Jess Doyle.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1113, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim	KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No information available at Glendale, California, concerning [illegible] family Mabel Wheeler. C. P. Turner, accompanied by Benjamin Lorenz on June 3 and 4, 1935, at Phoenix, Arizona, not identical with subject KARPIS. Criminal record of WILLIAM KIMER MEAD, Los Angeles Police Department, failed to reflect circumstances of arrest and return to San Quentin. .32 Colt Automatic Pistol No. 404724, received by B. H. Dyas Company, Los Angeles, February 14, 1922, sold or sent to San Diego. George McKenzie has no information concerning CHARLES J. FITZGERALD'S present whereabouts. ETHEL CHEYNE, 907 East 81 St., Los Angeles, is the daughter-in-law of George McKenzie. A. J. BROWN not identical with Alvin Karpis. HY. EBBER does not know whereabouts of L. J. LENON. Mrs. MILHAUS and Mr. and Mrs. PAUL KUHN know nothing concerning whereabouts or identity of Charles J. Fitzgerald. MARY and WILLIAM DICK heard nothing from WILLIAM HARRISON since his visit to Los Angeles. Disposition of FRANK FOSTER'S arrest at Los Angeles on July 2, 1930, and September 18, 1931, obtained. Disposition sheet submitted herewith. Mrs. GEORGE LEHNHOFF left forwarding address at Los Angeles for 1319 F Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. PAT ABEL en route to Pueblo, Colorado on bank robbery charges is an alleged contact of subject KARPIS.

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REFERENCE:

Letters of the Director dated October 4, 1935, and November 1, 1935; letter from Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Chicago, dated Nov. 5, 1935; reports of Special Agent Wm. J. McNulty, New York City, dated

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October 3, 1935; Special Agent N. E. Marshall, Phoenix, Arizona, dated October 4, 1935; Special Agent Lee F. Malone, New York City, dated April 17, 1935; Special Agent F. G. Tillman, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 15, 1935; Special Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, dated April 20, 1935, and September 11, 1935; Special Agent H. W. Costello, Indianapolis, Ind., dated April 12, 1935, and Special Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, dated March 18, 1935.

DETAILS:

This Agent at Glendale, California, through the office of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Apartment House and Hotel Association, ascertained that no person by the name of WHEELER operated a hotel or apartment house, according to the records of that Association. Numerous inquiries were made by the writer at hotels in Glendale, California, but no information could be obtained from the proprietors thereof relative to the identity of a Wheeler operating an hotel at that place. Detective Lieutenants Busuy and Woodard, Vice Detail, Glendale Police Department, were interviewed and advised that to their knowledge there were no hotels of a questionable nature operating at Glendale, California, and that in their work on the Detail they had at no time heard of an individual by the name of Wheeler operating a hotel. The above-named detectives stated, however, that they would make further inquiry as to the identity of Wheeler or the possibility of his operating some rooming house in Glendale unknown to them. Subsequent to this Agent's interview with these individuals they advised telephonically that their investigation failed to reveal that one Wheeler operates a hotel, apartment house or rooming house of any nature in Glendale, California.

This Agent contacted Lieutenant Detective Robinson, Hotel Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, who is personally known by the writer to be in constant communication with Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, and referred to in reference report. In view of the cooperation rendered by the above-named detective to Mr. Graham in matters of interest to Mr. Graham in the past, Mr. Robinson advised that he had recently written to Mr. Graham with reference to the inquiry on the part of this Agent relative to the whereabouts of MEAD, Robinson stating that he had received a reply from Mr. Graham to the effect that Graham had no information indicating that Mead was on the West Coast. Mr. Robinson was subsequently interrogated by this Agent as to the identity of any individual named Wheeler who might be operating a questionable hotel in Los Angeles or vicinity, in that Lieutenant Robinson works the metropolitan area of Los Angeles in the furtherance of his work on the Hotel Detail. Mr. Robinson in this connection advised that he was familiar with most of the hotel operators in Glendale, California, but that he had not at any time heard of anyone by the name of Wheeler operating an hotel at that place; that in the event he should in the future obtain any information concerning this individual he will immediately communicate the same to this office.

With reference to C. P. TURNER, 734 Masseline, Los Angeles, this Agent ascertained that this is a highly respectable residential community, the residents thereof being people of considerable means. The writer's observation of the premises disclosed

that the garage contained a 1934 Cadillac Convertible Sedan, bearing 1935 California License plates #2X-2503, referred to in report of reference. The writer upon observing Mr. Turner could see that he was not identical with subject KARPIS and, therefore, interviewed him at his residence relative to his travels through Arizona on June 3 and 4, 1935, particularly at Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Turner in this connection advised that he was accompanied by Mr. BENJAMIN LORENZ, who resides at 6544 Ascot Drive, Oakland, California; that Mr. Lorenz, like himself, is and has been for a number of years associated with the Pacific Rubber & Tire Manufacturing Company of Oakland, California. Mr. Turner described Mr. Lorenz as being - Age, 45 years; Height, 6'1"; Weight, 220#; Build, heavy; Hair, brown to gray. It is not deemed necessary, therefore, to request the San Francisco office to make any investigation with respect to Mr. Lorenz and the possibility of his being identical with subject Karpis.

Reference is made to the letter of the Director dated November 1, 1935, directed to Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville, Florida, Bureau office relative to the issuance of an identification order on WILLIAM KIMMER MEAD and the securing of several dispositions concerning his criminal record which had not as yet been obtained. Letter of reference reflects Mead's criminal record, unsupported by fingerprints, which discloses that MEAD was arrested on January 22, 1906, at Los Angeles, California, and appears to have been returned to San Quentin the same year.

In an effort to obtain the facts and circumstances concerning Mead's arrest in Los Angeles and the circumstances under which he was returned to San Quentin, this Agent examined the records at the Bureau of Identification, Los Angeles Police Department. The records reflect the following:

Name	KIMMER W. MEAD, aliases: William Mead, "Christ Kid", J. W. Foster, J. W. Barker, J. W. Parker.
LAPD	#3741
F. P. C.	1 U II 5 17 R II 2
Height	5'9"
Weight	139 lbs.
Hair	Chestnut
Eyes	Blue

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With reference to the above record a check was made at the Identification Bureau of the Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, but no record of MEAD could be found.

With reference to the recorded arrest of January 22, 1906, at Los Angeles, the writer inquired as to whether or not there was any jacket accompanying the record reflecting any circumstances of the arrest or the identity of the arresting officers. Advice was received in this respect to the effect that in 1906 the Police Department's method of keeping records was a hit-and-miss system and no information was set out with reference to the arrest.

Inquiry was made through the Bunco, Pick-pocket, Burglary and Robbery Details of the Los Angeles Police Department, among the individuals who have been in service for a number of years, in an effort to secure information relative to the arrest, above referred to. No information, however, could be obtained. The record at San Diego, California, as of September 24, 1906, Charge, Grand Larceny, will be obtained for any information relative to Mead's relatives, the circumstances of his arrest, etc.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Lee F. Malone, New York City, dated April 17, 1935, requesting the disposition by B. H. DYAS COMPANY, Los Angeles, California, of .32 Calibre Colt Automatic Pistol #404724 shipped to them by the Colt Patent Firearms Company on February 7, 1922. The writer interviewed Mr. B. H. Dyas, 100 North McCadden Place, Los Angeles, California, who advised that the old B. H. Dyas Company had gone out of existence a number of years ago and was supplanted by the DYAS-CLINE SPORTING GOODS COMPANY, which subsequently went out of existence, and that he, Mr. Dyas, had no idea where the records of the old company might be.

Mr. GEORGE T. CLINE, of the Dyas-Cline Sporting Goods Company, was interviewed and he stated that the old Dyas-Cline Sporting Goods Company had been sold many years ago at auction and that it was his recollection that the records which had been transferred from B. H. Dyas Company to the Dyas-Cline Company, subsequently known as Cline and Cline, were destroyed.

Further inquiry on the part of the writer through various sporting goods stores in Los Angeles disclosed that possibly the Broadway Department Store of Los Angeles may have taken over most of the merchandise of the B. H. Dyas Company and its various subsidiary concerns. In this connection the writer contacted Mr. A. WILSON, in charge of the Broadway Department Store, Sporting Goods Department, who stated that he was of the opinion that the Broadway Department Store had received all of the records of the old Dyas Company. A search on the part of Mr. Wilson disclosed that the gun in question had been shipped to B. H. Dyas and was received by B. H. Dyas on February 14, 1922, and was sold or sent to the FIFTH STREET LOAN OFFICE, San Diego, California. Mr. Wilson was unable to enlighten the writer as to the identity or the nature of business of the above-mentioned San Diego concern. Investigation will be conducted at San Diego in this regard.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, St. Paul, Minn., dated August 16, 1935, and the letter of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Chicago, dated November 5, 1935, particularly to Paragraph three of reference letter, and the addresses secured through mail cover on [redacted] in reference report. In

this connection relative to the investigation requested in reference letter on C. F. FITZGERALD through the address of 3547 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, it is stated that it has previously been determined and reported that Mr. and Mrs. George McKenzie formerly resided at 3547 Sabina Street, after which Mrs. McKenzie moved to 907 East 81st Street with her son by a former marriage, PERRY CHEYNE. It was further ascertained that George McKenzie has been for a number of years employed by the Union Pacific Railway Company in various capacities. His personal record at that place, as furnished by Mr. K. P. Deline, Chief Special Agent, reflects that George McKenzie is an American citizen, born at Atchison, Kansas; that he was employed on August 28, 1922, as a switchman at Yermo, California, and remained there until 1925, at which time he was transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he remained until February 15, 1926; that on August 9, 1927, he was transferred to the Los Angeles division and until recently has been stationed at Los Angeles; that he then for a short period of time was transferred to the division running from Yermo, California, to Las Vegas, Nevada, as a brakeman, subsequently being transferred back to the Los Angeles division running from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, Nevada, and that he is presently residing at the Oviatt Hotel, 1315 South Flower St., Room 437, Telephone: PRospect 2227.

Mr. K. P. Deline advised that McKenzie's record and his reputation, as personally known by Mr. Deline, are excellent with the company and that he has been considered an exceptionally reliable employee, having exhibited this particular trait on numerous instances of theft of company property; that it was his information that McKenzie for some time had been having considerable marital trouble and that, in his opinion, McKenzie would have no hesitancy in giving any information relative to any friends of his, McKenzie's, wife in which this Bureau might be concerned or interested.

GEORGE McKENZIE was interviewed on two different occasions by this Agent, who stated that he has since the time they moved from the Sabina Street address previously mentioned been separated from his wife and his wife has presently instigated divorce proceedings which will be culminated in the near future in the courts at Los Angeles; that his wife has for some time been residing with her son by a former marriage, PERRY CHEYNE, previously mentioned, at 907 East 81st St., Los Angeles. Upon being questioned as to whether or not he is acquainted with one BELLE BORN, Mr. McKenzie stated that he had met her on one occasion when they resided on Sabina Street; that he personally knew very little concerning the identity of Belle Born or how his wife had happened to make her acquaintance. He stated that unquestionably they are very warm friends because of their continued contact one with the other and the further fact that Belle Born has promised his wife to take her on a trip to Honolulu, all expenses paid, some time this Winter; that he, McKenzie, would not be at all surprised if Belle Born should appear as a witness for his wife in her divorce proceedings against him.

This Agent questioned Mr. McKenzie at length with respect to any visitors Belle Born had during the period she visited with them on Sabina Street but Mr. McKenzie was unable to recall any visitors had by that individual during that visit. Mr. McKenzie was exhibited photograph of subject FITZGERALD, whereupon he stated that, to his knowledge, he has never seen the individual whose likeness was exhibited to him.

In view of the fact that reference report recites that surveillance is to be maintained on BELLE BORN, who is presently at Mankato, Minnesota, no observation of the activities of Mrs. McKenzie will be made at this time.

With further reference to letter of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Chicago, dated November 5, 1935, and particularly to Paragraph 3 thereof relative to investigation conducted through the wife of C. C. CAMPBELL, brother of subject HARRY CAMPBELL, the following investigation was conducted. It will be recalled that C. C. Campbell, who was operating a small grocery store at Willowbrook, near Compton, California, was identified by the postmaster at Willowbrook as being the husband of Mrs. C. C. Campbell of Compton, whom she had known a number of years ago. In view of the fact that Mrs. C. C. Campbell has been attempting to locate her husband to secure his financial assistance with respect to herself and children and that it was felt, had she been advised as to the whereabouts of C. C. Campbell, that she unquestionably would go to him in an effort to secure such assistance, it was not deemed advisable to apprise Mrs. Campbell of the whereabouts of the person identified as her husband.

Further conference was had by this Agent with Sergeant Andrews of the Compton Police Department and the surveillance maintained through him of the C. C. Campbell in question, Sergeant Andrews advising that subject Campbell had not put in an appearance in the vicinity of the store and that C. C. Campbell had not left the vicinity since the above identification and, further, in view of the fact that the only identification as to the identity of C. C. Campbell was made through the postmaster at Willowbrook, it was decided that Mrs. Campbell should be permitted to observe this person upon the promise of Mrs. Campbell that, should it develop that the individual was her husband, she would take no steps with respect to his prosecution or take any action which might prompt C. C. Campbell to leave the vicinity. Mrs. Campbell, upon observing the C. C. Campbell identified as her husband, stated that he was not her husband. Mrs. Campbell is presently residing at 411-E Compton Boulevard, Compton, California.

On the last interview had with Mrs. Campbell she stated that her son a few days prior thereto met an individual whose name her son did not know, who a number of years ago knew C. C. Campbell; that it was apparent to her son that this individual did not know that C. C. Campbell had deserted his family; that her son made no effort to so inform him and that this person made a passing remark to her son that he had heard that his father was working for the Standard Oil Company at a refinery in Brea, or La Brea, California. She stated that Brea is in the Wilmington district; that her son has no idea as to the identity of the person with whom he talked, stating that he hadn't seen him for a number of years and doesn't recall ever having known him by name.

In connection with the above Mr. R. C. JOHNSON, Chief Special Agent of the Standard Oil Company, was interviewed. Mr. Johnson, through his own records and the records of the main office at San Francisco, California, requested a check to be made to determine whether or not CLELL or C. C. CAMPBELL was employed under that name by the Standard Oil Company at any place in this district, or elsewhere, Mr. Johnson in this connection advising that the records failed to reflect any such employment.

Reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated August 24, 1935, and report of this Agent dated Los Angeles September 11, 1935, relating to a shipment from Chicago by one A. J. BROWN, tentatively identified as Alvin Karpis at the Chicago freight office. On October 1, 1935, A. J. Brown called at the freight house of the Southern Pacific Railway Company at 1251 North Spring Street for the articles in question. Mr. F. Hansen, in charge of Shed A where the articles were stored, immediately advised this office, as previously arranged. Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn, accompanied by Special Agent Albert Miller, proceeded to the above-mentioned location and observed A. J. BROWN, who was driving a new Dodge Sedan, which bore no plates. This party was tailed by the above mentioned to the DuBarry Apartments, Fifth and Catalina Streets, Los Angeles, where the articles in question were taken in by the driver of the car and where that party remained.

It was ascertained by this Agent that Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown are occupying Apartment 720 and that Mr. Brown is a member of Anson Weeks' Orchestra, who are presently filling an engagement at the Palomar, a large dance hall, located at Third and Vermont Streets, Los Angeles. This Agent subsequently observed Mr. Brown on the opening night of their engagement at the above-mentioned dance hall and from this Agent's observation he was obviously not Alvin Karpis; however, he was subsequently interviewed at his apartment by this Agent, at which time it was definitely determined that he was not subject Karpis, Mr. Brown in this connection stating that he had been associated with Anson Weeks for ten years; that his home is in San Francisco, Calif., although he has been filling engagements with the above orchestra all over the United States; that his wife's people, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lee, also reside at San Francisco, as reflected in report of Special Agent M. W. Acers, San Francisco, dated September 20, 1935.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent H. W. Costello, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated April 12, 1935, relating to Browning 12-Gauge Automatic Shotgun #92870 purchased from the Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 27, 1927, which requests that Mr. A. H. WEBBER of 272 South Pershing Drive, Los Angeles, whose signature appears on the Purchase Order #8606, be interviewed relative to the transaction, the identity of Mr. L. J. LENON and his present whereabouts and, through Mr. Lenon, to determine what disposition was made of the Automatic shotgun in question.

The residence of Mr. Webber was determined to be 272 South Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Numerous inquiries on the part of this Agent failed to locate anyone at home at the above premises. Mrs. Webber was finally located and she advised that Mr. Webber had been out of the city, traveling extensively, but was expected to return in the very near future. Mr. Webber after some time was interviewed at the above address and, upon being exhibited the order in question, stated that the signature of A. H. Webber appearing thereon was not his; that he was of the opinion that the shotgun in question was probably given away by the company as a prize or a gift in the furtherance of the trade; that such transactions were common and that many similar gifts were given by The Gibson Company.

With respect to the location of Mr. Lenon, Mr. Webber advised that he was unable to state where that individual could be found but that, unquestionably, Mr.

J. A. CADDEN, who was the sales manager of The Gibson Company on the day the transaction in question was made and who is the present manager of The Gibson Company at South Bend, Indiana, knows the whereabouts of Mr. Lenon; that in the event Mr. Cadden was not aware of Mr. Lenon's whereabouts that Mr. E. M. CASS, the present sales manager of The Gibson Company at Indianapolis probably would know and that, in the event that individual did not know the whereabouts of Mr. Lenon, Mr. W. M. MARLIN, manager of The Gibson Company, Terre Haute, Indiana, might know, Mr. Webber advising in this respect that, if during his travels around the country he should ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. Lenon, he would immediately advise this office.

Reference is made to letter of the Director dated October 4, 1935, the last paragraph of Page 4, relative to the sale by CHARLES FITZGERALD, as C. J. MURPHY, giving as reference Mrs. J. D. MILHAUS, 1416 Micheltorena Street, Los Angeles. In this connection investigation was conducted as to the identity of Mrs. Milhaus, which was previously reported by this Agent at Los Angeles on April 20, 1935. Surveillance of the premises being unproductive Mrs. Milhaus was interviewed relative to her knowledge of Charles Fitzgerald and his identity. Mrs. Milhaus advised that she formerly managed the court at 1416 Micheltorena Street; that the majority of the tenants had resided there for a long period of time; that during the period of her managership there were only two or three new tenants in the court. Upon being shown a photograph of FITZGERALD and being furnished with a description of that individual, as well as BELLE BORN, Mrs. Milhaus advised that she did not at any time have tenants answering the description of Fitzgerald or Belle Born nor did she recall any instance of an individual by the name of MURPHY giving her name as a credit reference, with the exception of the incident mentioned in reference report whereupon she was interviewed under pretext relative to C. J. Murphy. Mrs. Milhaus appears to be a refined and reliable individual.

With further reference to C. J. MURPHY and his residence at Long Beach, California, at the Campbell Apartment Hotel, 130 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, Mr. and Mrs. KUHN were again interviewed and advised that they had heard nothing further from the Murphy's; that no mail has been directed to them at the hotel and no request has been received with respect to the forwarding of any mail for them. The Operator's License mentioned in reference report as being directed to Murphy at the above hotel is still there and has not been called for.

With further reference to the letter of the Director dated October 4, 1935, particularly to Page 2, Paragraph 2, relating to the interview of this Agent with the relatives of WILLIAM J. HARRISON at Los Angeles, California, as reflected in this Agent's report of March 18, 1935, these relatives were interviewed as well as MARY DICK and her father at 300 North Wall Drive, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, California. Mr. DICK could offer no information with respect to the visit of Harrison because he only passed the time of the day with him on the occasion of the visit to his daughter, Mary Dick; that he looked with disfavor upon the visit and advised Mary Dick to have nothing further to do with him.

MARY DICK was interviewed in detail in an effort to ascertain, if possible,

any contacts Harrison might have made or had while in Los Angeles. Miss Dick in this connection stated that she was only with Harrison on two occasions, one of which she was taken to dinner by him, which is the occasion previously mentioned when Harrison, upon seeing police officers entering the premises, became nervous and departed. She stated that in connection with this particular instance she for the first time noticed that Harrison carried a gun in a shoulder holster; that she questioned him about his possession of the gun and he advised her that it was for his own protection in case of trouble. She further advised that the occasion of her second engagement with Harrison, during the period of his visit in Los Angeles, was a trip to one of the gambling boats, she believes the "Tango", on which occasion they gambled for a short time, had dinner and then left the boat; that she did not observe Harrison on the occasion of this visit to the ship make any contacts with any of the members of the crew, the owners of the boat or the dealers in the various games on the boat. Miss Dick further advised that, prior to Harrison's departure, he advised her he would send her some presents at a later date but these were never received from him by her. She further advised that Harrison inquired of her as to whether or not she would be willing to accompany him to Cuba on a vacation. Miss Dick stated that, in view of the fact that she always considered Harrison a braggart and "one to put on airs" she lent little credence to the invitation and did not discuss the matter with him. Miss Dick further advised that since Harrison's departure from Los Angeles she heard nothing further from him.

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Reference is made to the letter of the Director dated March 29, 1935, directed to the Special Agent in Charge, Jacksonville, Florida, transmitting photograph and criminal record of FRANK FOSTER, alias FRANK FOREMAN. The above record reflects two arrests of that individual by the Los Angeles Police Department, same being as follows:

[redacted]

Disposition sheet as to the above submitted herewith.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 15, 1935, requesting an interview with Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE LEHNHOFF at the Normandy Hotel, Mrs. Lehnhoff being a sister of HARRY SAWYER. It was ascertained that Mrs. Lehnhoff checked into this hotel March 26th and departed shortly thereafter, leaving a forwarding address of 1319 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Recently at Los Angeles, California, one GEORGE ALFRED DeMOSS was taken into custody by this Agent for removal to Oklahoma City where he was indicted at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 25, 1935, for Fraud against the Government. DeMoss was released on bond October 28, 1935, for his appearance at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 1, 1936. Upon his release DeMoss requested an interview with this Agent. He stated in connection therewith that while confined in the Los Angeles County Jail he kept secret the

fact that he was formerly a Deputy U. S. Marshal in Oklahoma. DeMoss further advised that he was personally acquainted with Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and a number of Oklahoma hoodlums. He stated that during the period of his incarceration at Los Angeles he became acquainted with a prisoner in his cell block by the name of PAT ABEL; that in view of the fact that Pat Abel apparently had many connections in Oklahoma and knew many hoodlums throughout that district they struck up an acquaintance. According to DeMoss, Pat Abel has during some time in the past been closely associated with Alvin Karpis and claims a present close association with that individual. It is the information of DeMoss that Abel is to be tried shortly at Pueblo, Colorado, for numerous bank robberies; that he was expected to be removed to Pueblo, Colorado, shortly after DeMoss' release; that in his, DeMoss', opinion Abel is a vicious character and capable of having an association with Alvin Karpis. DeMoss stated that in view of his, DeMoss', familiarity and acquaintance with Alvin Karpis he gained the confidence of Abel; that Abel gave him, DeMoss, a note bearing the name of Abel's brother, JIM or HERB ABEL, address 419 West 7th St., Pueblo, Colorado; that Abel told DeMoss that Alvin Karpis was in Oklahoma; that, if DeMoss would go to his, Abel's, brother, above-mentioned, that Abel's brother would put him DeMoss in contact with Karpis and that Karpis, upon being advised of Abel's incarceration at Pueblo would effect his escape from the jail at that place.

Mr. DeMoss further stated that it was his intention to proceed to Pueblo, Colorado, and contact the brother of Pat Abel in an effort to bring about the apprehension of Alvin Karpis for whatever reward may be offered.

The records of the Identification Bureau, Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, were checked relative to Abel. The records merely reflect Pat Abel en route to Pueblo. No information could be obtained as to point of Abel's arrest or the charge on which he was being returned to Pueblo, Colorado. He was described as follows:

Name	PAT ABEL
Age	25 years
Weight	170 lbs.
Height	6'
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Los Angeles Bureau office at San Diego, California, will endeavor to locate the company known as the Fifth Street Loan Office, to which was shipped, subsequent to February 14, 1922, a .32 Colt Automatic Pistol #404724 and ascertain what disposition was made of that gun.

At San Diego, California, will check the criminal record of WILLIAM MEAD, the circumstances surrounding his arrest at that place on September 24, 1906, their No. 16947, and obtain all information with respect to Mead's activities at that place.

The Los Angeles Bureau office at Los Angeles will continue the investigation in the instant matter, as requested in letter of the Director dated October 4, 1935.

At Pismo Beach, California, will conduct discreet investigation to ascertain if subject KARPIS and CAMPBELL are frequenting that section.

The Denver, Colorado, Bureau Office at Pueblo, Colorado, will conduct appropriate investigation with respect to PAT ABEL'S incarceration at that place and the identity and activities of his brother, JIM or HERB ABEL, 419 W. 7th St., Pueblo, Colorado.

The Oklahoma City Bureau Office in connection with GEORGE DeMOSS, will upon his return to Tulsa ascertain from him what information he obtained through the brother of PAT ABEL at Pueblo, Colorado.

The Indianapolis Bureau Office through E. M. GASS, sales manager of The Gibson Company, automotive supplies and equipment, will endeavor to locate L. J. LENON. If he is not located through Mr. Gass he may be located through Mr. J. A. CADDEN, manager of The Gibson Company, South Bend, Indiana, or Mr. W. M. MARLAN, manager of the Gibson Company at Terre Haute, Indiana.

There is attached to the copies of this report for the Indianapolis Office the sales slip covering the gun in question.

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November 26, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
POSITIVE, L. O. #1216, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER - Victim;
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. B. White, dated at Los Angeles, California November 16, 1935. In connection with your investigation looking toward the location and the surveillance of C. J. Fitzgerald, the Bureau desires that you immediately conduct a thorough review of your file, setting out all possible contacts of Belle Born and C. J. Fitzgerald in the Los Angeles district. It is then desired that a very thorough investigation go forward at the various points of contact in an effort to locate and cause a proper surveillance of Fitzgerald. The above-mentioned report makes reference to Mrs. George McKenzie.

The Bureau desires to point out to you at this time the very obvious importance of Mrs. McKenzie as a contact for either Fitzgerald or Belle Born. In this respect your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan March 14, 1935 and the correspondence emanating from the Detroit office on the same subject, in which it is shown that at one time Mr. and Mrs. George McKenzie lived at 3547 Sabina Street, Los Angeles; that Belle Born and C. J. Fitzgerald had a lady's coat sent to Mrs. McKenzie at the above address so that it could be later picked up by Belle Born. The Bureau is not in any manner satisfied with the type of investigation which has been made by your office in this matter to date.

The report of Agent White, above-mentioned, further discloses a very incomplete and unsatisfactory interview with Mr. George McKenzie who is apparently willing to furnish all the information in his possession with regard to the association of his wife with Belle Born. No effort was made by Agent White to determine the first occasion on which Belle Born became associated with Mrs. McKenzie nor is it shown the number of occasions on which she visited at the McKenzie home. No effort was made to ascertain from Mr. McKenzie any further contact of Belle Born in the Los Angeles district in addition to Mrs. McKenzie.

The Bureau desires to inform you that very diligent and exhaustive efforts have been made for the past several months by the Chicago and St. Paul offices in close cooperation with one another to develop some information

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through Belle Born which would lead Agents to the location of E. J. Fitzgerald. The Bureau does not anticipate that a successful investigation can be completed unless all offices in which leads are outstanding work in close cooperation with one another to the ultimate end.

It is now desired to remind you that Bureau letter of October 4, 1935, on Page 5, calls to your attention that Fitzgerald intended to go to Gilman Hot Springs, California for his health. This lead has long been outstanding and has received no attention. The Bureau wishes to be advised as to just what action your office intends to take in an effort to cooperate fully with other offices of the Bureau in order to cause the location of Fitzgerald.

Your attention is now directed to Bureau letter to the Jacksonville office dated November 1, 1935, a copy of which was sent to the Los Angeles office, requesting investigation with regard to the criminal record of William Elmer Mead. The Bureau indicated that it desires to issue an identification order on Mead at the earliest moment. When matters of this kind are received by your office the Bureau wishes that expeditious and thorough attention be given to them so that the results of your inquiry may be made known to other offices in which pertinent investigation is outstanding.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - E. J. Connolley,
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November 19, 1955.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Reference is made to your memoranda of November 1st and November 15th, 1955, requesting the disposition of Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702 located at the Jacksonville office of the Bureau.

The matter has been taken up with Mr. Holtzoff and he has advised that on the information given it does not appear that the Department has good title to the car. The Department of Justice is not authorized to make seizures of vehicles and apparently there was no court order or bill of sale conferring title.

In view of the above it is believed that this Department has no authority to dispose of the car through transfer to any other government agency.

Very truly yours,

(s)H.C.Donaldson,
Chief Clerk.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In 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.

Reference is made to your letter of October 23, 1935, as to the activities of Clarence Heberbrand, William Mitchell and William Fergus.

It is suggested that inquiry be made of the U. S. District Court Clerk, Cleveland, Ohio to determine whether the above indicated individuals made applications for passport in connection with their supposed travel to Roumania, and provided no record of such passport is found at Cleveland, it is suggested that the Washington Field office be furnished with sufficient information in order that they may make similar inquiry through the State Department, as it is believed that the association of the three indicated passports may enable us to identify the mechanic who supposedly accompanied them, and it might be possible to identify another person as traveling with them who might be Alvin Karpis, inasmuch as in the past it has been indicated by our informants and the members of this gang that Karpis at one time contemplated becoming associated with Heberbrand and Patton in a slot machine business, and he might also have traveled to Europe with them.

With reference to the letter of the Oklahoma City office dated November 16, 1935, as to the five registered letters received by Maggie Lett, mother of Milton Lett, route 2, Wann, Oklahoma, due to the possibility that this might be the method by which Campbell is communicating with his parents and possibly furnishing them money from month to month, it is suggested that the money order division of the Post Office at Cleveland and Brunswick, Ohio be checked, for the possibility that a money order was obtained near to the dates of the registered letters indicated, and drawn upon either the Postmaster at Wann, Oklahoma or Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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In this same connection it is suggested that the Oklahoma City office also make similar inquiry through the cashing of money orders at Tama and Tulsa, for the possibility that these may be money orders drawn upon the office in question from Cleveland or Brunswick, Ohio. Inquiry also should be made at Tulsa, probably through neighborhood grocery stores in the vicinity of the Campbell home, without disclosing the connection of Campbell with the inquiry, as to whether any money orders have been cashed at the grocery stores there by the members of the Campbell family. Also if Mrs. Campbell or the other members of the family have any banking connections at Tulsa these should be checked.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 19, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter of the Kansas City office dated November 14, 1935, requesting advice as to whether or not it was desirable to further cover the mail of Elmer Farmer, it is believed that it would be desirable possibly to cover this mail until such time as the trial of the other defendants at St.Paul has been terminated, which trial will start January 6, 1936.

There is a very slight possibility that something might be said between Elmer Farmer and Helen Conliff which might be of value to us in this case.

Very truly yours,

E.J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Date November 16, 1935

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
	LAPD #131928	FRANK FOSTER, alias Frank Foreman	7-15-30 Released to Chicago
	LASO #155946	FRANK FOSTER, alias Frank Foreman	9-19-31 Released on Bond

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. Dunn

J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

Re: Anonymous letter to Director.

At the request of Mr. E. A. Tamm, an anonymous letter addressed to the Director, postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, October 26, 1935, 11:30 P.M., Air Mail" has been examined in the Laboratory and the examiners report as follows:

The letter is handwritten in ink on plain white linen-finish stationery containing no watermark or other identifying characteristic. The envelope in which the letter was mailed is of the same kind of stationery as the paper and likewise bears no watermark. The physical characteristics of the stationery have been recorded in the Laboratory.

The material submitted has been examined for latent fingerprints and two impressions of the same finger have been developed on the back of the second page of the letter. These latent impressions do not contain sufficient detail for classification and search through the single fingerprint file, but will be of value for comparison purposes. No latent prints of value were found on the envelope or first sheet of the letter.

The original anonymous communication is being retained in the Laboratory files. Photographic copies are attached hereto.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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62-38524-2

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.FILES, et al;
Edward George Brewer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of an anonymous communication dated October 28, 1935, in which the writer advises that he has many contacts with the underworld and would be willing to assist representatives of the Bureau in causing the apprehension of numerous fugitives.

The Bureau has not seen fit to comply with the suggestion contained in the anonymous letter with regard to the insertion of an advertisement in the Chicago Examiner indicating the willingness of the Bureau to accept the services of this anonymous individual.

For your information, however, there is transmitted herewith a photographic copy of the anonymous communication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
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November 19, 1935

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated November 18, 1935, requesting further specimens of the handwriting of Subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

The Chicago Office has examined its file and has found six slips of paper and cards, located in the office of Dr. Moran when same was searched during the latter part of April, 1935. It is not known definitely that all the notations on these cards and slips of paper are in the handwriting of Dr. Moran, but since they bear marked similarities to the known specimens, they are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau. Two group photostatic copies of these specimens are being forwarded with the originals, and it is requested that the originals be returned to the Chicago Bureau Office after they have served their purpose at the Bureau.

Betty Tracey, former fiancee of Dr. Moran, advised today she is unable to furnish any letters or other specimens of his handwriting as she has none in her possession. However, she referred Agent R. D. Brown to Dr. Moran's sister, Mrs. Kate Lauer, Spring Valley, Illinois, who would probably have such specimens. It is expected that Kate Lauer will be interviewed in an effort to obtain further tracings, and also for an interview concerning Dr. Moran's disappearance to date.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-8109

Specimens: Possible handwriting of Mr. Joseph P. Moran consisting of the following:
7-576-8109 A. On stationery of Stineway Drug Co. beginning "Jimmie connect with".
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" C. On stationery of Joseph P. Moran, M. D. beginning "Paddy Dugan".
D. On back of card of O'Donnell & Flatka beginning "Johnny Murphy".

Examination requested by: E. J. Connelley at Chicago

Date received: 11-22-35 hms

Examination requested: Doc.

Result of examination: Examination by: Major (2)

7-576-8109 E. On torn card beginning "Land 7038.
" F. On back of card of Horn Palace beginning "Bert Golden".

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Cincinnati
Chicago

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There are some similarities between the submitted specimens reported to be Moran's handwriting + the handwriting on the three slips 7976 G; also with handwriting on work sheets formerly submitted. Greatest similarity found in previous examination was with handprinting on work sheets as compared with old handprinted applications for compensation. Sufficient similarity to indicate probability that Moran wrote questioned specimens but additional specimens of handprinting should be obtained especially since present specimens can not all be definitely assigned (over)

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Known - Roach 3 8 5 2 4 27 Bark
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RETURN SPECIMENS

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Known Moran copy ←

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(4) BRY KENNETH
Y CCC P (3) PAUL
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gms 8159A
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Only 8 points in Moran writing

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YOURSELF AND AGENT HANSEN THURSDAY.

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

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. L. A. Shaffer, veterinarian, resided at Mt. Carmel, Ill, known at Carmi, Ill., residing at present at Langenfeld Hotel, Centralia, Ill. Shaffer long a resident of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and father and mother reside there at present. Description does not fit that of subject. Resemblance seen however to photograph, but fingerprints are not identical.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Mo., dated 9/5/35.
Letter of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Chicago, Illinois, dated 11/5/35.

DETAILS: AT CARMI, ILLINOIS

Information obtained from Sheriff Chester Pyle, Carmi, Ill. that there was only one veterinarian at Carmi and that his name was A. J. Cole; that he had his office in a garage about a block from the Court House. The photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I. O. #1232, was shown to the Sheriff, and he advised that there was not any resemblance to Dr. Cole. He did not know Dr. Shaffer as having practiced at Carmi, Illinois.

Clem Rebstock, Garage, block off of main street to the west, Carmi, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that Dr. Cole was out of town on a call that date; that he did not expect him back until late in the evening. He was questioned as to the description of the doctor, and advised

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that he was about 45, 5'11", 185 pounds, dark brown hair with gray in it, blue eyes and wore glasses. He was shown the photograph of Moran as appearing on the above Identification Order, and advised that there was no resemblance between the two men. He further showed a photograph of Dr. Cole to agent which was part of a group picture of a graduating class and which hung in the doctor's office. The name of Dr. Cole was under the photo of him, and it in no way resembled Dr. Moran, subject.

At the Carmi Post Office, Walter Lowe, a clerk, who was interviewed in the absence of the postmaster advised that Dr. Shaffer, first name not known, who was out of Mount Carmel, Illinois, was a horse doctor and had travelled through Carmi on numerous occasions. The photo of Dr. Joseph P. Moran was exhibited as appearing on Identification Order above, and agent was advised that there was no resemblance to the subject in the features of Dr. Shaffer. He was described as 45, 5'8", 160 pounds, brown hair.

AT MOUNT CARMEL, ILLINOIS

Mr. H. K. Stockman, a local teacher, and his wife, Mrs. Stockman, who has charge of the Western Union Office, Mt. Carmel, Illinois, were interviewed and advised agent that they were both acquainted with Dr. L. A. Shaffer, 1032 Cherry St., Mt. Carmel, Illinois, and that he was at present employed by the State of Illinois at the State Hospital, Anna, Illinois, and had been so employed for the past few months; that he had formerly been practicing medicine as a veterinarian and had lived in Mt. Carmel most all of his life, and that outside of making occasional trips to meetings of his profession, that he regularly lived in that town. His father, Floyd Shaffer, is employed in Parkinson's Grocery in Mt. Carmel, and both parents reside at 1206 Chestnut St. in that city. His wife is still living at 1032 Cherry Street, and the doctor comes regularly home for visits. The photograph, above, of subject Moran was shown to the Stockmans, and they stated that there was a resemblance in the lower part of the face to Dr. Shaffer, but that the eyes were not at all alike. They described the doctor as being about 45, 5'7", 160 pounds, brown hair.

Sheriff M. E. Hastings, Mount Carmel, Ill. was interviewed and questioned about Dr. Shaffer, and advised similarly to what was obtained in the above interview. He stated upon viewing the photo of Dr. Joseph P. Moran that there was somewhat of a resemblance to that of Dr. Shaffer, but that he was quite positive that they were not identical as Dr. Shaffer had always resided in that community and had a good reputation. He was described as being about 45 years of age.

5'7½ to 8", 160 pounds, brown hair, a veterinarian, and at present employed by the State of Illinois at the State Hospital, Anna, Illinois.

Special Agent W. J. Miller learned through L. J. Williams, proprietor Majestic Hotel, Carmi, Illinois, that Dr. Schaffer is at present located in Centralia, Illinois at the Langenfeld Hotel.

Dr. Schaffer was interviewed and was found to bear a striking resemblance to Dr. J. P. Moran. His right index fingerprint was compared with that shown by the pocket identification #15, and it was found to be entirely different.

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.-FUGITIVE-I.O. #1218. HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a.-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a.I.O. #1232; Et Al. EDWARD GEORGE BRETTER, Victim.	KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Paula Harmon at present inmate of Rusk State Hospital, Rusk, Texas, State Institution for Insane. Her release is indefinite, but she has made good progress toward recovery. Dr. William Thomas, Hospital Supt., Rusk, Texas, believes she has recovered sufficiently to be interviewed in near future.

REFERENCE: Letter from SAC Connelley, Chicago, Ill, dated 11-12-35.

DETAILS: Dr. William Thomas, Supt., Rusk State Hospital, Rusk, Texas, advised that Paula Harmon was now an inmate of his hospital having been committed to same on January 20, 1935, from Houston, Harris County, Texas. Dr. Thomas advised that Paula Harmon had made great progress at the institution; that she now took an interest in dancing and other State Hospital activities of a recreational nature; that she appeared to take more interest in life and what was going on in the world; that she had succeeded in banishing a lot of fear from her mind; that when she was first committed to the Institution, she would not converse with any of the attendants and appeared to be possessed of the idea that great harm would soon come to her, but that this fear had largely been overcome and she appeared more like a rational person.

DETAILS:

Dr. Thomas further advised that if her people were able to care for her and desired, he saw no reason why she could not be released from the hospital on trial at least, but that from the best information obtainable her people did not want her for the reason they were not financially able to care for and support her and for this reason he was of the opinion she would be confined there for an indefinite period; that he would notify the Dallas office before she were released.

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Dr. Thomas advised that he gave her a newspaper detailing the account of the killing of Ma Barker and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida several months ago; that she appeared to be amused at the incident and got quite a "giggle" out of the incident. Dr. Thomas further advised that he was of the opinion that she would not converse with a Government representative unless she had advance assurance that she would not be prosecuted.

Dr. Thomas further advised that in his judgment a delay of 30 to 60 days, due to her progress, of the proposed interview, would be more advantageous.

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POST OFFICE BOX 818
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November 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St.Louis,Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In 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.

With reference to your letter of November 15, 1935, as to the desirability of interviewing John Contos, it is believed that no harm will be done by interviewing this party as to his knowledge if any concerning Alvin Karpis, and if he should have any knowledge of this nature, his services as an informant should be obtained if he will consider such an arrangement.

It is very doubtful whether this individual actually has any knowledge in this connection.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director,
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Dear Sir:

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

It was indicated in a recent letter from this office in this case that efforts would be made to establish a suitable surveillance of the residence of the parents of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma. In connection therewith I am attaching hereto copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent C. J. Endres in this matter, which relates to his efforts to begin this surveillance, and from which it will be observed that a house has been rented which is adjacent to the Campbell house. A twenty-four hour surveillance of the premises occupied by the Campbells will be maintained for a period immediately preceding and following the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

It is my opinion that it will be necessary to have Agents on this surveillance who are absolutely unknown at Tulsa, and for this reason, Agent Endres has been assigned, as he was never in Tulsa prior to his inquiry in connection with this matter and it, of course, is not known there that he has any connection with the Bureau.

If the plans I have here outlined meet with Bureau approval, it is requested that two Agents be assigned to this surveillance who are absolutely unknown in this territory, and that they report to me not later than the morning of November 24, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 15, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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

On November 12, 1935 Agent proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma in his personally owned automobile bearing 1935 California license, on instruction of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, for the purpose of obtaining a location from which the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, could be placed under surveillance. Special Agent Paul H. Hanson of the Oklahoma City Office previously advised that the house at 820 South Rockford Street possibly would be vacant.

Agent drove to 820 South Rockford Street and there inspected the premises from the outside. There was a "For Rent" sign tacked on the house, which indicated that the key was located at the next house north, which is the Campbell residence. Agent called at the Campbell house and requested to be shown through the vacant house. An elderly man, presumably Mr. Campbell, escorted Agent to the vacant house and explained the various rooms and furnishings. Thereafter, Mr. Campbell stated that Mrs. Woolsey was renting the premises and that he had her address in his house. Agent accompanied Mr. Campbell to his house and was admitted to the front room while Mr. Campbell made a search through his papers in an effort to locate the address of Mrs. Woolsey.

Agent noted that the Campbell residence probably consists of four rooms, a sitting room and a dining room, which has been converted into a bedroom, on the north side of the house, and evidently a bedroom and kitchen on the south side of the house. Mr. Campbell located the address of Mrs. Woolsey as 615 East 9th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone No. 3-4727. Agent requested the use of the Campbell telephone to call Mrs. Woolsey for an appointment and was advised by Mr. Campbell that there was no telephone in his house.

During the above interview Agent introduced himself to Mr. Campbell, using his proper name, and stating that he had recently arrived in Oklahoma from California and was looking for a place to live and for employment in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Agent further advised Mr. Campbell that his wife and brother-in-law would probably live with him at the residence, if rented.

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Agent then contacted Mrs. E. L. Woolsey, 615 West 9th Street, and after the usual preliminaries rented the premises at 820 South Rockford Street, rent to start on November 18, 1935. Agent informed Mrs. Woolsey that he had just arrived in Oklahoma from the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, where he was employed as an insurance salesman, handling accident, health and life insurance, but that he had a disagreement with his company over some commissions and, therefore, was looking for a new location. Further, that he presently was in Oklahoma City, having been there for a few weeks looking for a location, but was not satisfied with Oklahoma City and therefore decided to try to locate in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Agent further informed Mrs. Woolsey that Agent's wife, who was presently suffering with a cold and unable to make the trip to Tulsa, and his brother-in-law, who was out of work, would also live in the house with Agent.

Agent casually inquired of Mrs. Woolsey concerning the neighborhood in which the house was located and was advised by Mrs. Woolsey that there is an elderly couple to the north of the house, who are very fine people and who have two daughters living with them; that these daughters are working some place in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During the inspection of the premises at 820 South Rockford Street, the following was noted: That the house consists of four rooms, the living room being on the right of the front door, which would be in the northeast portion of the house. Directly behind the living room is a bedroom, which is located in the northwest portion of the house. The south side of the house consists of a bedroom in the front, then a bathroom and then the kitchen. Agent noted that the Campbell house could be viewed from the northwest bedroom, which has a large window on the north and a large window on the west. From the west window the rear yard of the Campbell house can be clearly seen, but the back door of the Campbell house can not be seen for the reason that the Campbell house extends farther back on the lot than the house located at 820 South Rockford. The kitchen and bedroom which are on the south of the Campbell house can be clearly seen from the north window of this vacant house.

Agent further observed that the back yard of the Campbell residence runs very deep, probably about 40 feet; further, that the block in which these houses are located is well built up and that the houses are probably about 18 to 20 feet apart. It was further noted that there is no street car line or bus line that runs on Rockford Street in front of the premises, but that the main thoroughfare is about a block and a half south. Agent also noted that there were no other residences which were unrented on the east side of the street, but that about half a block to the north Agent noticed that there was a furnished duplex for rent.

C. J. ENDRES,
Special Agent.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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San Francisco, California

November 15, 1935.

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Director,
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to personal and confidential Bureau letter of October 31, 1935, to the St. Paul office, Bureau file #7-576, and to personal and confidential letter from the Kansas City office dated November 5, 1935.

Reference letter from the Kansas City office enclosed a copy of the Bureau letter of reference which requested that Volney Davis be questioned regarding the connection of Tom Brown, former Chief of Police and Captain of Detectives and presently a member of the Detective Bureau at St. Paul, Minnesota, Bill Crumbley, a St. Paul detective, and Harry Sawyer with the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Volney Davis was interviewed at Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary on November 14, 1935, by Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, at which time he stated that he had previously been interviewed in detail on several separate occasions by Special Agents A. E. Farland, A. J. Norstrom, J. E. Brennan and J. L. Madala with reference to his participation in this case, as well as the Hamm kidnaping case, and with regard to his knowledge of any part played by Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley and Harry Sawyer in these cases. He stated that in these interviews he had furnished full information in his possession regarding the matter.

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This office not being in possession of the reports covering the details of the above interviews, Davis was on this occasion thoroughly

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questioned with regard to the specific matters referred to in the Bureau letter of reference, and it may be that much of the information reported herein has been previously covered in reports of the Agents noted above.

Davis advised that when he had gotten out of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1932 that he had proceeded, in company with Doc Barker, from Oklahoma to Omaha, Nebraska, by plane; that Doc Barker and he had then gone on to St. Paul, Minnesota, on the train. He stated that at this time Doc Barker had told him that he, Barker, had never seen anything like St. Paul--that it was one of the best towns in the country to operate in, and that everything there could be fixed. He stated that Barker advised him at this time that if he should ever get arrested or in any kind of trouble in St. Paul he should immediately call for Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley, who, Barker stated, were detectives with the St. Paul Police Department, and that these individuals could get him out of trouble. He advised that Doc Barker told him at this time that Brown and Crumbley had just been responsible for getting Bill Weaver out of jail in St. Paul and that they appeared to have an unlimited amount of influence in connection with these matters.

Davis stated that this was the first time he had heard the name of Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley mentioned, but that on this occasion and on every subsequent occasion when he heard these names mentioned they had always been mentioned together--in other words, whenever Tom Brown's name was mentioned it was mentioned in connection with Bill Crumbley, and the men were referred to as "Brown and Crumbley."

Davis advised that Barker had also told him at this time that Harry Sawyer had a saloon on Wabasha Street in St. Paul, was a big bootlegger in St. Paul, and had a connection with the Police Department and local politicians in St. Paul whereby he could fix almost any kind of trouble that one might get into. He stated that Barker advised him that Sawyer would arrange things through the police whenever direct contact with the police failed.

Davis stated that Barker and he were in St. Paul for only one day upon their arrival on this occasion when Barker advised him that they, meaning Doc Barker and Freddy Barker, had a job for him, Davis, to perform and that Bill Weaver would drive him to Chicago, where he could embark upon this job. Davis advised that he then proceeded to Chicago with Bill Weaver and learned that the job which they desired him to undertake was to take Mother Kate Barker on a trip to Reno, Nevada, where they were to stay for several months.

Davis advised that he remained in Chicago for approximately

two weeks on this occasion and then proceeded to Reno, Nevada, in company with Mother Kate Barker, and that in Reno they resided at the Ridgeway Apartments. He stated that subsequently Doc and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis came to Reno and remained in Reno and vicinity up until approximately March of 1933. Davis stated that he then returned to St. Paul in company with Doc Barker in a Buick car, which Barker had purchased in Nevada, and that he then took up residence in St. Paul at an apartment located at the corner of Cleveland and Marshall Avenues. He stated that Fred and Doc Barker were also residing in this apartment building and that he, Davis, took an apartment in the building with Jess Doyle, who was in St. Paul at this time.

Davis advised that it was on the occasion of this visit to St. Paul that he first met Harry Sawyer and his wife, Gladys Sawyer, at their saloon in the 500 block on Wabasha Street in St. Paul.

Davis stated that a few days after he had come to St. Paul on this occasion he was coming home to the apartment about 7:00 or 8:00 o'clock one evening when he was met by Jess Doyle on the corner adjacent to the apartment building and that Doyle had told him that Gladys Sawyer was inside the apartment building at that time packing Fred Barker's and Doc Barker's things, inasmuch as she had obtained information that the police were going to raid the apartment that evening and it was necessary that they immediately get out of the apartment if they did not desire to be arrested. He stated that at that time he observed Gladys Sawyer taking some of Fred and Doc Barkers' things to a car and that he saw one Pat Reilly, whom he had met as a bartender in Sawyer's saloon, assisting Gladys Sawyer in removing these clothes of the Barker brothers. He advised that Jess Doyle told him that they had no time to lose and would have to leave, and that Doyle would not allow him, Davis, to return to the apartment to get any of the clothes; that Doyle would not even go into the apartment to remove a wardrobe trunk which he, Doyle, had in the apartment.

Davis advised that the St. Paul Police later raided this apartment building and confiscated the property of Doyle's which had been left behind, and that he later learned that Harry Sawyer had secured the return of this property from the St. Paul Police through his connections with them, and that Doyle had subsequently gotten his property from Harry Sawyer. See Dough on this

Davis stated that after leaving St. Paul on this occasion he had proceeded to Louie Cernocky's place at Fox River Grove, Illinois. He stated that thereafter he spent some time in Kansas City, Missouri, where he picked up Edna Murray, and subsequently proceeded to Grays Lake, Illinois, where he stayed for some time prior to returning to St. Paul and Minneapolis. He advised that this was in the summer of 1933 and

that on this occasion he and Edna stayed at the Upland Apartments in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated that it was on the occasion of this stop in St. Paul and Minneapolis that Doc Barker took him for the first time to a farm which was owned by Harry Sawyer outside of St. Paul. He stated that they went to Harry Sawyer's farm at this time inasmuch as Doc Barker desired to see a horse which Doc Barker had arranged be shipped to Harry Sawyer. Davis advised that this was the only visit which he had ever made to the farm of Harry Sawyer except for one other visit made several months later, as hereinafter noted.

Davis advised that in the fall of 1933 he and Edna Murray had proceeded to Reno, Nevada, inasmuch as Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Karpis and Harry Campbell were already there. He stated that he did not know where the boys were stopping when he first arrived in Reno, and for this reason he went to the Anderson Hotel, which he stated the boys, meaning Freddy and Doc, had told him was a "right" place, and he understood that same was operated by Bill Graham and James McKay of Reno. He stated that he went to the Anderson Hotel with a view of learning where he might locate Doc Barker, but, however, that he met Barker on the street at once and learned as to the apartments where Doc and Fred Barker and Karpis were staying. He stated that he and Edna then took an apartment at the Ridgeway Apartments, where he had previously resided with Mother Kate Barker. He stated that during this visit in Reno, Nevada, they went hunting on several occasions, and that Alvin Karpis proceeded to Vallejo, California, where he had his tonsils taken out at the Vallejo General Hospital, which was operated by Tobe Williams.

Davis advised that in the late fall of 1933, he thought in December 1933, they had all decided to return to St. Paul. He stated that Karpis, Campbell, Doc and Fred Barker had preceded himself and Edna to St. Paul. He stated that Edna and himself on their arrival in St. Paul went immediately to the farm of Harry Sawyer in order that he might find out where he could get in contact with Doc and Freddy Barker and Karpis. He stated that on this occasion Sawyer's wife was at the farm and that he observed Sawyer on the porch of the farm house when they arrived. He stated that he learned from Harry Sawyer that the boys could be located at an apartment at 569 Portland Avenue in St. Paul, and that then he, Davis, went on in to St. Paul. He stated that Edna and himself first stopped at the Montrose Apartments in St. Paul, and that after about two weeks they moved to the Osceola Apartments, where they remained for approximately five weeks, or until a day or two after the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

It will be recalled from the Bureau letter of reference that Edna Murray has stated that Harry Sawyer sent Pat Reilly to notify Volney Davis and herself that he, Sawyer, desired to see them at his farm on the day following the kidnaping of Bremer, and that she and Volney Davis had immediately gone out to Harry Sawyer's farm; that

Harry Sawyer had been on the front porch waiting for them and that Davis had gone up and conversed for a time with Sawyer, after which time Davis had returned to the car in company with Sawyer.

Although closely and vigorously questioned on this point, Volney Davis advised positively and emphatically that he did not go out to the farm of Harry Sawyer at any time following the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and that in fact the only two occasions when he had been to the farm of Harry Sawyer were the two occasions mentioned by him above. Davis, however, advised that he recalled that on the morning of the day following the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer that George Goetz and Fred Barker had come to the apartment occupied by Edna Murray and himself in St. Paul and had told him that it would be necessary for him to leave at once. He stated that they advised him that they had Bremer and that the town would be full of "G-Men." He stated that at this time Goetz advised him, Davis, that he would like to use his, Davis's, car in connection with this matter, to which he, Davis, acquiesced. He stated that Goetz then advised that he would take Edna Murray to Chicago with him and make arrangements for her to stop there temporarily until he, Davis, could return to Chicago. Davis advised that two or three days after this he proceeded to Berwyn, Illinois, to an apartment in the 6400 block on 22nd Street, which place had been secured by Goetz, to be used during the period when Bremer was being held.

Davis advised that while at this apartment in Berwyn, Illinois, Geotz made frequent trips between St. Paul and the apartment in Berwyn, inasmuch as Goetz was conducting the negotiations for the pay-off of the ransom in this case. He stated that at this time Fred Barker, Willie Harrison and Monty Carter were assisting Goetz. Davis stated that in the early negotiations for the paying of the ransom, immediately after the kidnaping, he heard George Goetz say that they had almost gotten into a trap in connection with their arrangements to collect the ransom. He stated that Goetz advised that this had occured when an endeavor had been made to pay off with a dummy package, which was of course being watched, but that their "police contact" had warned them at the last minute and they had not fallen into this trap. He stated that in this connection Goetz had mentioned no names as to who the police contact may be, but that he, Davis, supposed, without question, that the police contact was Tom Brown, or that the information had been furnished by Harry Sawyer who had received it through Tom Brown.

Davis advised that on another occasion, during the pendency of the negotiations for the payment of the ransom demanded, Goetz felt that the Bremer family were not sincere in their efforts to pay the ransom, inasmuch as they did not follow specific instructions which had been given them, and that Goetz expressed himself as being in favor of either returning Bremer or killing Bremer and ceasing the whole deal, but that Goetz had decided to try and get further information before giving the matter up entirely; and that Goetz had stated that he then learned that he had been wrong in his assumption and that the family had actually not been able to

pay the ransom in accordance with the instructions given them because of a time-lock on the bank safe where the ransom money was being kept. Davis advised that it was his belief that this information had likewise been furnished through the same source as the other information noted above with regard to the dummy package, but that no names were mentioned at this time by Goetz or any of the other boys as to the source of this information.

Davis stated that he did not positively know the name of the police contact in St. Paul in this case until several months after the kidnaping when he contacted Elmer Farmer at Bensonville, Illinois, at which time Elmer Farmer had advised him, Davis, that he had some additional money coming in connection with his services in this case. He stated that he asked Farmer the reason for this and that Farmer had advised him that $20,000 of the Bremer ransom money was to be paid to Tom Brown of the St. Paul Police Department, inasmuch as he had furnished the gang information in order that safe contacts could be made in handling the ransom notes and obtaining the ransom money. He stated that Farmer advised that none of the ransom money was paid to Tom Brown, however, because it had been felt that Brown was responsible for the death of Homer Van Meter.

With regard to the participation of Harry Sawyer in the Bremer case, Volney Davis advised that the gang did not desire to pull another kidnaping job in St. Paul, but that he had believed, from general statements from time to time by Goetz and Fred and Doc Barker, that Harry Sawyer was the "finger man" in this case and had convinced them that he had everything arranged so perfectly that there was no chance of failure in connection with kidnaping Edward Bremer.

Volney Davis likewise stated that from conversations of Doc and Fred Barker he understood that Tom Brown had been the "finger man" in the Hamm kidnaping in St. Paul, but that he, Davis, had no information as to any remuneration received by Brown in connection with that case nor further information with regard to his, Brown's, alleged participation in that case.

Davis stated positively that he had no recollection of any occasion when Harry Sawyer had warned Edna Murray and himself to evacuate their apartment in St. Paul in view of an anticipated police raid--other than the one occasion related above when Gladys Sawyer had come to the apartment in company with Pat Reilly.

Davis stated that he had previously related to Agents, in connection with interviews conducted regarding these matters, that he of course could furnish different information than that noted above regarding the connection of Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley with the activities

of the gang, but that any such information furnished would simply be untrue and would amount to "framing" these individuals, as he did not have personal knowledge of and could not personally testify to their connection with either the Hamm or Bremer kidnaping cases other than as noted above.

From a comparison of the information contained in the Bureau letter of reference furnished by Edna Murray with that furnished herein by Volney Davis, it would appear that Murray is mistaken with reference to the contacts noted by her or that Davis is withholding the true facts. However, Davis stated that he had no reason to furnish false information and that what he has stated, as noted above, is true to the best of his recollection.

It was noted in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, October 24, 1935, that Volney Davis had stated that he would endeavor to secure information of value from Doc Barker in connection with this case. At the time of this interview with Davis by Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Davis advised that he had not yet had an opportunity to get any information from Barker.

Davis appeared desirous of continuing to cooperate with the Bureau in furnishing any information in his possession or that he might receive in connection with these matters.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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November 27, 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
BRUNER - Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 19, 1935 instructing Special Agent D. P. Sullivan to proceed to Lincoln, Nebraska for the purpose of conducting a thorough interrogation of Jess Doyle.

In this connection it is desired to call to your attention the letter of the San Francisco office dated November 15, 1935 reflecting an interview with Volney Davis. On Page 3 of this letter it is stated Davis made reference to the occasion on which Gladys Sawyer tipped off the gang during the early spring of 1933 to an anticipated police raid; that Jess Doyle was present at this time; that the police later made the raid, confiscating much of the property which was left in the apartment by the gang; that Harry Sawyer later secured the return of this property from the St. Paul police through his connection with them and that Doyle subsequently obtained his property from Harry Sawyer.

It is desired that Doyle be interviewed very thoroughly along this line to corroborate the statements of Volney Davis. It is believed that by citing certain illustrations to Jess Doyle his memory will be refreshed to such an extent that he may be able to furnish further details with regard to the corruption of the St. Paul police department and certain connections which Harry Sawyer had with the said police department or certain members thereof.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 14, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is believed that letter of November 12, 1935 to the Bureau from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley in the above entitled matter should be called to your attention.

In my opinion this letter indicates a defensive and critical attitude as toward certain instructions as to what is necessary to the investigation, as being a criticism which latter was not intended. My teletype was only an effort to have this matter intelligently and thoroughly covered, with the idea of causing the apprehension of the fugitives referred to, rather than just a matter of indicating that all things had been covered. The letter also in my opinion indicates a petulant or irrepressive frame of mind as to a supposed criticism, or a condition which he believed to be a criticism, and possibly one that he believed warranted, in view of the rather lengthy explanation of the supposed issues involved.

It is noted that he takes particular exception to my remark that we did not know of Campbell visiting his mother on two occasions, and explains that this deduction is apparently an error, inasmuch as they did know that we apparently had missed him at his mother's home by reason of the fact that in September they were placed on notice through the alleged actions of one Milton Letts, that Campbell had apparently been taken to the home of his mother by this boy. The issue concerned here is not one as to whether or not we knew we had missed him, but rather what was the setup we had arranged to know if he was there and apprehend him, and why this setup failed.

Realizing that it is rather easy to be critical, and sometimes difficult under certain conditions to be constructive in

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our suggestions, I have avoided the former. However it is not believed that a very definite setup was arranged if it was possible for Mrs. Wilson to leave Arondale and move to Hominy, Oklahoma without us being advised of this. With reference to the statement that it was impossible to maintain a surveillance of the sisters of Wynona Burdett and their homes, a surveillance does not necessarily mean an actual visual observation where this would be impracticable, but a setup whereby someone would be immediately and readily available to informants who should be encouraged frequently to maintain their observations. This of course might take the time of a man for a considerable period, but it is believed that the effort would be more productive and less expensive than an inquiry from time to time, which might consume a period of many months, and not actually result in knowing if and when the subject appeared at a certain place.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation
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November 16, 1935

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the trial of MATTHEW GLEASON, charged with harboring Volney Davis at Aurora, Illinois February 6 and 7, 1935, and which is set for possible trial the first week of December, 1935, yesterday Special Agent A. A. Huzzey conferred with G. A. Barnhart, Aurora, Illinois who will be the principal witness for the Government in this case, and he of course is anxious to have this case disposed of without him appearing as a witness, due to the nature of his business at Aurora, he being engaged in the sale of racing system, which presumably provides for winning and betting on horse races, particularly in view of the supposed close association of Gleason with the interests at Aurora, who might make it difficult for Barnhart.

Also in this connection it is my opinion that possibly if this case could be disposed of by a plea of guilty on the part of Gleason, and he thereafter sentenced in accordance with whatever suggestion the United States Attorney might make which is acceptable to the court, it would save the Government considerable expense as to witnesses who will be necessary by reason of certain allegations as to the supposed treatment of Gleason at the time of his arrest, which I contemplate they are going to endeavor to go into very thoroughly. Barnhart has indicated his intention of approaching Gleason in order to influence him if possible, to try to have his case disposed of by going to the Assistant United States Attorney handling the case, or having his lawyer go to him and try to have same disposed of by a plea of guilty, providing they could be given some assurance of a reasonable sentence.

I will follow this closely in order to determine whether or not the matter can be disposed of in this manner, as it is believed that the ends of justice will be adequately served if it is disposed of in this manner, without making a trial of same necessary. It will also be necessary

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if a trial is had to bring Special Agent W. C. Ryan from Portland here to testify as to the statement made by Gleason, as well as Special Agent C. G. Campbell of the Butte office, who witnessed the statement of Gleason obtained by Special Agent Ryan, the latter being particularly desirable in order to definitely show that this statement was obtained voluntarily, in view of the possible allegations Gleason will probably make as to his supposed treatment at that time.

Very truly yours,

E. 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
November 20, 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 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, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, one each from her sister, Essie, and her niece, Gwen, and the others from Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Arundale Okla
Nov 11, 1935

Hello, Sweet-pea.
at last I'll Write you a few lines, guess you thin I got killed on the Way back, hardly that. But if you ask me that's a tiresome ole trip When one is alone and Blue too. I got in Tulsa at 4 P. M. Monday.
as tired as I was the girls Just had to hear all about you, and my trip.

But I didnt show them your things untill Tues. Honey, I got here O. K. With your Jewelry, thought you'd Want to know, Huh? I have it in safe------keeping, I think, does that make you feel better, I was afraid you Would Worry about your things.

I have had plenty of Company since I came back. Melba and Wayne spent the Week-end. Georgia and Clay has been here, besides the Comers and goers.

Eunice and Chuck are supposed to come up this Week, Chuck has some painting to do in Hominy. & Eunice said she Would come out here. I havent seen Mildred since I Came back, think I'll go down one day this Week & stay all day, and take her dress Home. I imagine she needs it dont you? Today is armistice-day and no School.

Gwen is here and is going to Write something I for-got to tell you, and I'll let Gwen do that. as she said, Mother let me tell aunt Nonie that. gee, I'll bet that is a pretty song you sent Gwen, Wish We had the music to it. guess I'd better ring off Kid, I should Write to the gang at the Hotel up there, they Were so nice to me.

I will try and Write you a nice fat letter next month.

Lots of Love from your ole Sis Essie
xxxx
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Monday Morning
at Home.

Dearest Aunty;

Hello and how are you? Im feeling Okey dokey; Since Armistice day is on Monday we got out of school today. Thats the first time we've been out on Mon. In ages.

School is "shoot in" along okay. I got in the pep squad and I get to go to the football banquet. Im surely thrilled! Thats quite an honor you know.

Oh Yes! I have a new piano boy Its really cute. Im just dying to play It. will start taking soon. Im undecided tho- I don't know wheather to take strictly classical or popular. What would you do?

Im taking Ball-room dancing lessons. I haven't taken very many but Im trying to learn. (try Is all I can do)

We are working on an Operetta in Glee Club now. The name is - "The Pirates daughter" - Im going to try out for her (the daughter) but dont know If Ill Get It or not.

Tomorrow nite Im in an old fashioned parade I'd give anything If you could see It. I come Out singing a solo and parading. I'll be dressed in an old fashioned skirt & blouse with a lace shawl, pentaloons hanging from under my skirt, and an old bonnet with a big bow under my chin. It is surely cute.

Well I must close an wash dishes honey -
Write soon -

Always true

Your niece

"Gwen"

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November 3, 1935.
Lewistown, Pa.

Dear Sister:

Just a few lines this evening in answer to your most loving letter of a few weeks ago and I am truly ashamed for not answering sooner, please forgive us this time, but you see we have been having a little trouble. I was in the hospital but came home two weeks ago. [redacted] must go back and be operated on later but at present feel as good as can be expected.

Art and went to housekeeping a week ago "Sat" have a apartment but it's cozy and home, for the first time since we've been married we can say we are in our own home, make one feel rather proud and maybe we are'nt, Mama say we are like two kids with a new toy and I guess we are, planning nice dinners for Art keeping the house clean and cheerful makes one feel like a diffrent person, he is working now on the road but playing at night also composing a song, so you see dear things are looking rosy and this time it is going to continue.

I may not mail this till the end of the week so don't compare dates as we are going to have our picture taken to send you, but I have changed a lot since you seen me my hair is still Blonde but it's quite long I'm puting it up now with a Braid around my head, Art likes it much better than short, I believe you will to as it really does become me.

Gee! Honey you shoud see us we very seldom go any place since Arts working except we he plays and about two or three nights a week and sunday we stay home and read or work on his song(thats what he's doing now) he said tell you he's working like the dickens(Ha) every three minutes he stops me and wants to know if it sounds alright, but we go to shows about once a week and he belongs to a Fire company here some times we go up there sunday evening thats what we done this past sunday and played cards, so you see we are happy and content just the two of us.

Well Darling you are no-doubt bored stiff with all of this and now I'm going to make Art write a few lines, hoping to hear from you real soon.

Your Ever Loving
Sis & Bro
Helen & Art

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Dear Sis:-

here are the pictures, But Boy I look like Moses and art as Ezra they were all terrible and these are the best but these are not like we really look.

We'll have some taken of he and I together at a Studio like I sent Eunice and the rest so please don't be to disappointed please.

Answer soon, love.

Helen & Art.

Lewistown, pa

Dear Sis

I wrote to or three days ago and now I cant find the letter. I must have got it mixed with some music scrip I tore up. thats all im doing writing music. For pastime maby some day I'll hit a good one. helen seems to like most all of them I am fooling with. As soon as I get a check or 2 Im going to have one of them Printed and I'll send you a copy of the one "underneath the silvery moon" its the only one I have completed and can say its a tune Wish I had about 50 Bucks Id Be warth a thousand in 6 months- "I'll Betsue" ha thats right though I sure have faith in that tune- I'll write the words off for you maby you can fake a tune to it. Yearning under neath the silvery moon---dreaming of those wonderful nights in June---when I see the lovers spoon under neath the silvery moon---it Brings memories of you---when we sit in the moon light Planing our Wedding day---I never dreamed life would ever turn out this way---life was so cheerful I could never sigh--- until you Kissed me and whispered good By-------You left me Yearning---you left me waiting---under neath the silvery moon------

hows about it?

I think its fair my self- helen thinks the tune is still sweeter than the words- well any way Im going to spend some good hard money on it--ho

Well dant forget to Write hane not heard from any one lately except you I dont no what the-they can Be doing--By By

Your Laving Bro & sis

Art & Helen

11½ Valley st

have a good laugh
at those Pictures ha

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 20, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of letters written to Synona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, one from her sister Essie and her niece Gwen and the others from Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette.

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,

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, Fugitive, K.D. 7/1/35;
et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

On November 12, 1935 Agent proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma in his personally owned automobile bearing 1935 California license, on instruction of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, for the purpose of obtaining a location from which the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, could be placed under surveillance. Special Agent Paul W. Hansen of the Oklahoma City Office previously advised that the house at 820 South Rockford Street possibly would be vacant.

Agent drove to 820 South Rockford Street and there inspected the premises from the outside. There was a "For Rent" sign tacked on the house, which indicated that the key was located at the next house north, which is the Campbell residence. Agent called at the Campbell house and requested to be shown through the vacant house. An elderly man, presumably Mr. Campbell, escorted Agent to the vacant house and explained the various rooms and furnishings. Thereafter, Mr. Campbell stated that Mrs. Woolsey was renting the premises and that he had her address in his house. Agent accompanied Mr. Campbell to his house and was admitted to the front room while Mr. Campbell made a search through his papers in an effort to locate the address of Mrs. Woolsey.

Agent noted that the Campbell residence probably consists of four rooms, a sitting room and a dining room, which has been converted into a bedroom, on the north side of the house, and evidently a bedroom and kitchen on the south side of the house. Mr. Campbell located the address of Mrs. Woolsey as 815 West 9th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone No. 3-4727. Agent requested the use of the Campbell telephone to call Mrs. Woolsey for an appointment and was advised by Mr. Campbell that there was no telephone in his house.

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During the above interview Agent identified himself to Mr. Campbell, using his proper name, and stating that he had recently arrived in Oklahoma from California and was looking for a place to live. He stated that he was employed by the Department of Justice and that he, his wife and brother-in-law would probably live with him if the residence, if rented.

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Agent then contacted Mrs. E. L. Woolsey, 615 West 9th Street, and after the usual preliminaries rented the premises at 820 South Rockford Street, rent to start on November 18, 1935. Agent informed Mrs. Woolsey that he had just arrived in Oklahoma from the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, where he was employed as an insurance salesman, handling accident, health and life insurance, but that he had a disagreement with his company over some commissions and, therefore, was looking for a new location. Further, that he presently was in Oklahoma City, having been there for a few weeks looking for a location, but was not satisfied with Oklahoma City and therefore decided to try to locate in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Agent further informed Mrs. Woolsey that Agent's wife, who was presently suffering with a cold and unable to make the trip to Tulsa, and his brother-in-law, who was out of work, would also live in the house with Agent.

Agent casually inquired of Mrs. Woolsey concerning the neighborhood in which the house was located and was advised by Mrs. Woolsey that there is an elderly couple to the north of the house, who are very fine people and who have two daughters living with them; that these daughters are working some place in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During the inspection of the premises at 820 South Rockford Street, the following was noted: That the house consists of four rooms, the living room being on the right of the front door, which would be in the northeast portion of the house. Directly behind the living room is a bedroom, which is located in the northwest portion of the house. The south side of the house consists of a bedroom in the front, then a bathroom and then the kitchen. Agent noted that the Campbell house could be viewed from the northwest bedroom, which has a large window on the north and a large window on the west. From the west window the rear yard of the Campbell house can be clearly seen, but the back door of the Campbell house can not be seen for the reason that the Campbell house extends farther back on the lot than the house located at 820 South Rockford. The kitchen and bedroom which are on the south of the Campbell house can be clearly seen from the north window of this vacant house.

Agent further observed that the back yard of the Campbell residence runs very deep, probably about 40 feet; further, that the block in which these houses are located is well built up and that the houses are probably about 15 to 20 feet apart. It was further noted that there is no street car line or bus line that runs on Rockford Street in front of the premises, but that the main thoroughfare is about a block and a half south. Agent also noted that there were no other residences which were unrented on the east side of the street, but that about half a block to the north Agent noticed that there was a furnished duplex for rent.

C. J. ENDERS,
Special Agent.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
November 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

With reference to Bureau letter of November 8, 1935, (7-576) and my letter of November 13, 1935, with reference to securing information concerning John Henry Foster alias William Elmer Meade and other aliases, please be advised that Warden Roy Best of the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, has advised that the records of the Penitentiary show that William Elmer Meade was received at that institution as John H. Foster alias William E. Meade alias Christ Kid, etc., as their number 12127, on June 3, 1923, and was released at the completion of his minimum sentence September 15, 1925, on automatic parole, being finally and completely discharged June 4, 1929.

An Agent is contacting the Warden for the purpose of examining any and all records in connection with Meade's incarceration and to obtain all available data with regard to the family history, contacts, relatives, and correspondents of William Elmer Meade while incarcerated in the Colorado State Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

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cc SAC Connelley,
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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 20, 1935

Mr. L. L. Champlin
Postmaster
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Sir: RE: BRENKID

In compliance with your request, I am enclosing thirty self-addressed envelopes for your convenience in forwarding tracings to this office.

Permit me to express my appreciation for the hearty cooperation you have shown this office at all times.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Detroit, Michigan
November 14, 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
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Your attention is respectfully invited to your personal and confidential letter addressed to Mr. H. E. Andersen, Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul office of the Bureau, dated October 31, 1935, Bureau file #7-576, relating to the above entitled case. Attention in particular is invited to that part of the communication directing the obtaining of information by the Oklahoma City Office from one Pat Reilly concerning Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley and Harry Sawyer's involvement in the Bremer case.

It is noted from the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, Oklahoma City Office, dated November 8, 1935, that Reilly refused to disclose the desired information.

Special Agent W. B. Matney of this office, who made the inquiry of Wynona Burdette at Milan, Michigan, as directed in your letter of the 31st ultimo, copy of which was received at this office, advises that in February last he had an interview with one Tommie Gannon, then incarcerated in the County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that Gannon at that time appeared to be somewhat friendly. Mr. Matney advises that Gannon is about 26 years of age, and was employed together with Reilly as a bartender for Harry Sawyer, from which Mr. Matney believed that it is likely that Gannon may have the information that was sought from Reilly. In view of this it is desired to suggest for your consideration that an interview along the same lines be had with Gannon if the same has not already been had.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

WJW:vss
cc St. Paul
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It should be done - Ed 11/16/35

Sac St Paul 11-2-35 KGM

November 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's communications requesting the St. Paul office and other offices to immediately obtain all available information concerning the participation of Tom Brown, Harry Sawyer and Bill Crumbley in the Bremer kidnaping.

Reference is now made to the letter of the Detroit Office dated November 14, 1935, in which it is suggested that Tennie Gannon, who was formerly a bartender for Harry Sawyer, may have some information as to the participation of Sawyer and others in the instant matter. It is desired that you make immediate arrangements to have Gannon interviewed thoroughly along these lines and submit a report to the Bureau covering this interview not later than November 30, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 19, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Replying to your memorandum of the 14th instant making inquiry as to the status of the case against the defendant Nathaniel H. Heller indicted at Jacksonville, Florida, in connection with the cases involving the harboring of Karpis, I beg to advise you that it has been determined to proceed to trial with the case against this defendant.

Respectfully,

Joseph B. Keenan
JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
Assistant Attorney General.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, on November 9, 1935, in which it is shown that considerable information was obtained as to the possibility of Dr. Joseph P. Moran being identical with Dr. Robert Carville Oralston.

The Bureau finds it necessary to call to your attention the importance of conducting a thorough and vigorous investigation in matters of this kind, especially since the Bureau has received numerous allegations of the death of Dr. Moran, and considerable difficulty will undoubtedly be experienced in locating and identifying his body if he is, in fact, dead as it has been alleged. Realizing that the Bureau cannot be guided conclusively by the various reports which are received from the underworld with regard to the death of Moran, you should have taken immediate action to exhaust all possible leads which would establish the identity of Dr. Oralston.

It is noted that no effort was made to locate and interview members of the gang of transient camp laborers who were supervised by Dr. Oralston prior to his disappearance. It is felt that numerous members of this group should be located immediately and interviewed thoroughly. It is possible that Dr. Oralston may have disclosed information to one of this group which would be of assistance in locating him at the present time. Photographs of Dr. Moran should be displayed

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to numerous persons of this group to determine more definitely whether Dr. Oraiston is identical with Dr. Moran.

It is noted that Special Agent F. W. Allen satisfied himself with taking the word of Sheriff Murie instead of personally interviewing John Khalen, of Khalen's Pharmacy, at Langdon, North Dakota. It appears to the Bureau that Khalen would be in a position to furnish a considerable amount of information to an Agent, and it should therefore be arranged to have him interviewed by an Agent of your office immediately.

The report discloses that Dr. Oraiston was somewhat of a drunkard, which is in keeping with the habits of Dr. Moran, and that Oraiston's favorite place of hangout was a "joint" known as "The Cave" in Langdon, North Dakota. The report further reflects that Stub Walker, who is the owner of "The Cave" loaned money to Oraiston on numerous occasions. The Bureau observes that no effort was made to conduct any inquiry at "The Cave" or through Stub Walker.

It is further noted that no inquiry was made as to any mail which may have been received and letters which may have been sent by Dr. Oraiston while he was attached to the transient camp at Langdon, North Dakota.

It is noted further that one Jack M. Schlegel signed a complaint against Oraiston charging him with the theft of his suitcase and personal effects. Perhaps Schlegel would be in a position to furnish information of value. It is noted that he has not been interviewed.

In conducting further interviews along these lines, every effort should be made by the Aberdeen Office to secure further handwriting and hand-printed specimens of Dr. Oraiston through his friends.

It is desired that this investigation be expedited and a report be submitted to the Bureau promptly covering this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc St. Paul
Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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November 21, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1216, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reports and letters received by the Bureau recently in the above entitled matter have reference to Bill Crutchley and James Crumbley. It is requested that the St. Paul Office immediately advise the Bureau as to whether these two individuals are identical.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Division 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.

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Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of November 8, 1935 requesting an expression of opinion on the feasibility of the plan under consideration to have the Treasury Department print a quantity of a particular type of distinctive money to be used as ransom in kidnaping cases.

As a principle I believe the Bureau should adopt the policy of not favoring the payment of ransom in any kidnaping case. If a ransom is paid it is not done with the approval of the Bureau, but condoned by it because of the family's solicitude for the victim. However, if the Bureau were to have this distinctive money printed to be used for ransom payments it would place the Bureau in the light of assisting to some extent in the payment of ransom. I realize that from a realistic point of view ransoms are paid in nearly all kidnaping cases.

Secondly, it appears that such money could be used only in one particular case, because its nature would have to be disseminated to banks and other appropriate agencies to detect the passer of the ransom money.

Third, absolute secrecy would have to be maintained regarding the marked nature of this money. It is not believed that the family of a victim would countenance any such payment due to fear for the victim's safety. They would probably believe that the knowledge

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of this kind of money might be in the possession of the underworld regardless of our statements to the contrary. In the event that the victim should not be released unharmed after the payment of ransom with that kind of money, it is very likely that the victim's family would condemn this Bureau, believing that the marked money was the cause.

It is to be recalled that there are twelve Federal Reserve Districts in the United States and that notes are issued by each of these banks. It would appear to be necessary to have a certain quantity of the notes issued by each bank on hand. If this money were to be silver certificates, the very nature of the ransom money being of that character would probably arouse the suspicions of the kidnapers.

It has been noted that in some cases in the past the kidnapers have demanded used money. Unless the Treasury Department could by some process give these notes a used appearance without there having been in circulation, this would be an added objection.

With the above objections in mind, the practical advantage of using a distinctive money for ransom payments would be outweighed by the objections cited above.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
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H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
cc Cincinnati

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PHONE. BREKID. CAPTAIN GILBERT, INVESTIGATOR COOK COUNTY STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE, ADVISED TODAY AN INFORMANT, WHOSE NAME HE WILL NOT REVEAL, ADVISED ONE JIMMIE DICKNER DESMOINES, IOWA CASHING BONDS AND BIG BILLS FOR KARPIS AND CAMPBELL. BONDS AND BILLS SUPPOSED TO BE PLANTED ON FARM, LOCATION AND OWNERSHIP NOT KNOWN. ALLEGES FUGITIVES WILL CONTACT JIMMIE DICKNER 22 OR 23 INSTANCE. OMAHA CHECK IDENTITY REPURTATION DICKNER AND ARRANGE TO SUITABLY COVER.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

BREKID AGENT W I BUCHANAN PRESENTLY ASSIGNED CINCINNATI AND AGENT D I McCAIN ASSIGNED TO KANSAS CITY INSTRUCTED TODAY TO REPORT TO YOU IMMEDIATELY FOR USE SURVEILLANCE RESIDENCE PARENTS MARY CAMPBELL AT TULSA

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Edward G Bremer

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November 20, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BERKLD

With reference to the cover placed on the mail of Ada and Ruth Potts and Mrs. E. A. Mead at Sarasota, Florida, the enclosed tracing of a letter was received in the Jacksonville office from the Sarasota Postmaster. It is addressed to Mrs. Ada Potts, 145 N. 5 St., Sarasota, Florida; is postmarked Yale, Oklahoma, November 16, 1935, 12 PM; with return address of J. Benford, Maramec, Okla.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 21, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith two letters; one addressed to Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution, from her mother, and the other addressed to Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz from Dolores DeLaney.

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

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

Very truly yours,

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W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

November 21st, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BRIEF CASE RADIO

The second brief case radio which the Bureau forwarded to this Office has now been in use for about one month on a plant in connection with the Brekid case. In connection with the operation of this radio I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of a diagram showing the location of the transmitter and receiver with respect to the various buildings and other obstructions which affect its operation.

Special Agent J. M. Jones of this Office, who is very familiar with radio and all of its principles, has submitted the following memorandum concerning the operation of this set on the plant where it is presently being used:

"From the experiences had with the portable radio transmitter, incased in a brief case, and its associated portable receiver now being used by the Bureau, the following results were noted and suggestions are being made for your information.

1. This receiver has been very noisy in its operation and picks up all electrical disturbances in the neighborhood in which it is being used.

2. The results obtained, using the portable receiver, do not equal, by far, the ordinary reception obtained by using a standard long and short wave commercial receiver of a type such as is commonly referred to as a 'Midget' set.

3. The use of a standard commercial 'Midget' set or a standard 'short wave' set offers the following benefits - Tubes and parts for these type sets can be purchased at any radio store; the sets could be repaired by any radio repair shop without the use to which the sets are being put becoming known; if it

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became necessary to have more than one receiver in operation, the additional set could be purchased at any radio store. In addition, the presence of a commercial set in a rooming house, apartment, or hotel room would not be as apt to cause unfavorable comment, as the one being used at present has caused.

It is suggested that the 'brief case' transmitter be used, in conjunction with these 'commercial' type receivers, where it is desired to interview an individual without his knowledge of the conversation being overheard by a third party, and where the receiver can be located in the very near proximity, but in the case of a surveillance being conducted, such as the one at present being carried on at the residence of Mr. Karpovics in the 'Brekid' case, a portable transmitter be designed, or purchased, to operate on 110 volts A.C. current. This will eliminate the need of batteries being used to operate the transmitter and also eliminate the disadvantages of a battery operated set, i.e., the need of having spare batteries available, failure of the batteries at a critical time, etc. This arrangement allows the effective range of the transmitter to be increased, as a power operated transmitter would have a much greater output.

These suggestions are submitted for several reasons: - The commercial receivers could be purchased, in comparison with the receiver now used, at a considerable savings to the Bureau (The cost of a 'Midget' receiver ranging in price from $15.00 to $30.00 and the cost of a good commercial short wave receiver of about $15.00) - The reception, as noted, is of better tone and quality and more positive in actual field operation. Ease of purchasing replacement parts and the convenience of having the sets repaired at any radio repair shop.

With reference to the 110 volt A.C. portable transmitter, I believe a portable set, with an effective range considerably more than the portable transmitter now used, could be purchased, or designed, for a very moderate sum, in comparison with the cost of the present transmitter being used. This will also eliminate the purchasing of batteries."

In connection with the above observations, I desire to advise the Bureau that the operation of this brief case radio is the only thing that has permitted the surveillance being maintained in this particular case to be successful. Prior to the time this radio was received it was necessary to resort to the use of telephones and in placing calls on this telephone considerable time was lost, as a result of which the Agents stationed in the apartment designated as 2839 Richmond Street, were not able to leave that building and proceed to Francisco Street and take up the surveillance at 2848 Francisco Street in time to follow parties leaving that address. However, since the installation of this transmitting set the surveillance has to date been successful due to the brief period necessary to communicate from the point of observation at 2848 Francisco to the Agents stationed at 2839 Richmond Street.

The suggestions made by Agent Jones concerning the use of a commercial short wave receiver in place of the large receiver furnished with these brief case radios are observations only from this particular plant and further tests will be made at this Office with the use of short wave radio sets in an effort to furnish the Bureau the benefits of said observation.

This set, like the set in operation at 6311 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is used only intermittently during the day for the purpose of broadcasting the results of the observations of the Agents covering the objective and in the event no observations of interest are received test calls are made hourly. The receiving set, however, is tuned twenty-four hours a day to the transmitter so that immediate communication may be had at any time. In view of this fact it has not as yet been possible to estimate the life of the batteries in the transmitter.

Very truly yours,

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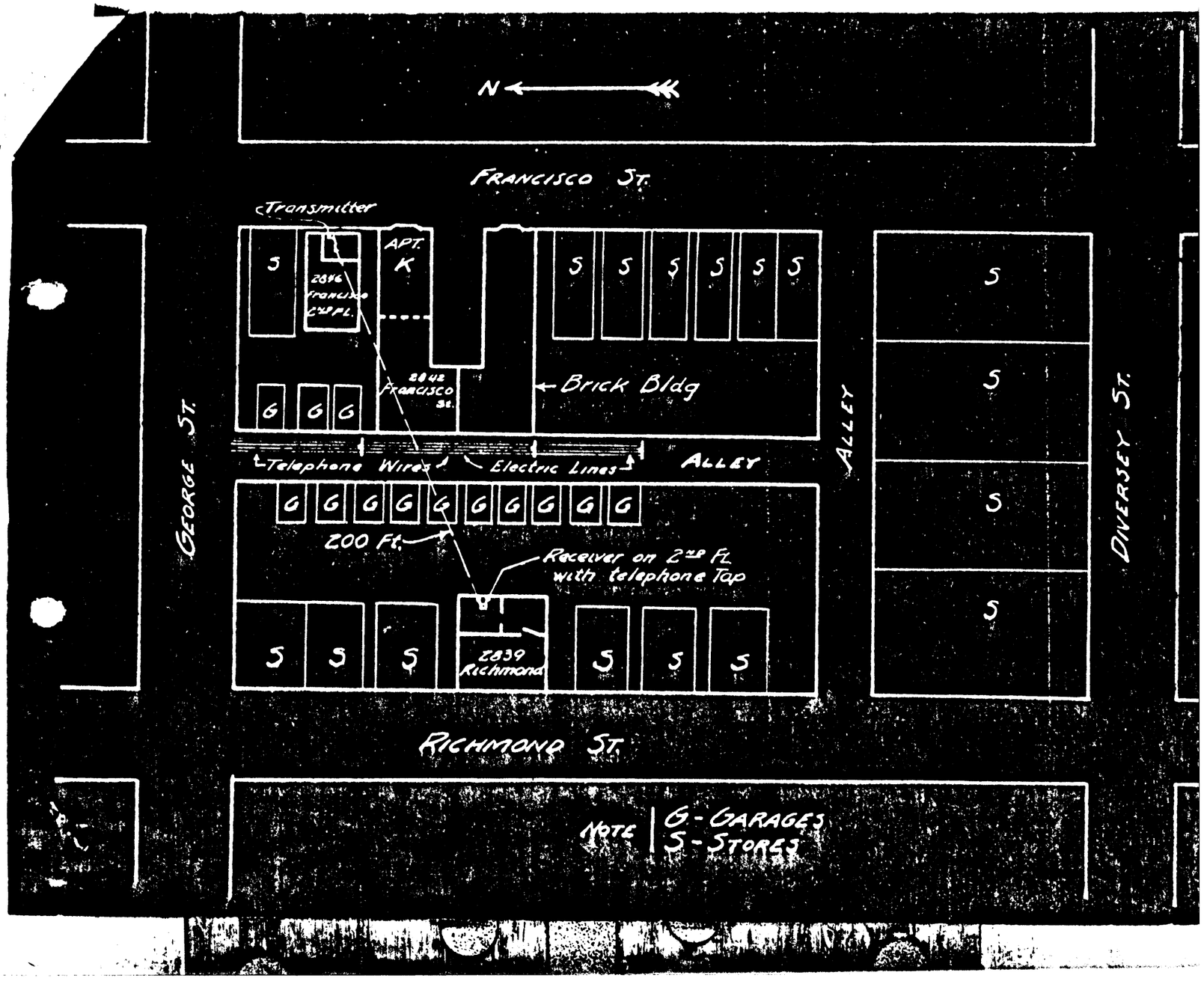
D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

cc - New York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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from your office dated November 21, 1935 concerning the operation of the brief case radio in connection with the case entitled, ALVIE KARPIS with aliases; FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al.; EDWARD G. BREMER-Victim: KIDNAPING.

The suggestions made by Special Agent J. M. Jones of your office concerning the operation of the set as installed in this particular case, are appreciated and agreed generally with the observations of the performance of these sets made elsewhere.

The suggestion that a small 110 volt AC portable radio transmitter be built for use in set ups similar to the one used by your office in the above captioned case will be kept in mind for further consideration.

The receiver for the brief case radio is designed to be more sensitive than the average $25.00 midget radio sold commercially and it is suggested that the tubes of the receiver be checked and any found defective be replaced.

It is requested that the Bureau be informed of the result of any other observations made on the performance of the brief case radio in actual cases or in tests conducted by your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

November 21st, 1935

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

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

I am transmitting herewith one "Special Officer" badge which was found on the person of Volney Davis at the time of his apprehension in Kansas City, Missouri, as well as two clips for .32 caliber Automatic Colt Revolvers, which clips likewise were found in the possession of Volney Davis at the time of his apprehension at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Louis Alterie
Prosecution in State Courts

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of Special Agent L. M. Chipman, dated at Denver, Colorado, on November 8, 1935, regarding an investigation concerning Louis Alterie.

Alterie, as you will recall, was a contact for members of the Karpis - Barker gang in Chicago, Illinois. He was also an agent for one of the local unions in Chicago, which is considered a racket in that city.

The above mentioned report discloses an interesting commentary on state prosecutions. It is shown that Alterie was arrested by the Sheriff at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, in 1932 on the charge of shooting two men, and that Alterie pleaded guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to serve from four to five years in the Colorado State Penitentiary and was fined $1,500. The Sheriff has informed he paid the $1,500 fine and that the sentence was suspended providing that Alterie left the State of Colorado by January 1, 1933, and stayed out of the state for a period of five years.

You will also recall that Alterie was murdered in gangland fashion on the streets of Chicago during the summer of 1935.

I have examined the criminal record of Louis Alterie as disclosed by the Identification Division of the Bureau, which record does not show the above mentioned arrest and conviction in Colorado. Apparently at that time the Sheriff at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, was not submitting fingerprints to the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Brantley telephoned me from the Oklahoma City Office and said that he had just received a telephone call from Col. Charles A. Daley, who is head of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Identification at Oklahoma City. Col. Daley informed Mr. Brantley that just a few minutes ago, he received by special delivery an anonymous letter which reads in part as follows: "If you want to catch Karpis and Campbell, go to a certain house * * * (here the house was described), on Highway No. 33 after eleven o'clock tonight. Do not take any county officers from Rogers or Tulsa Counties. * * *". Highway No. 33 is above Tulsa, Oklahoma, and branches off of Highway No. 66, which is the national highway.

Mr. Brantley said that he planned to proceed to Tulsa personally, with appropriate men and equipment from the Oklahoma City Office, accompanied by some of the State men, and look the situation over after 11:00 o'clock, and if the situation looks favorable, to raid the place in the early hours of the morning. Mr. Brantley said that he has some good men in his office for this kind of work, and further, there are three or four men on the State squad who are very suitable for this kind of work.

Mr. Brantley said that he received a wire from Mr. Connelley last evening to the effect that he, Connelley, would arrive in Oklahoma City about 5:30 this afternoon, and he was just wondering if he should wait around until Mr. Connelley gets there. I told him that he should do this; that Mr. Connelley is very suitable for work of this kind, and would be a valuable asset in the event anything tangible develops. Mr. Brantley said that he has not had an opportunity as yet to go over this thing personally with Colonel Daley, but said that he believed he would wait until Mr. Connelley and Agent Paul Hansen get in, and then they would plan the situation with Colonel Daley. He said that Tulsa is only about three hours away by automobile.

Mr. Brantley said that in the absence of instructions to the contrary, they would plan on leaving Oklahoma City for the vicinity of Tulsa to cover this situation. He said that the Bureau would be unable to reach him by telephone or radio, but the Bureau would be kept advised of developments.

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E. A. TAMM

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Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 21, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith are [illegible] mail tracings on [illegible] born, forwarded to this office by the Postmaster at Mankato, Minnesota, on November 19, 1935. It appears that the only one of interest is that bearing the return address of Mildred Nelson, whose address is somewhat indefinable but is believed to be 709 Brompton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

H. H. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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709 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

November 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Mr. E. J. Connelley

Re: [redacted]

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Dear Sir:

With reference to my telephone conversation with Special Agent R. B. Brown of the Chicago Office on November 18, 1935, it was ascertained that the Government Narcotic Farm at Lexington, Kentucky does not permit visitors to go through the institution without letters of request, or a request made in person by reputable and responsible persons.

Dr. Lawrence Kolb is the Superintendent of this Farm, and Mr. F. E. Junior is the Chief Guardian. The latter stated that they would be very glad to conduct [redacted] through the institution if he had a letter of introduction from this Department, or they would be very glad to conduct him through if he was introduced to the Superintendent by a member of this Department.

No information was given to the Superintendent or the Chief Guardian regarding [redacted] the conducting of persons through this institution is based upon requests, as no visitors are allowed, and in the belief that the person requested to be shown through is considered an honest and respectable citizen.

Very truly yours,

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O. C. [illegible]
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
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Post Office Box 618
Chicago Illinois

November 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir: RE: BRYKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated October 23, 1935, relative to stop notices placed with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Relative to Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656, serial #1DA07-49267, this car has been located as is set out in the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, San Francisco, California, dated May 22, 1935, a copy of which was designated for the Indianapolis Office. The stop card, can, therefore, be removed.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Jacksonville, Florida.	Nov. 20,1935.	11/19/35.	R. B. Donaldson.

TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1239;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further inquiry at Daytona Beach and Port Orange, Florida, indicates subject Weaver received three daily newspapers, one from Jacksonville and two from Daytona Beach, while living in Florida. Local merchant at Port Orange advised William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton both invariably presented $5. bills for groceries purchased. E. L. Ringle, neighbor to Weaver, identifies photographs but supplies no further helpful information.

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DETAILS: AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA:

In this City there are two daily papers published. They are the Daytona Beach Sun Record and the Daytona Beach News Journal. The first mentioned is a morning paper published every day except Monday mornings, and the other paper is published daily every afternoon and Sunday mornings.

At the general office of the Daytona Beach Sun Record, Mrs. J. L. Beville, who is a clerk in the Circulation Department, states that according to their records William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were subscribers to this paper. The subscription therefor was taken by a Mrs. Marian Turner, who resides at 131 Magnolia Avenue, this City, and there is still on file in this office a circulation card showing that the subscription was taken April 4, 1935, under the name of Mrs. Osborne.

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address, Texaco Station. The actual deliveries of this paper, according to Mrs. Beville, were made by Ralph Parker. Neither Mr. Parker nor Mrs. Turner were available at Daytona Beach for interview on this date. Mr. E. E. Naugle is editor and business manager of the Daytona Beach Sun Record.

At the office of the Daytona Beach News Journal Agent interviewed Milford Clifton and Ernest Kamiki. Clifton stated that some time in the early part of December, 1934, he talked to William Weaver, known to him as Mr. Osborne, about subscribing to the Daytona Beach News Journal. Weaver agreed to take the paper and deliveries probably began about December 20, 1934. Clifton inspected the photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and at once identified the photograph of Weaver as being the man known to him as Mr. Osborne, and felt reasonably sure that the photograph of Myrtle Eaton was a likeness of the woman he believed to be Mrs. Osborne. Informant states that Weaver took him in the house several times, also showed him his chickens, and that payments were always made by Weaver. On one or two occasions he attempted to collect from Myrtle Eaton but she would invariably tell him to see Weaver, and, in fact, never seemed to talk any while informant was present.

Some time during the summer months, probably beginning about May 15, 1935, the actual deliveries of the paper were made by Ernest Kamiki, who also identified the photograph of Weaver as being a likeness of the man he had seen and known as Osborne. Kamiki was not positive of his identification of the photograph of Myrtle Eaton; and it also seems that she never said anything to him or had any dealings with him.

Clifton stated that invariably when he would deliver the paper early on Sunday mornings from December to the end of January he observed two cars parked behind Weaver's house with out-of-the-State license plates on them. He never made any notation of the numbers, but is inclined to think the cars were a Plymouth sedan and a Plymouth coupe. He states he never observed these two particular cars there any other time except Sunday mornings, indicating that they had come there for a Saturday night party probably; and that after the end of January, 1935, he did not see them again.

Both of these boys stated that they had never seen any strangers around Weaver's place, except on one occasion when Clifton saw a middle aged man, who was slim and wore a snap brim hat. The man was probably six feet tall, and was not seen at close range but merely observed across the yard. The volume of photographs of wanted criminals was displayed to both of these boys but they were unable to identify any pictures therefrom.

Inquiry was also made at the office of each of the aforementioned newspapers as to what stories they had carried as to William Weaver being wanted or his connection with the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul. None of the persons spoken to could answer this question, but stated that if approximate dates when the stories might have been carried could be supplied they would look through the appropriate copies of papers on file and supply the Jacksonville Office with a copy of the paper or clippings therefrom. This angle is being given further attention and the results thereof will be reported.

The Florida Times Union, of Jacksonville, Florida, has a branch office at Daytona Beach, and deliveries of this paper were made to Weaver's home daily by one Adrian Dagley, who resides at Port Orange, Florida. Agent went to his home to interview him but found that he had left the village for the day, in connection with some other work. He is not at the present time connected with the Florida Times Union. His mother, however, stated that since the apprehension of William Weaver they had discussed the matter and Adrian recalled him quite well as having been one of his customers.

Mr. A. T. Smith conducts a grocery store on the main corner in Port Orange, known as the Florida Food Store. Photographs of Weaver and Eaton were shown to him, both of which he readily identified, stating that they had made frequent purchases at his store for cash while they resided below Port Orange, and that when he first began to see these people Weaver was wearing large dark glasses. These photographs were also identified by Mr. Clark McDonald, who was a clerk in this store. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. McDonald stated that on making purchases of groceries and meats, no matter how small the amount, these persons would invariably present a $5.00 bill, and on only a few occasions did they present any small change for the exact amount of the purchase. Informants did not make any notation of the numbers of these bills or become sufficiently suspicious to make inquiries regarding these customers. They had remarked to each other, however, concerning the unusual practice of receiving a $5.00 bill from these people every time they made a purchase.

E. L. Ringle, who receives his mail at Port Orange, Florida, resides about one block due east of the house in which William Weaver was apprehended, stated that he possesses little or no information about William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton. He immediately identified photographs of them, however, as being occupants of the house in question, and stated that when he came to Florida last winter they had moved in the place and were fixing it up; that Weaver arranged with him for rental of water, as Mr. Ringle takes care of such matters for the village; and Weaver also got him to haul some shells to put in his driveway and for which he paid him

a few dollars cash. Mr. Ringle inferred, from what little Weaver said, that Weaver was some sort of a retired groceryman from the State of Ohio. However, Weaver said nothing explicit as to where he was from, and never gave any details of his past, and Mr. Ringle did not make it a point to inquire in this respect.

Mr. Ringle is a man somewhat advanced in years, and has the earmarks of a person who would be easily deceived, and attends strictly to his own business.

Mr. Ringle stated that neither he nor his wife had any other dealings of a business or social nature with Weaver, whom he knew as Osborne; that they were very definitely a type of people with whom he did not care to associate, as they probably did some drinking from time to time, and in addition to this he would notice that they invariably seemed to stay out until early hours of the morning, and it was not unusual to see lights burning at Weaver's place at 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Ringler stated that Myrtle Eaton never had much to say, but gave the appearance of being some sort of a sporting type of woman who had a habit of lounging around the house and yard in flashy-looking pajamas.

When asked if he had ever seen any strangers or out-of-the-State automobiles at the Weaver home, Mr. Ringle advised that he had not.

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December 2, 1935.

RECORDED 7-576-8141

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIE KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1215; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER -
Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. B. Donaldson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, November 20, 1935, which discloses that William Weaver in the name of Osborne purchased and subscribed to the following newspapers:

Daytona Beach Sun Record.
Daytona Beach News Journal.
Florida Times Union of Jacksonville, Florida.

It is desired that your office immediately ascertain the exact date on which Weaver obtained subscriptions to such newspapers. It is also desired that you have an Agent personally examine all issues of such newspapers which were delivered to William Weaver to determine whether any reference was made to fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis group in these issues. This examination should be made between the dates of January 15, 1935, and February 20, 1935.

The Bureau feels there is some possibility that the above mentioned papers may have carried information to the effect that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, then fugitives, were under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Chicago.
St. Paul.
Cincinnati.
Cleveland.

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

November 20, 1935

[redacted]
Post Office Inspector,
Jacksonville, Florida

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RE: BREKID

[redacted]:

In a very important case being investigated by this Bureau, on October 19, 1935, we requested the Postmaster at Sarasota, Florida, to place a cover on the mail of Ida and Ruth Potts and Mrs. L. A. Reed. The duration of this mail cover ended on November 19, 1935, and it is the desire of this office that it be continued for another thirty days. It will be appreciated if you will advise the Postmaster at Sarasota accordingly.

In this connection, we want you to know that this Postmaster has been very co-operative with this office in furnishing us with mail [redacted] the receipt of which it is believed will be very valuable in our endeavors to apprehend persons badly wanted.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

Bureau
Postmaster, Sarasota
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Post Office Box 4907
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 26, 1935, I forwarded to the Bureau certain correspondence passing between the Department and the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, regarding the most recent aspects with reference to the prosecution of William Weaver at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the reported overtures by him whereby, in exchange for a plea of guilty, the Government would release Myrtle Eaton of all charges.

Under date of November 13, 1935, the Department wrote to the United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida, concerning the indictment pending in this district against William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, stating in part as follows:

> "I beg to advise you that after considering all phases of the matter the Department deems it unwise to enter into any agreement with Weaver in view of the character of the case. The United States Attorney at St. Paul has been advised accordingly.
>
> As regards the indictment in your District, it is suggested that you give careful consideration to the question of obtaining a new indictment in your District with a view to overcoming some of the objections set forth in your letter."

The original copy of the aforementioned letter from the Department is identified by "JBK MMP 109-39-1".

The United States Attorney here has replied to the Department, stating that he will give careful consideration to the question of obtaining new indictment, and also commented that he is unable to see how a new indictment could overcome the difficulties mentioned in his letter.

The thought continues to occur to me, and I presume it has to others charged with the responsibility of this case, that one of

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the reasons Weaver makes this overture may be that he is anxious to have Myrtle Eaton at liberty so that she can again have access to money which they still may have hidden at some unknown destination.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Cincinnati
St. Paul
Chicago.

Jax File 7-24

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 21, 1935.

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Time - 5:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at the Oklahoma City Office with reference to the surveillance being maintained on the home of Harry Campbell's mother at Tulsa, Oklahoma, asking him if he has had an opportunity to go over this matter with Mr. Brantley as yet. He said that he and Mr. Brantley are going over this situation at this time. I told him that we have a request to send a couple of new Agents in there to take care of this matter for the reason that most of the Agents of the Oklahoma City Office who would be suitable for an assignment such as this are well known to the local officers in Tulsa, who, also being desirous of apprehending the fugitives in this case, would probably ruin any setup which could be instituted. I told Mr. Connelley that the Bureau would like to have his recommendation of a couple of Agents to work on this assignment.

Mr. Connelley said that off-hand, he could not recommend any Agents who would be suitable for this situation, but that he would think about the matter, and advise the Bureau the names of those Agents that occur to him.

With reference to the setup on the house there in Tulsa, I told Mr. Connelley that while it is rather difficult to get an intelligent picture of the circumstances from the information which the Bureau has on paper, it would appear that from the house in which the surveillance is being maintained, it is impossible to see the rear entrance and kitchen of the Campbell house; that since our information indicates Campbell, if and when he comes in there, comes in by the back entrance, our surveillance would not seem to be of much avail if we cannot see the back entrance. Mr. Connelley said that he has not had an opportunity as yet to personally look the situation over; that they drove by there when the Agents of the Oklahoma City Office covered the lead up north of Tulsa the other night, but on this occasion, he just got a glance at the two places. Mr. Connelley said that before he leaves there, he will probably make a trip over to Tulsa for the purpose of looking the situation over and seeing just what the setup is.

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I suggested that possibly we might be able to plant a dictograph in this house. Mr. Connelley said that while this will be borne in mind, it is not very probable that it can be done. He explained that there are about six or seven persons residing in the Campbell home, and it is very unlikely that we can find a time when all of them are gone. He continued that the houses out there are rather far apart, they being cottages, and the wires for such a dictograph would have to be strung between the two houses, which is across open ground. Mr. Connelley said that the possibility of this will be looked into when he gets an opportunity to personally look the situation over.

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Mr. Joseph
Mr. Kelly
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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

I mentioned the raid on the house above Tulsa, Oklahoma, in which the Agents of the Oklahoma City Office and the representatives of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation participated the other night. I asked Mr. Connelley if any of the guns recovered as a result of this raid are Government property. He said that there were recovered two or three .45 calibre automatics and also two or three .45 calibre pistols which are marked "U. S. Property", but inasmuch as it appears entirely likely that these guns were issued during the war, it will be rather difficult to trace them. An attempt will be made to trace them, however, just to be on the safe side. He said there were no machine guns recovered, but there were several high-powered rifles and shot guns taken at the time of this raid. Mr. Connelley said that there are no indications that the fugitives for whom we are looking in connection with the instant case have been in this place. He said that as a matter of fact, he did not believe that the fugitives would enter such a place, inasmuch as it was nothing more nor less than a wholesale liquor place out there in the woods.

I told Mr. Connelley that the Bureau has received today a copy of a teletype which the Chicago Office forwarded to the Omaha Office, reading in part as follows: "Captain Gilbert, investigator, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, advised today an informant whose name he will not reveal advised that one Jimmy Dickner, Des Moines, Iowa, is cashing bonds and big bills for Karpis and Campbell. * * *." It is indicated in this teletype that the fugitives will contact Jimmy Dickner either on the 22nd or 23rd of this month. This teletype asks the Omaha Office to make a check of Dickner and arrange a proper cover on his activities. Mr. Connelley said that while the Omaha Office should, of course, cover this matter, he personally did not believe the fugitives have any bonds nor big bills to change, although they might still have some of the one-thousand-dollar bills which they took out of Florida.

Mr. Connelley said that he would call the Bureau in the morning after further discussion on the surveillance over in Tulsa, and advise the Bureau in the premises relative to his attitude toward what is being done.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
[redacted]
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 22, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith, under cellophane cover, a letter addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Anna Dane, 308 W. 43rd Street, Los Angeles, California, dated October 7, 1935, together with the envelopes containing the same.

In view of the remote possibility that this letter may have originated for the purpose of establishing contact between Karpis and his recently divorced wife, it is requested that the enclosures be processed for latent fingerprints in the Technological Laboratory of the Bureau, and any prints developed in connection therewith compared with the fingerprints of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Los Angeles
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION #7003
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING. Number: 7-576-8144

Specimens:

7-576-8144-A. One page of letter beginning: "Dear Mrs Karpis I am a stranger to You and i suppose you will--"

" B. One page of letter beginning: "I would like to here from you if you care to write me just--"

" C. One envelope addressed to Mrs Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Okla.. Postmarked, 15 Los Angeles, Calif. Oct. 8, 1935, 8 PM.

Examination requested by: Okla. City, Okla. Office

Date received: 11-26-35 jwp

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel ✓ Kohn

7-576-1844-D. One plain white envelope addressed to Mrs Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Okla. No.postmark.

cc Chicago
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Los Angeles

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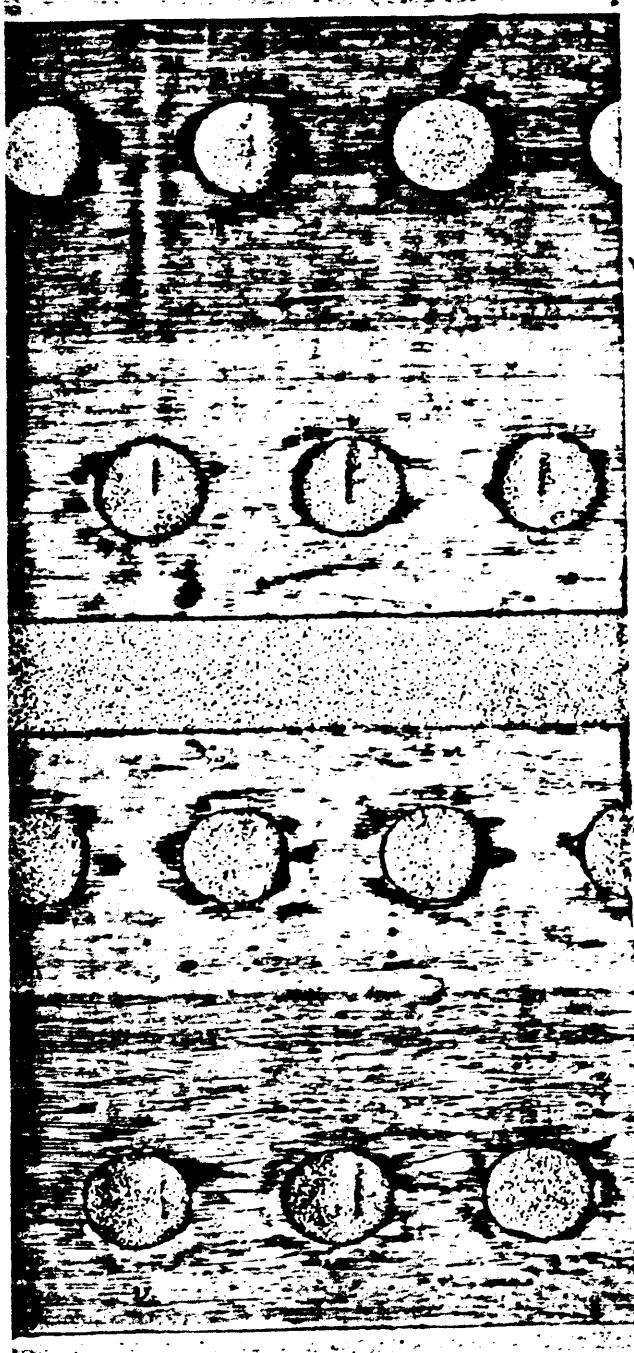

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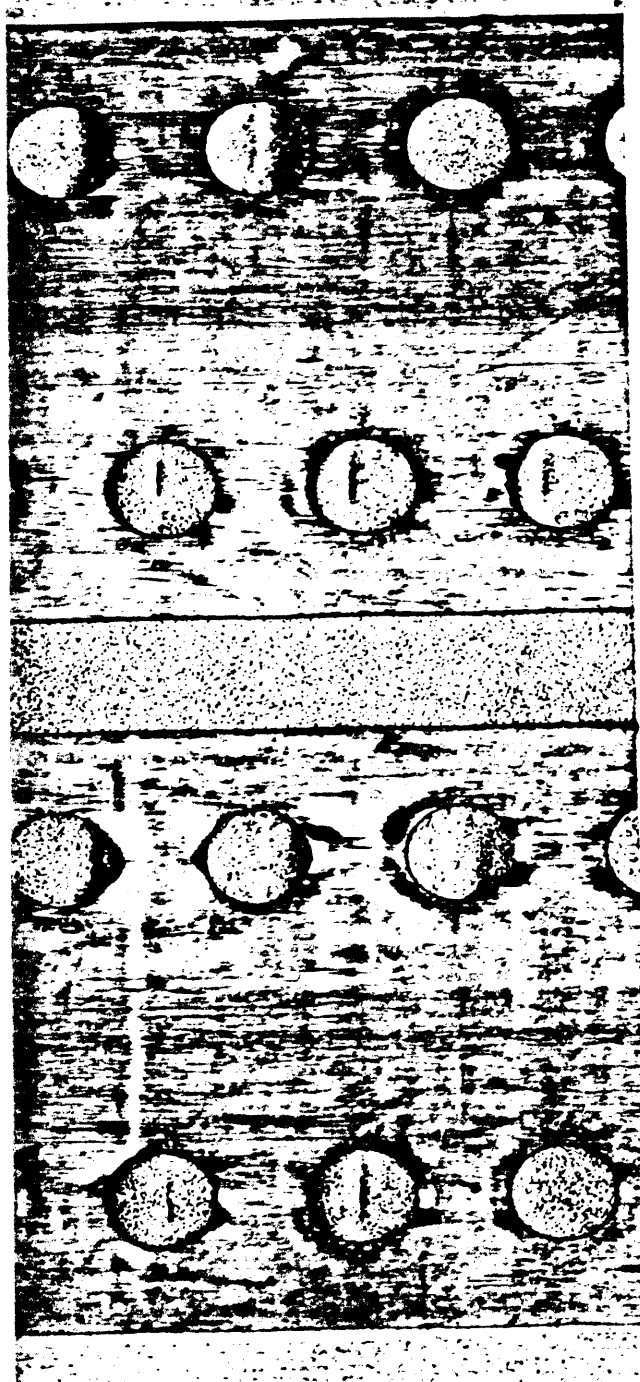

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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 22, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE
O'BRIEN, Victim - KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of a letter addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Oklahoma by Anna Dane, 308 West 43rd Street, Los Angeles, California, dated October 7, 1935. The envelope containing this letter bears the postmark of Los Angeles, California, dated October 8, 1935 at 8:00 P. M.

In view of the contents of this letter and the remote possibility that it may be an effort on the part of Karpis to contact his recently divorced wife, it is requested that discreet inquiry be conducted to determine the identity of Anna Dane and the possibility of any connection she may have with the subjects of this case.

For your information, the letter is written on stationery from which the letterhead has been cut, bearing the notation, "Headquarters: 4301 South Broadway, CEntury 21829", and the envelope bearing the return address, which has been scratched out, of "Howard A. Davis Co., Realtors, 4301 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California". The letter and the address on the envelope are typewritten in large type, similar to machines used in preparing insurance policies, etc.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEAR MRS KARPIS

I AM A STRANGER TO YOU AND I SUPPOSE YOU WILL WONDER WHY I AM WRITTING TO YOU. BUT I HAVE READ IN THE PAPERS WHERE WHERE YOU SUED YOUR HUSBAND FOR DIVORCE AND YOUR ONLY GROUNDS WERE DESERTION. HE MAY HAVE TRIED TO CONTACT YOU SOME TIMES IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO DO THAT YOU KNOW IT MUST BE TERRIBLE NOT TO KNOW WHERE HE IS IF YOU STILL CARE FOR HIM.

I HAVE A FRIEND DEARLY WHOM I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE FOR TWO MONTHS ALL I WISH TO THAT HE IS WELL AND ALIVE NO MATTER WHERE ONLY THAT I HOPE. HE IS ADORABLE A WONDERFUL MAN AND NOTHING WORSE THAN SUSPENSE DAY AND NIGHT FOR MANY MONTHS YET I AM PRAYING THROUGH IS ALL

I HAVE LIVED HERE FIVE YEARS IN CALIF ONLY A LITTLE OVER A YEAR IN THIS CITY. IT IS A WONDERFUL PLACE SO EDUCATIONAL AND INTERESTING

I HAVE A SON TWELVE YEARS OLD HE LISTEN TO RADIO AND READ I WOULD LIKE TO HERE FROM YOU IF YOU CARE TO WRITE ME JUST TREAT IT CONFIDENTIAL IS ALL AND I WILL DO THE SAME WITH YOU

I AM 40 YEARS BROWN HAIR AND BLUE GREY EYES AM A WOMAN WHO HAS LEARNED TO BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD. HERE LATELY SILENT IS GOLDEN I HAVE A PLAN I AM WORKING ON WHICH I HOPE TO PROMOTE SO IF THAT WILL GIVE THE PUBLIC A CHANCE TO THINK ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT

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PLEASE WRITE TO AND I WILL
EXPLAIN LATER ON THE WAY
HAS BEEN OPEN TO ME I HAVE BEEN
STUDYING FOR OVER A YEAR OF
SUCH A PLAN.

WITH REGARDS TO YOU

ANNA DANE

[illegible]

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(Signed) Anna Dane

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

November 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In reviewing this file in the Chicago Office it is noted there is considerable reference to Joplin, Missouri as being a point where all of the members of this gang have frequented from time to time during the past several years, and it is believed that a more concerted effort should be made to develop additional informants, and to keep closer contact with those already developed at this point.

Frequent reference is made to Joplin, Missouri in the case entitled CHARLES ARTHUR "Pretty Boy" FLOYD with aliases, (Deceased); ET AL; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER, Chicago File 62-1649, as being a place where the Subjects in that case and their contacts met. During the investigation of the instant case reference is also had to a hiding place near Joplin, Missouri where Russell Gibson, with aliases, (Deceased), is alleged to have had a hiding place. During the interviews with Paula Harmon, former paramour of Fred Barker, deceased, she frequently mentioned Joplin, Missouri, as a place she had visited in making contacts.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry, Detroit, Michigan, dated June 27, 1935, on Page 2, which records the conversation between Arthur Burdette and his sister, Wynona. It will be noted that Wynona stated that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis had a hiding place seven or eight miles south of Joplin, Missouri, at a farmhouse. Wynona stated she was at this place only on one occasion with Harry Campbell, when she met two men who were introduced to her only as "Dutch" and "Shorty." However, she stated she knows that Harry Campbell had frequented this farm several times previous to this time of her visit.

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Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent A. J. Horstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 26, 1935, Page 6, relative to information furnished by [redacted] an informant who has proved his value in connection with the apprehension

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of bank robbers in that vicinity. It will be noted he advised Special Agent D. A. Bryce on August 17, 1935, that he had secured information that Harry Campbell was then in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri. He further stated he knew a young woman very close to Campbell, who now resides at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that he would contact this woman to determine if Campbell had made any contacts in the vicinity in recent months. It will be further noted it was [redacted] who advised Agent Bryce that Subjects Karpis and Campbell had "split up" and that they were no longer together. It is believed that frequent contact should be had with [redacted] and effort should be made to determine through him the location of the farm seven or eight miles south of Joplin, Missouri, referred to by Wynona Burdette, and also to ascertain the identities of "Dutch" and "Shorty." b7C b7D

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri, dated October 23, 1935, Page 5, wherein Volney Davis informed Agent Farland that he made a trip to Joplin, Missouri, during the latter part of April, 1935, and where he contacted "Spike" Lane, "Blackie" Doyle and John Langdon at Barrs Tourist Camp, located near the amusement park at Joplin. It is believed further effort should be made to develop a contact in the vicinity of this tourist camp and to develop further information concerning the person or persons operating this camp.

Because of the frequent references to Joplin, Missouri, as outlined above, it is requested that a thorough investigation be made at Joplin and vicinity in an effort to locate Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, or their known contacts.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Bureau
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TELETYPE

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS CHICAGO AND SURVEILLANCE BEING CONTINUED. NO DEVELOPMENTS AS YET AT CLEVELAND. WILL FORWARD DETAILS IN LETTER COVERING REVIEW PAST ACTIVITY AND CONTEMPLATED WORK OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Oklahoma City
11-20-55

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CHICAGO

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 11-20-55 5 PM JCR

SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID INFORMATION OBTAINED HERE TO EFFECT THAT FIVE MEN, FROM TWO TO THREE WEEKS AGO, COMMITTED A SIXTY OR SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR ROBBERY, PROBABLY PAYROLL OR BANK, IN THE VICINITY OF CHICAGO. IT IS SAID ONE MAN HAS BEEN IN HOSPITAL FOR TWO WEEKS ON ACCOUNT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED IN ROBBERY AND ONE IS SAID TO BE IN TULSA WITH SOME OF THE LOOT. ANOTHER IS SUPPOSED TO COME TO TULSA SATURDAY NIGHT. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER ANY SUCH ROBBERY COMMITTED YOUR VICINITY RECENTLY AND IF SO DETAILS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITY OF ANY OF SUSPECTS.

Ed Burge
Bremer

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: Pittsburgh

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PHONE [redacted] ADDRESSED [redacted] GEORGE CAMPBELL, [redacted] POSTMARK WEST MIDDLESEX PENNSYLVANIA NOVEMBER 18, [redacted]

[redacted] EFFORT IDENTIFY PARTY CORRESPONDING WITH CAMPBELL [redacted] SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS HARRY CAMPBELL AND OTHER SUBJECTS [redacted] FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES THERE. EXPEDITE.

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SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID YOUR TELETYPE NOVEMBER 20. THROUGH CAPTAIN GILBERT AND HIS INFORMANT ENDEAVOR TO SECURE IMMEDIATELY AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING JIMMIE DICKER, HIS DES MOINES ADDRESS, HANGOUTS, BUSINESS, CONTACTS, ETC, HELPFUL IN LOCATING HIM AS HIS LOCATION IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO ARRANGE COVER EXPEDITE

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SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREAKING YOUR TELETYPE NOVEMBER 20. UNABLE THUS FAR LOCATE JIMMIE* DICKER AT DESMOINES ATOP ONLY PERSON AT DESMOINES WITH NAME AT ALL FAMILIAR IS JIMMIE* DICKERSON A BOOTLEGGER PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS COOK AT VALLEY DRIVE TAVERN WHO IS DESCRIBED AS AGE 49 HEIGHT 5-7 WEIGHT 140 HAIR BROWN AND GREYING EYES BLUE FACE SLENDER KNOWN TO HAVE WORN SHELL RIMMED GLASSES. SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION TO CAPTAIN GILBERT FOR SUBMISSION TO HIS INFORMANT TO DETERMINE IF HE CAN BE SUBJECTS CONTACT

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DIRECTOR

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November 22, 1935.

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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	

Time - 6:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

At the instance of Mr. Connelley, who was at the Oklahoma City Office, Special Agent R. D. Brown telephoned me from Chicago to report some information which they have received in connection with the above entitled case.

Mr. Brown referred to Oklahoma City Office letter to the Cleveland Office dated November 18, 1935, which states that Milton Letts, Route #2, Wynne, Oklahoma, apparently has been a contact for Harry Campbell for some time. The mail of his mother, Maggie Letts, was covered by the Oklahoma City Office, and it was found that there had been received by her four registered letters sent from Cleveland and one from Brunswick, Ohio. [redacted] numbers and dates of these letters were obtained by the Okla[redacted] and it was found that they were mailed in [redacted], July, August and October of this year, one each month. The one mailed in October was mailed from Brunswick. It will be noted that none of these letters was mailed during the month of September. In this connection, Mr. Brown said that a check of the file in this case indicates that Campbell was probably in that vicinity in person during this period.

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Mr. Brown said that he just received a telephone call from the Cleveland Office, advising that the clerk at the registered mail window of the Brunswick Post Office had rather positively identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as being the person who sent a registered letter on October 7, 1935. This letter was mailed under the name of G. R. Benton, but another one carried the name of George Benton. The last three of these letters were mailed by a person giving the name of Mary Forp. In connection with the name of G. R. or George Benton, Mr. Brown reminded me of the fact that ever since we have been looking for Harry Campbell, he has from time to time used the alias of George, and the identification of him by the clerk at the Post Office appears to be rather definite, indicating that possibly Campbell is in Cleveland at this time.

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An investigation and check has failed to reveal that a registered letter has been [redacted] yet this month, and in discussing this situation with Mr. Connelley, Mr. Connelley told Mr. Brown that he was of the opinion an immediate cover should be placed on the registery window of the main Post Office in Cleveland. All of the letters with the exception of the one mailed from Brunswick appear to have been mailed from the registry window of the main Post Office in Cleveland. Mr. Connelley suggested that Agents McKee, Sullivan and himself, Brown, proceed by airplane at once to Cleveland and institute the cover on this window the first thing in the morning. Mr. Brown said that they can leave Chicago at 10:00 P.M., tonight and arrive in Cleveland at 1:00 A.M., in the morning. I told Brown this is all right with the Bureau.

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Mr. Brown said that Special Agent C. E. Smith of the Cleveland Office has been working on this case, and he believed the four of them will be able to cover the matter completely, to which I concurred. Mr. Connelley is expected back in Chicago tomorrow evening some time.

I told Mr. Brown to get right on over there with the others and give this lead vigorous and careful attention. I told him to be careful in the event they have to take Harry Campbell in the lobby of the Post Office there so that innocent bystanders will not be shot, in the event there is some shooting.

He assured me that this matter would receive the proper attention, and Mr. Connelley and the Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

E. A. TAMM CLR.

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PERSONAL AND
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November 19, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the possibility that Marie Marian Comforti, due to her association with Homer Van Meter around St.Paul up until the time he was killed by the St.Paul police might give us some information indicating the association of Tom Brown, former Chief of Detectives, and William Crumbley, with the members of this gang or with Harry Sawyer, this girl was interviewed at 330 Old Post Office Building, Chicago, in the office of the U.S.Probation Officer, inasmuch as when she returned to Chicago she indicated to the Probation officer that she desired that she not be interviewed in any way in the future by any Government Agents, due to the fact that they had presumably continuously interviewed her prior to her incarceration.

At this time this girl indicated an entirely friendly attitude and she is aware of the fact that she is to appear as a witness on or about December 5, 1935 in the trial of the Finertys, as to the harboring of Homer Van Meter, and she indicated that she would tell the truth at this time. She indicated that she was not acquainted with Harry Sawyer but that she knew of him and knew that he had a place on Wabasha Street. She advised that Homer Van Meter never told her much of what his contacts were, and the situation particularly was gone into as to who had approached Van Meter on the day he was killed at St.Paul. She advised that she had been with him up until a short time before 4 P.M. on this date when he left indicating he had an appointment with some party at 4 P.M. and refused to allow her to accompany him. She still insists that there was about three thousand dollars in his money belt and several thousand dollars in the brief case which he carried, the brief case and money having disappeared at the time of his apprehension, and the money belt apparently being reported as containing much less than three thousand dollars.

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The situation as to any knowledge she may have of the contacts these parties had through the Police to protect them was gone into very thoroughly with her. However she insisted she had no idea of any such association, and could furnish no information which would be of value to us in the inquiry indicated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St.Paul
Cincinnati
Detroit
Cleveland

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806 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

EJW:mla
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November 23, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BPELIB

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the information contained in your letter of November 21, 1935, a stop notice placed by this office with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Chevrolet sedan, motor number 4543656, serial number [illegible]07-49857, has been withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

H. H. BEINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
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Dear Mr Hoover:-

Please pardon me for takeing the liberty of writeing you this personal letter,but as I do not know the Agent in Charge in person in Jaxonville,Fla.I am forwarding this information which might be of valve to you direct.

Some years ogo,when I was driveing raceing cards and flyingm I me one Gilbert-Allgaier known as Gilly who hails from Evansville Ind,later whe working on the Bill McCoy et all smugling cases in Florida I met this same man in Nassua,and as I was under cover at that time won his confidence, and become quite friendly,a short time ago,I came thru Daytona Beach Fla. where he is now running a bar known as-Gills Bar 27 South Atlanic Ave,and while there found out that one Osborn and his girl who was connected with the Bremmer case had been arrested a short distance from that city and removed to St.Paul for trial,this Gill and these partys were the closest of friends in fact I understand that Gilly was there just a short time before the arrest,also that this fugitive and his girl hung around Gills place ever since they have been in Florida,also that a nephew ofthis fugitive is now tending bar for Gill,and liveing at the chicken ranch where his uncle was caught also that this woman caught with this man is not his wife,also that this fugitive is writeing Gill quite often,and furnishing him with the ifformation that he will be convicted in the Federal court there.but that t girl will be turned free and returned to Florida to stand trial for harbor a fugitive in the Federal court,where they beleve they can beat the case,als some friend of Gills in St,Paul is sending him the daily papers of the trai there,or the hearings.also that Mike-Duffy brother of Bill-Duffy,of New Yor Public Enemy of that city is now manager of the Lido club at Dayt which is a hang[illegible] hot shots in that sect [illegible] interested

fugitive from St.Paul.also at the time I was there I met at Gills Bar one
Mr and Mrs Carr from Jamica Plain Mass,who is poseing as a retired G.Man 97389
and spending their time and money at Gills bar,Gill is under the impression
that this Carr is under cover and is careful of him,may I ad that this Gill
has served time in some Indiana prison and claims a close friendship with
Dillenger and also Karpis,I tried to rope him very easly as to where Kappis
was ad he said well he might be around here and he might be in Nassau where
a lot of hot shots hang out,he also told me that he would not be surprised
if Karpis was not in some mail job lately as that was his racket,No doubt
the bureau has all the above irformation but thought it best to send it along
Thnu Bill McCoy I have met quite a few of former bootleggers and racketters
in Florida,and find that most of them will not interest themself in this
snatch racket as thar have the fear of god in them of the Bureau,I have been
comeing to Florida now for two winters and am known here as a retired Gov.
agent and now connected with flying in the west, and I wish that you would
keep this information co-fidential as to the scource,as I am in and out
of Daytona and Miami quite often and would cause me embarrasement,how ever
at any time or any place I can be of any service to the Bureau please call
on me,as I have not forgotten the friendship that was shown me ny yourself
and others when I was in distress hurt, in case I can give a agent any more
definate information in the above,or a contact in any part of the state,where
I am known,please have them write me here at Sebring and it will be forwarded
to me if I am out of town,and I will meet him anywhere,with best wishes and
good luck, I am Sincerely

J. R. Clean
Sebring.
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GILL'S BAR
27 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVE.

GILBERT ALLGAIER
MANAGER

DAYTONA BEACH
FLORIDA

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J. R. Cleary
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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:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. R. Cleary, Sebring, Florida, dated November 21, 1935. In this letter Mr. Cleary informs that he is acquainted with the man who operates Gill's Bar at Daytona Beach, Florida, and expresses the belief that this individual may have some knowledge with regard to Karpis.

It is requested that Mr. Cleary be interviewed along the lines suggested in his letter, copies of which are inclosed. A copy of his letter is also being forwarded to each of the offices listed below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: OMAHA

Chicago, Illinois
November 21, 1935

PHONE BREKID CAPTAIN GILBERT COOK COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR ADVISES IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH HIS INFORMANT RELATIVE TO JIMMIE DICKER UNTIL TOMORROW AND HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS AT PRESENT

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC LOS ANGELES CALIF

PHONE. BRIEFLY REFERENCE TO YOUR TELETYPE DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1935 REGARDING JOSEPH KELLY WITH ALIASES BEING HELD BY PASADENA POLICE FOR ISSUING BAD CHECKS. CHICAGO POLICE DETECTIVES DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS OF KELLY, RUSSELL GIBSON AND BYRON BOLTON TO EMPLOYEES HAMILTON STATE BANK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS WHO WERE UNABLE TO MAKE IDENTIFICATIONS AS ROBBERS OF BANK ON DECEMBER 8, 1934. LOCATION OF GIBSON-BOLTON APARTMENT AT TIME OF GIBSONS DEATH WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE BLOCK FROM ABOVE BANK. ALL INFORMATION AS TO KELLY IS CONTAINED IN REPORT AGENT R D BROWN, CHICAGO, DATED MARCH 23, 1935, BEGINNING PAGE 119. COPY THIS REPORT IN YOUR POSSESSION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT KELLY ALIAS CONNELLY BE THOROUGHLY INTERROGATED FOR INFORMATION OF VALUE THIS CASE ESPECIALLY AS TO WHEREABOUTS KARPIS AND CAMPBELL OR MEANS OF LOCATING THEM.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 22, 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 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, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan from her mother, and copies of a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz from Dolores DeLaney.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Enc. (2)
cc-St. Paul
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Nov. 20, 1935.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpavicz;

I would have answered your last letter sooner but I haven't been feeling so well. I just couldn't seem to get my mind on anything.

Well, how is that great big son of mine? Gee, that lock of his hair you sent me was sure sweet. It's so soft and fine. I'm sure glad it's light and not black like it was at first. Oh, how I would have loved being at the little tykes christening. I'll bet he looked just awfully sweet in his new outfit. I wonder if you could take a picture of him in it and send it to me. I so want to see how he looks in it. Would you- please?

I haven't heard anything more from the Agency in Flor- ida about buying my car but I am expecting a letter this week or next week at the latest. I am rather hopeful about selling it for a few hundred dollars. I probably won't get what it's worth but if I don't sell I won't get any good out of it and it would cost entirely too much to bring it all the way up to Chicago.

I haven't heard from any of my family yet this month so I haven't written them either. When I do write I am going to bawl them out for not seeing Raymond oftener. They don't seem to care about him very much, I guess.

News is getting scarcer every day and I just can't think of a thing to write except to hope that you are all well and happy. I shall say goodbye now-

love

Dolores.

P.S. Kiss my boy for me and have him kiss you for me.

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Chicago, Ill
Nov 15, 1935

Dear Dolores,

Well here I am at last in Chicago, arrived here a week ago tonight and I have seen your Baby Babe & her friend look me over Sunday Evening, The folks wasn't home but we waited at Mrs Nubold, their daughter, In about forty five minutes Mr & Mrs Kachis came home with the Baby. And they sent for me, When they went in Little Raymond was in his little hay pen on the floor And I picked him up, And he didn't act strange or afraid Looked at me with those big eyes, As must as who are you, Well Dolores he is surely a cute little fellow. I hated to leave, Then Monday morning early, Mr Karpis called me up and said he would be after me, That they wanted me to go to their place for a few days So he came And I went over, But I had to come back the next after noon On account of being sick I dint know what happened but I got so sick the night I got in here, And Ive been sick ever since, Just one of my old spells, but I am feeling some better now, I was sorry I couldn't stay longer with the Baby, but I am going back soon as I am able Mr & Mrs Karpis treated me swell And said I could stay there as long as I wanted to, And are they good to your Baby, they wait on it all the time The Baby is crazy about Mr Karpis, They are both all wrapped up in it, Well the baby and I got pretty well acquainted And I gave him lots of hugs and kisses for you, I asked him what I should say to you when I wrote, He looked at me so funny, And says ba-ba, And Oh, Yes I forget, he played the piano for us Sunday night when we were there And can he make a noise on it, They were telling me all about the visit they had with you a couple weeks ago, I wish I was here, so I could have gone, I cant go for a while Dolores. You know the only one thats working here is Bud And he only makes 16.50 a week, And he has had Babe & Mugs to take care of And then I came, And broke to, Mugs lift yesterday she went up to the north Side again And Babe went some place this evening to see about a job. I hope she gets it And As we need it bad. If I get well again, I am going to do some thing to help along, Where we are, Bud has a sleeping room, And Babe and have a house keeping room but I dont like it. And then when Mugs was here she had another room, So that made it bad for Bud, to much rent, Bud & Mrs Ortleph came over to to Karpis' for me tuesday, So they saw the Baby to. Dolores, I forget Who does the baby look like, his father, I dont think that he looks like you, but his actions

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are like yours ; when he wants some thing, he gets it, Mrs Ortelph & Katherine sends you their love, They are just the same as ever Babe sent your letter to me in St Paul, the day I left there, So I havent gotten it yet, And this letter is late, I wanted to write as soon as I got home Tuesday but I was to sick, But I know you will be glad to know that I have seen the Baby, And I forgot to tell you to that the Baby has the most beautiful bed, high chair and buggy, that I ever seen, And lots of other things, So you dont have to worry about it It gets wonderful care. How have you been Dolores? And how is your hair? Let me know how you feel. And what can you have at Christmas Please let me know. It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is right around the corner, but it is, Babe is going to write you some, So well mail This tomorrow, And you will have it Blue, Monday. I hope you are feeling well Am sending you some of the hugs and kisses from your Baby to my Baby.

Lovingly

Mother,

6045-Kimbock Ave.

Just called up to see how little Raymond is And he is fine.

Mother

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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases FUGITIVE, I.O.#1236, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Nicholas Delmore, upon being exhibited picture of Subject Karpis, informs he never saw that individual and is unable to give any information concerning him. Detective C. A. Koeller, Linden, N.J., informs confidential informant heard woman mention name of "Karpus". Woman's name and address unknown. Criminal records Linden, N.J. P.D., reflect one Stanley Karpus who lives in vicinity of Linden, N.J., and near address mentioned by unknown woman. Informant seeking the name or address of woman in order that she might be interviewed.

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REFERENCES: Bureau letter dated November 6, 1935;
Report of Special Agent W. J. McNulty,
New York City, 8-23-35.

DETAILS: AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

Agent interviewed Nicholas Delmore at the office and in the presence of Frederick M. Pearse, his attorney, at which time pictures of Subject Karpis and of C. J. Fitzgerald

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were exhibited to Delmore with other pictures, and he was unable to identify either the picture of Karpis or of Fitz - gerald. Delmore informed that he was able to give no information other than that previously given (see report of Special Agent N. D.Wills, Trenton, N.J., 11-8-35).

AT LINDEN, NEW JERSEY.

Agent interviewed Frank Hickey, Chief of Police, Linden, New Jersey Police Department, who informed that one of his officers, Mr. C.A. Koeller had recently been informed by one of his confidential informants that this informant, while at a saloon in Linden, overheard a woman make the remark "AIN'T THAT KARPUS MAN NICE?"; this Informant, thinking that the man mentioned might possibly be Subject Karpis who is referred to oftentimes by newspapers as "Public Enemy #1", reported this information overheard by him to Detective Koeller.

Chief Hickey informed that there was a family by the name of Karpus who had resided in that community for more than ten years.

Upon being requested by Agent, Chief Hickey obtained from his files the record of one Stanley Karpus, whose address is given as #15 - 16th Street, Linden, New Jersey; color - white; age - 45; Nationality - Lithuanian. These records reflect the following arrests: b7C

[redacted]

Detective Koeller reiterated the information given, stating that this information was overhead on October 25th, and that a letter was addressed to the Bureau on October 26th, requesting pictures of Subject Karpis; that on November 4th, 1935, he ascertained that the Stanley Karpus referred to lives on Winams Avenue, Linden, but that he had not yet contacted this person. Furthermore, this informant subsequently told him that this Karpus referred to was not Subject Karpis, since Karpus had resided in Linden for a considerable period, and at the present time is living on Winams Avenue, and his occupation is that of a laborer.

Koeller advised that he had planted himself on Winams Avenue on several occasions, that he has not seen anything of a suspicious nature occur in that locality.

From a City Directory of Elizabeth, New Jersey, which includes Linden, it was ascertained that a family by the name of Karpus resided at 21 W. 18th Street, Linden, N.J. The members of this family are: Stanley, Anna and Peter Karpus.

Detective Koeller informed Agent that 18th Street crosses Winams Avenue near the above mentioned address.

Agent in company with Detective Koeller contacted Koeller's confidential informan[redacted](only name known to Agent), who stated that he would endeavor at the next opportunity to obtain the name and/or the address of the woman who had made the remark relative to Karpus. Inasmuch as this woman's name or address are not known, it has been impossible to interview her and to exhibit to her pictures of Subject Karpis and others connected with this case.

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Agent on numerous occasions went to the home of William Weissman, 211 Chancellor Street, Newark, N.J., and on each occasion no one was home. Inquiry of the other family who lives at this address yielded no information as to his whereabouts; also, at 222 Chancellor Street, Newark, N.J., Agent unsuccessfully tried to contact Mrs. Shemker, a relative of Mrs. Weissman, with a view of trying to ascertain the whereabouts of William Weissman or Mrs. Weissman.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

TRENTON OFFICE AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.

Will contact Detective C.A. Koeller, Linden, N.J. Police Department, to ascertain whether his confidential informant has yet learned the name and address of the woman mentioned in the body of this report.

AT NEWARK: Will interview William Weissman relative to any information he might possess regarding Subject Karpis or any of his associates while he (Weissman) was in Reno, Nevada, using the name of William Golder. For more detailed information concerning this interview, see report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, 5-21-35.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

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

November 22, 1935.

Time - 11:07 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Connelley telephoned me from the Oklahoma City Office and said that a discussion of the situation of suitable Agents to work on the plant at Tulsa, Oklahoma, covering the house of Harry Campbell's mother, suggested the names of Special Agents W. L. Buchanan and D. I. McCain. Mr. Connelley said that he knows Buchanan, but does not personally know McCain; that, however, Mr. Brantley knows McCain and believes he will be a suitable man for this assignment. I told Mr. Connelley we would see about these men and about getting them in there to work on this matter.

I inquired of Mr. Connelley is he is satisfied with the setup on the house from which the surveillance on the Campbell house will be conducted. He said that while he has not personally seen the place, he understands that while the Agents cannot see the actual back door, they can see up to within a few feet of the door. Mr. Connelley said that he is going over to Tulsa this afternoon to personally look the situation over and then, of course, he will be in a better position to say what the possibilities are.

Mr. Connelley said that he and Mr. Brantley have discussed this situation, as well as other points in the investigation down there, rather thoroughly, and it has been suggested that possibly they can deal with an informant who has access to the Campbell house there in Tulsa, who can be used in the event something comes up which the Agents don't understand. In this connection, Mr. Connelley said that one Lett of South Coffeyville had been suggested, and it was the opinion of Mr. Connelley that if we can get this person lined up, it will be worth paying him a little from day to day to mingle with the Campbells and the others over there, so that if Harry Campbell comes in there, he will get the information. I told Mr. Connelley it would appear to be desirable to pay this man from day to day at least for a month or so in order that we might see what develops or is likely to develop. With reference to [redacted] Mr. Connelley said that he believed it desirable to let her go to Chicago as an informant after the place is covered so that we might check on her while she is there. I concurred in this, and Mr. Connelley said that Mr. Brantley will institute steps to get her lined up and started out on this matter. Mr. Connelley said that he did not believe she would do anything which will jeopardize the setup; that while the Campbells might not give her very much, if they do, we will be in a position to receive the information and act on the same without any delay.

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Mr. Brantley took the telephone at this point, and in answer to my query, said that they plan to place Special Agent Endres, who is now assigned to the Oklahoma City on this plant at Tulsa, in addition to the two Agents who will be sent in from the outside.

Mr. Brantley further advised that the full name of the "Lett" mentioned above is Milton Lett, and Mr. Brantley said that he believes a payment to him of ten dollars every week or so would keephim satisfied.

With reference to the house which will be used in this surveillance, Mr. Brantley said that while this house is furnished, the bed linens and other linens are not furnished, and they are going to have to buy the same. He said that these won't cost more than $25.00 at the outside, so I told him to purchase these and place the expenditure on a blue slip. b7c b7D

Mr. Brantley then mentioned the proposed trip of [redacted] mention of which has previously been made to the Bureau, and wanted to know if the Bureau would authorize the necessary expenditure for this trip, which will be a hundred or a hundred and twenty-five dollars. I granted this authority.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

I subsequently telephoned the Cincinnati and Kansas City Offices and instructed that Special Agents Buchanan and McCain respectively be sent to Oklahoma City for assignment.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 23, 1935.

Time - 10:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREMER CASE -
LUER KIDNAPING CASE.

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Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith telephoned Mr. Richmond from the Kansas City Office referring to the information which had been developed in that district indicating a possible connection between Karpis and Campbell and Clarence Sparger and Martin Langdon, mentioned in the Luer Kidnaping Case. He referred to the reports of Special Agent V. I. Perry, submitted in the Luer case dated November 6, 7 and 20, 1935, and to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear submitted in the Bremer Case dated November 16, 1935. In the report of Agent Spear, it is stated that information was received from an informant to the effect that Karpis and Campbell were in Kansas City and were getting together with Clarence Sparger and Martin Langdon with a view to robbing a bank in the vicinity of Kansas City. [redacted]

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In order to check the reliability of the informant, the Kansas City Office asked the Omaha Office to check the matter of the automobile theft, and information has now been received to the effect that there was [illegible] stolen. Ford V-8 Sedan stolen in Falls City after 5:00 p.m., last Saturday. This car was stolen from a parking lot next to a motor sales company, which is the same manner in which the subjects obtained the car in which Vivian Chase was found dead several weeks ago.

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On the information furnished by this informant, the Agents of the Kansas City Office have located a bank which she described at Clinton, Missouri, which is the Union State Bank. This bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The bank is expecting to get some corn-hog checks in there within the next few days, but they are not going to get any additional money to take care of them for the reason that they always carry from twenty to thirty thousand dollars at all times. It appears, therefore, that the information furnished by this information is pretty straight. [redacted]

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The information now at hand indicates that the persons intending to rob the bank in question plan to go into the bank during the night and wait until the cashier comes in in the morning, when they will force him to open the vaults. This, according to Mr. Smith is the same modus operandi which was used by the old O'Malley gang in the various robberies in which they were involved.

Mr. Smith said that while he is aware of the Bureau's policy with reference to furnishing protection to banks which we have received information are going to be robbed, he wanted to ask the Bureau's opinion relative to covering the matter for a few days to see if the parties in question come in there. He said that the president of the bank has been informed of this information, and he absolutely refuses to tell any of the local officers for the reason that he says they cannot be trusted. He is working on a plan at this time whereby he is to telephone his wife back immediately upon his arrival at the bank. If he does not telephone her, she will know there is something wrong at the bank and will get in touch with the Kansas City Office, However, Clinton is about 80 miles from Kansas City, about a two-hour drive, and in order to take any immediate and effective action, it will be necessary to have Agents in the immediate vicinity of Clinton.

Mr. Smith said that fuller information relative to this situation is contained in the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, mentioned above. He said that they have been thinking about the matter and discussing the same, and have arrived at the conclusion that possibly this coming Monday would be the most likely time for this robbery. He said that he wanted to furnish this information to the Bureau at this time so that the Bureau might look at the reports which he referred to and come to some decision as to what action they should take under the circumstances. He said that they have plenty of Agents in that office to cover the situation if the Bureau authorizes their covering the same.

Mr. Richmond told Mr. Smith that this matter would be discussed with the appropriate officials here at the Bureau, and the Kansas City Office would be advised in the premises during the course of the day.

Time - 12:30 P.M.

Mr. Richmond telephoned Mr. Smith back about the above matter and advised him that when he discussed this matter with Mr. Nathan, Mr. Nathan was of the opinion that the Agents of the Kansas City Office should cover this situation for two or three days, but no longer; that the plant should not be maintained in the bank itself, but in a place in close proximity to the bank. In this connection, Mr. Smith had previously mentioned to Mr. Richmond that there is a hotel directly across the street from the bank from which the necessary plant could be maintained.

Mr. Smith said that they would get set up over at Clinton during the weekend, so that the plant might be in full force on the morning of Monday. He said that he would take sufficient Agents and equipment to completely cover this matter, stating that he believed four Agents would be sufficient. Mr. Richmond was of the opinion that more than four Agents should be taken, but deferred to the judgment of Mr. Smith, who said that if it appears after they get set up that more men are needed, they will be sent over.

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Mr. Smith said that subsequent to his first conversation with Mr. Richmond, he had received some additional information relative to the activities of Sparger and Langdon, mentioned above. The informant said that [redacted] found the apartment house in question, the same being located at 3324 Woodland Avenue. This morning, the Agents of the Kansas City Office interviewed the manager of the apartment house at this address, who identified the photograph of E. L. Pendleton as living in this apartment house at the present time. Pendleton is mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated March 25, 1935 in the Bremer Case. This manager also picked out from a group of pictures a photograph of Harry Campbell stating that this man came there one night some time ago looking for Bill Newman. Bill Newman, it has been ascertained, has in the past been associating with Blacki Doyle, Sparger, Langdon and others. Newman has recently been sentenced to serve ten years in the State Penitentiary on a robbery charge.

With reference to this apartment house matter, Mr. Smith said they are considering this matter at this time, with the thought in mind of getting an apartment in the house directly below that of Pendleton, and possibly putting a dictograph in the apartment house. These plans are only tentative, however, and the Bureau will be duly consulted when the plans formulate.

Concerning the bank matter, Mr. Smith said that the Bureau would be kept advised of developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.
November 19, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called the New York Office on long distance telephone and talked to Mr. Richmond relative to forwarding to the Bureau a Browning Rifle which the Bureau had obtained from Russell Gibson. This particular gun was the one on which the Laboratory had been unable to restore the obliterated numbers and since Mr. Quinn Tamm was expecting to leave for Chicago at the end of this week for the purpose of seeing a demonstration of a special technique in restoring these numbers, it was thought that this would afford an excellent test as to the effectiveness of this method of restoring numbers.

Respectfully,

John J. Edwards

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November 26, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

There have been no developments in this case for the week ending November 23, 1935.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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Washington, D. C.

November 21, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: BREKID.

Mr. Brantley called from Oklahoma City and stated that he and Mr. Connelley had returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma at 6:30 A.M. He stated that a raid was made on a farmhouse in the vicinity of Tulsa pursuant to his telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm yesterday.

Mr. Brantley said that a large, illicit liquor depot was found; that about $5,000. worth of liquor was uncovered; that about eight people were arrested; and that eighteen weapons, including shotguns, revolvers and rifles, were found. Mr. Brantley further said that none of the persons arrested are subjects of this case and that there was no evidence to indicate that any of the subjects of this case have been frequenting this place.

The raid, he concluded, was made with members of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Identification and Investigation, no one was hurt and no shots were fired.

Respectfully,

E. A. Snyder

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1021 Bankers Building
Milwaukee Wisconsin

November 25, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 6, 1935,(91-182), wherein it is requested that the Bureau be advised as to the names of the individuals whose photographs appear in the bank robbery album of the Milwaukee Bureau office.

I am forwarding herewith a list of the individuals, the photographs of whom appear in the Milwaukee Office bank robbery album. The "F" number for each individual is provided wherever same is available. Where not available, the police department or sheriff's office number or identification order number is given in order that the Bureau may be able to identify each individual listed.

Charles Fitzgerald, whose name appears on the list, is a member of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

V. H. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
November 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

In reference to a request circulated by the Jacksonville Office last June notifying all banks to be on the lookout for certain $1,000.00 Federal Reserve notes which are believed to have been obtained by subjects of this case in Havana, Cuba, in exchange for genuine money, please be advised that the First National Bank of Miami, Florida, has notified the Jacksonville Office of the discovery in the bank of a $1,000.00 note on the Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, bearing Serial [redacted].

Arrangements are being perfected to have this bill held by the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta at Jacksonville, Florida, pending further instructions from the Jacksonville Office.

The First National Bank of Miami informed that it was not as yet able to tell the source from which it had obtained this bill. Any subsequent and helpful information that they may supply will be promptly acted upon or supplied interested offices.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Fitzsimons, Miami.

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Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

BRD:SLH

November 28, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 511,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: [redacted]

As a result of the cover placed on the mail of Ada and Ruth Potts and Mrs. E. A. Mead at Sarasota, Florida, the four enclosed tracings were received.

(1) Letter addressed to Mrs. Lillian Mead, [redacted] So. Bonley Ave., Chicago, Ill.; forwarded to Sarasota, [redacted]; postmarked [redacted], Nov. 18, 1935; from A. Flick, Route 3, Paw Paw, Mich.

(2) Letter addressed to Miss Ada Potts, 143 E. 5th Street, Sarasota, Florida; postmarked Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19, 1935; from Oak Manor Improvement Ass'n., 6822 Evans Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

(3) Letter addressed to Mrs. E. A. Mead, Louise Apts. No. 2, Sarasota, Florida; postmarked Detroit, Mich., Nov. 18, 1935; from A. G. Turner, 9808 Yellowstone Ave., Detroit, Mich.

(4) Letter (Special Delivery - Air Mail) addressed to Mrs. E. Allen Mead, Sarasota, Florida, Louise Apt., Laurel St.; postmarked Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23, 1935; from Mead & Wheeler Company, Chicago, 3022 South Wabash Avenue.

Very truly yours,

E. J. [redacted],
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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November 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BRENID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with telephone request of Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Cleveland Office, this date, to ascertain whether parties named C. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth are registrants of motor vehicles in the State of Ohio, the following information is submitted which was obtained by telephone from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio:

George R. Benton, Jr., 11311 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio has registered a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe Motor #4,532,282, Ohio License EB-336.

George Benton, Route 4, Quaker City, Ohio, has registered a 1928 Ford Coach, Motor #A-484,827, Ohio License T-958-R.

George Benton, East Palestine, Ohio has registered a 1926 Overland Coupe, Motor #68744, Ohio License C-411-N.

George Benton, Route 1, Calena, Ohio has registered a 1928 Essex Sedan Motor #879,345, Ohio License F-9518.

Mary Forth does not appear as a registrant of a motor vehicle.

The above information was furnished Agent Brown by telephone on this date.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
Chicago
St. Paul

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
NOVEMBER 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BRAKD

Reference is made to your letter dated November 15, 1935, with which you forwarded the money and other property which was found in the possession of Velney Davis at the time of his apprehension.

Please be advised that this property was turned over to Mrs. Rodney Davis by Special Agents A. J. Horstrom and A. E. Farland on November 21, 1935, in accordance with instructions previously given this office by Velney Davis. Receipts in quintuplicate were received for this property, and one copy of this receipt is being forwarded herewith to the Chicago Office and another copy is being forwarded with a copy of this letter to the Bureau. The original and other two copies of this receipt will be retained in the Kansas City Bureau file in this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Neosho, Missouri

Nov. 21-35

This is to certify that I have today received from Special Agent A. E. Farland, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the following described property which was in the possession of my son, Volney Davis, at the time of his arrest:

Cash, in the sum of $18.10.
2 pocket combs
1 pocket knife
1 brown shoe lace.
1 Remington Pen & Pencil Set (Green)
2 Gillette Blades
2 Black shoe laces

The above mentioned cash is more particularly described as follows:

$100.00	Federal Reserve Note	A-00[illegible]-A
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100.00	" " "	[illegible]
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5.00	U. S. Note	[illegible]
5.00	U. S. Note	[illegible]
5.00	National Currency, Union Nat'l. Bank of Bartlesville, Oklahoma	[illegible]
5.00	Federal Reserve Note	[illegible]
5.00	U. S. Note	[illegible]
5.00	U. S. Note	[illegible]
5.00	National Currency, Stillwater Nat'l. Bank, Stillwater, Oklahoma	A-003587
5.00	Federal Reserve Note	J-06608[illegible]5-A
5.00	U. S. Note	[illegible]
5.00	U. S. Note	[illegible]
10.00	Federal Reserve Note	[illegible]
10.00	" " " (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)	[illegible]
20.00	1st Nat'l. Bank of Chandler, Okla.	[illegible]
Twelve one dollar Bills		
Two fifty cent pieces		
Two dimes		
Four Nickels		
One Chinese coin.		

Mrs Rodney Davis
7-576-9168

WITNESSES:
a J. Hargrave Special Agt. Fed. Bur of Inv
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A. E. Farland, Special Agent F. B. Inves
U.S. Dept. Justice Kansas City Mo.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio. FILE NO. [redacted]

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Jacksonville, Fla.	11-23-35	11-20-21-35	E. J. Connelley

TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. [redacted]; BARKER-CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. [redacted]; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. [redacted]; WILLIAM J. HARRIDON, with aliases, I. O. [redacted]; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BENNETT - VICTIM

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Cover on mail of Ruth Potts, Ada Potts and Mrs. E. A. Mead, all of Sarasota, Florida, expired 11-16-35 and renewed for additional 30 day period. Arrangements made for the Jacksonville Office to be immediately notified if subjects contact above persons directly or indirectly via mail, telephone or telegraph. Photographs of subjects to be supplied informants to aid herein.

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REFERENCE: Bureau Letter dated November 16, 1935.

DETAILS:

The mail cover placed upon all mail addressed to either Ruth Potts or Ada Potts or anyone else at 148 Fifth Street, Sarasota, Florida and Mrs. E. A. Mead, Louise Apartments, Sarasota, Florida, expired on November 16, 1935, but was continued for an additional thirty day period. The findings received therefrom to be forwarded immediately to the Jacksonville Office. A. J. Knight, Post Office Clerk, Sarasota, Florida, who has personally handled this matter in the past will continue to do so and further, he will continue to observe the Potts residence daily and should he observe anything there which is unusual, or note any strange automobiles or persons, he will advise the Jacksonville Office at once. Also, should any mail of a suspicious character be received by the Potts women or should any of it bear a return address or name similar to that used by subjects in the past, he will notify the Jacksonville Office at once, either by

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telephone or telegraph. Mr. Knight is keeping in close touch with Carrier W. O. Williams, who serves the Potts woman and should any information of apparent value be developed the same will be immediately transmitted to the Jacksonville Office. Mr. Knight will not discontinue this mail cover until so instructed by the Jacksonville Office.

Agent also contacted Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and their daughter, Elizabeth, a grown girl, [redacted] who reside next door to the Potts woman and who are known to be good honest law-abiding and reliable people, arrangements being made with them to continue observing the Potts' residence, the persons and cars appearing there and to secure descriptions and license numbers of any strange automobiles, or out of state cars, and as good descriptions as possible of any strangers appearing at said residence. It is recalled that the Potts women do not have a telephone and use the Bright Telephone at all times, apparently having explicit faith in the Bright family. In the event any long distance or toll telephone calls are made or received by the Potts women, the Jacksonville Office will be immediately notified thereof in order that same may be immediately checked. The Bright family also agreed to advise the Jacksonville Office in the event any Postaler Western Union messengers delivered messages to the Potts residence.

It is also recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Gus K. Stevens, who own the Louise Apartments, Sarasota, Florida, reside therein and just across the hall from Mrs. E. A. Mead, a close friend of the Potts women. Further, that Mrs. Mead does not have a telephone and uses the Stevens telephone for all purposes and at all times, apparently having explicit faith in the Stevens. The same arrangements were made with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens as were made with Mr. and Mrs. Bright, above noted and the Jacksonville Office will be immediately notified should Mrs. Mead contact the subjects of this case directly or indirectly or in the event she has any strange visitors resembling Karpis or Campbell, etc.

The persons noted above have studied the photographs and descriptions of Fugitives Karpis and Campbell, as well as the aliases used by them, however, they are being supplied with a copy of identification orders #1218 and #1236 to aid them in properly handling this matter.

The telegraphic, telephone and mail addresses of the Jacksonville Office and also Agent's address and telephone number in Tampa, Florida, were supplied the above noted persons and they were instructed to send all messages, etc. collect.

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Further arrangements were made by Agent for the purpose of having the Jacksonville Office immediately notified should either Ruth Potts, Ada Potts or Mrs. E. A. Mead receive any messages via Postal Telegraph, however, inasmuch as the informant requested that his name or identity be not mentioned, it is not being set out herein, but is being supplied the Bureau under separate cover.

The Stevens and Bright family were instructed that should anyone resembling Murphis or Campbell appear at the Mead or Potts residence, they should immediately advise the Jacksonville Office via telephone and also if any long distance telephone calls were received or made by said persons from or to subjects, the Jacksonville Office should be immediately advised by wire or telephone. Also should any telegrams be received, the Jacksonville Office should be notified at once via the opposite telegraph company delivering the message. In order that the names of Murphis or Campbell might not be mentioned, the Jacksonville File number 9-24 was supplied these persons and they will include same in any communications forwarded by them to the Jacksonville Office and advise that certain information has been ascertained and nothing more which will permit the Jacksonville Office to communicate with them and ascertain the details of the information.

According to both Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Mead is associating with various persons connected with Ringling's Circus, which is now wintering at Sarasota, Florida, and she is not believed to be a woman of good morals, however, they are permitting her to remain in said apartment in order to render as much assistance as possible in this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Sarasota, Florida, will keep in touch with the persons noted in this report for any information of value which might be developed in this case.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 25, 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: BRKKID

Replying to Bureau letter of the 21st instant, Bureau File No. 7-576, relating to the identity of the person variously referred to in the file as Bill Crumbley, James Crumbley, etc., James P. Crumley was Inspector of Detectives of the St.Paul Police Department at the time Thomas A. Brown was Chief of Police. When Brown left that office Crumley became Assistant Inspector.

More recently Crumley was suspended by Commissioner of Public Safety Ned E. Warren as a result of an investigation of the Police Department made by Warren in cooperation with the St.Paul Daily News, which suspension was confirmed by the Civil Service Board and Crumley was retired on pension.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
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H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Mr.E.J.Connelley,Chicago
cc Cincinnati

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #2344
Boston, Mass.

November 25, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 19, 1935 requesting that the photographs transmitted therewith be shown to Mr. Capobianco to determine whether or not Cassius McDonald is in fact identical with John Patterson.

This is to advise you that Mr. Capobianco and his attorney Philip Adam came to this office on November 23rd and viewed the photographs of Cassius McDonald. Mr. Capobianco states that he is not able to positively identify these photographs as the John Patterson although there are many points of similarity. He does not feel at this time able to afford the trip to St. Paul, Minnesota to view McDonald but in the event he is ableto make the trip he will notify this office immediately.

I have advised him that he will receive full cooperation of the Bureau in the event the trip is made.

It may be noted here that the Charles Phillips alias Al Caplan who has been identified in the Capobianco swindle is the same Charles Phillips of the case originating at Boston under the caption CHARLES PHILLIPS, alias G. A. GARSON; ALBERT BLATT, alias MACK BLATT, alias ALBERT LEONARD; ANDREW G. OLSON, Victim; NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT (Boston File No. 87-12).

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You will be advised immediately should Mr. Capobianco decide to make the trip to St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN
Special Agent in Charge.

c. c. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
c. c. Cincinnati
c. c. St. Paul

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
November 26, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 5, 1935 (62-30339) instructing the Jacksonville Office to take steps to dispose of several automobiles seized in connection with the activities involving Alias [redacted], Florida.

Please be advised that on November 25, 1935, [redacted], alias Henry (Duke) Randall, called at the Jacksonville Office and 1934 Ford V-8 coupe, engine number 18-1057620, with 1935 Florida license tag number 38-856, was surrendered to him and a receipt therefor taken from him. A copy of such receipt is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 25, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 19, 1935, file number 7-576, in which it is indicated that report of Agent J. L. Madala dated November 14, 1935 failed to disclose the requested interview with Marie Marian Comforti and Bessie Green, the interview with Marie Comforti was not set out for reason that she had not been interviewed at that time. When she was available however, she was interviewed by me as is covered in my letter to the Bureau under date of November 19, 1935.

As to the requested interview with Bessie Green, it is noted that the letter in question of October 31, 1935 is directed to the St. Paul office requesting such interview, and she being located in the territory of the St.Paul office it was presumed that they would interview her, and that such instructions were intended for that office.

The St.Paul office, to whom copy of this letter is being sent, if it has not already done so, should make immediate arrangements to interview Bessie Green whom it is my understanding returned to St. Paul after her release from Alderson, West Virginia and I believe the office is in possession of her present address.

Also in connection with Bureau letter of November 19, 1935, the St.Paul office is requested to examine its file, and if there is any memorandum set out therein copies of which have not been furnished to the Chicago office, these should be furnished to us in order that we may include any such information in the summary of the supposed disclosures of Bessie Green, with particular reference to anything she

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may have indicated as to the activities of Tom Brown of St.Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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EJC:JMS

CC St.Paul
CC Cincinnati

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 25, 1935

7-30

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

Dear Sir: BRKKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 20, 1935, Bureau File No. 7-576.

The Tommy Gannon referred to in the above and letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau of November 14, 1935, is the same as Thomas E. Gannon, who served a six months sentence in the Ramsey County Jail at St.Paul upon entering a plea of guilty to the charge of harboring Homer Van Meter, details of which are covered in the file in the Dillinger case, see report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St.Paul, Minnesota, September 22, 1934.

Gannon has been in custody of this Bureau on two occasions, during which time he persistently denied knowledge of the connections of anyone with the commission of a crime. He was last arrested by Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office, who talked with him on numerous occasions while Gannon was serving the six months sentence referred to above, but Gannon refused to furnish any information about Sawyer, or in fact anyone else.

Since his release he has been sought in connection with the killing of Jack Kooser of Mankato, Minnesota, a former associate of Tommy Carroll, and is at present a fugitive on a State charge.

In the event of his apprehension he will again be interviewed pursuant to Bureau instructions.

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Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Mr.E.J.Connelley,Chicago

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 27, 1935.

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

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
FUGITIVE; I.O. 1218 et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of November 19, 1935, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan is now engaged at Cleveland, Ohio in connection with the surveillance being maintained there for the possible appearance of subject Campbell at the registry window, and it is planned that during about the first week of December we will have him proceed to Nebraska for an interview with JESS DOYLE, in order to obtain any information not previously secured from him.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE
I.O. 1218 et al - Edward George
Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING, etc.

With reference to your letter of November 25, 1935 as to the money and property of VOLNEY DAVIS, which in accordance with instructions was turned over to Mrs. Rodney Davis, his mother, it is believed that one copy of the receipt should be forwarded to the San Francisco office, in order that same may be suitably exhibited to Volney Davis when and if we next interview him in connection with various matters concerning this case, in order that he may be assured that this has been delivered to his family in accordance with his wishes.

It is believed that this may promote his further disclosures to us if he is possessed of any further information.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, California

November 23, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; Et Al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING, HARBORING Etc.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, dated November 21, 1935, in connection with this case, and particularly to page 14 thereof wherein it is noted that Mrs. C. A. Baxter furnished a snapshot taken of her sister, Kate Schmitt Meade, William E. Meade, and her daughter Ann, which Mrs. Baxter advised was a fairly good likeness of William E. Meade and her sister, Kate Schmitt Meade.

I am forwarding herewith to the Bureau this snapshot photograph with the request that same be reproduced and copies forwarded to the offices receiving copies of this letter for their information and assistance in connection with this investigation.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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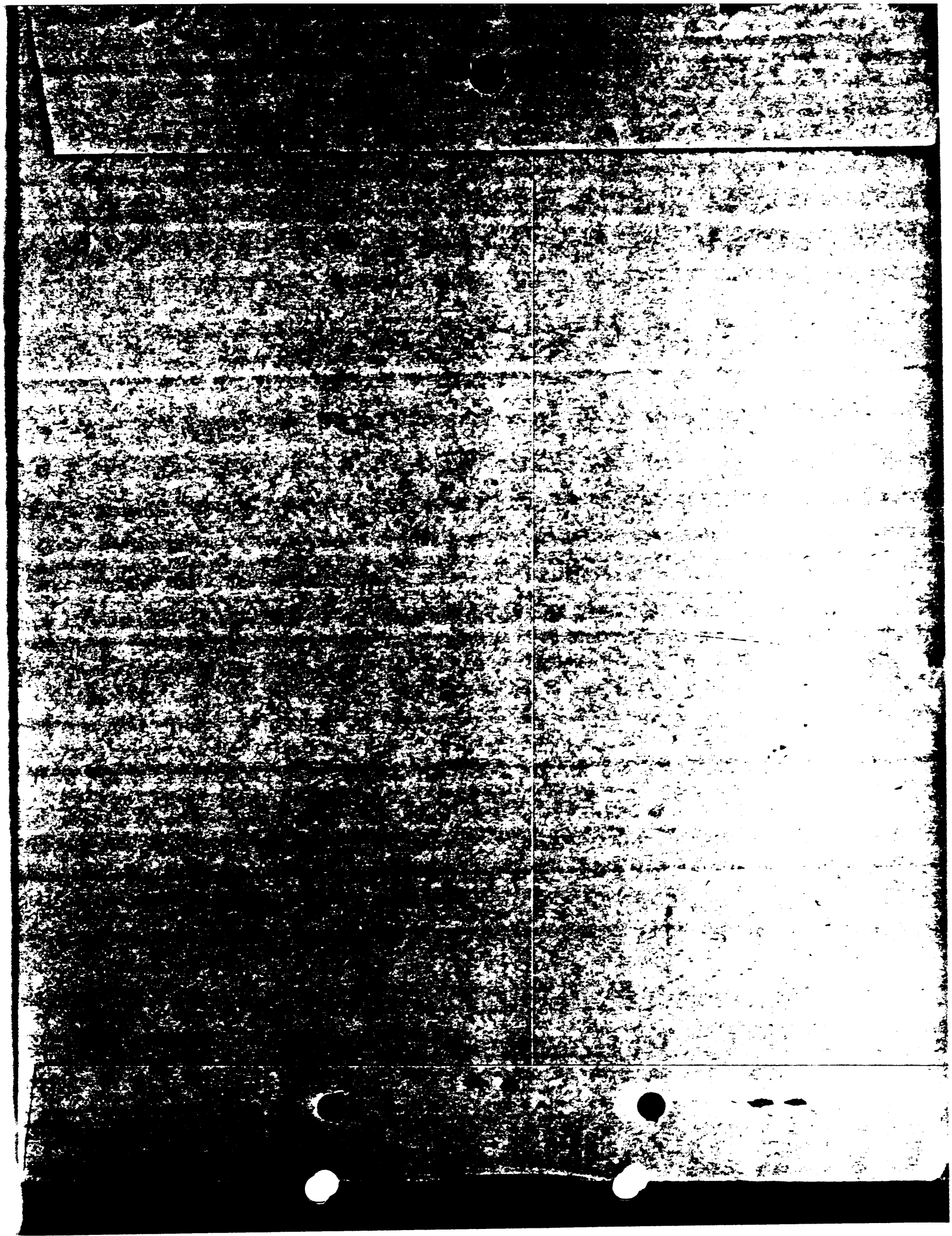

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December 5, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 23, 1935, enlarged copies of the photograph of William E. Meade, his wife, Kate Meade, and her niece, Ann Baxter, have been prepared and two copies are being forwarded to your office and to each of the offices designated below.

It is believed that these photographs may be of assistance in conducting further investigation looking toward the location and apprehension of William Elmer Meade.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-Mr. E.J. Connelley (Chicago) (With 2 copies of photograph)
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Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.C. 1218 et al - Edward George
Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING, etc.

With reference to my teletype of today, it is requested that immediate effort be made to verify definitely whether or not HARRY CAMPBELL has been in communication with the people hereinafter noted, and also as to whether or not he is with them at the present time, and provided no definite information is received, and definite assurance is given that they are not at the present and have not recently been there, arrangements should be made to establish confidential informants both in the vicinity of Pampa and Electra, Texas, who will know definitely if and when Harry Campbell appears at either of these places, and who will be in a position to immediately notify the office of such appearance.

In connection with the holiday season, at this time it is desired that a very careful close check be made of the mail of these various people, and that particular reference should be made to any mail which comes from Cleveland,Ohio de vicinity. Recently it has been indicated that apparently Harry Campbell has been sending mail from the vicinity of Cleveland,Ohio, through an intermediary, Maggie Lett, Route 2, Nann, Oklhoma, which mail apparently in turn has been delivered to the parents of Harry Campbell at Tulsa by the son of this woman, Milton Lett. We have identifications of Campbell as to his possibly being a customer at the registered letter window, both at Drumwick,Ohio and Cleveland,Ohio, where these registered letters above referred to were mailed from.

Particular inquiry and investigation should be made at this time as to Mildred Mickey Rhinecamp Campbell,who when last checked was living with her daughter Dale Ann Campbell, age 8 years, at 121 E. Crawford Street, Pampa,Texas in a house owned by the mother of this woman, namely Mrs. Ralph E. Gibson, 116 E. Crawford Street, Pampa,

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Mildred being the wife of Harry Campbell from whom he has not yet obtained a divorce. Inquiry and investigation at Pampa should be in accordance with instructions previously above set out.

Reference should also be had to Howard L. McNeel, and wife, Myrtle, who together with their family consisting of four children, George W.; Leona; F.B.; and Madina McNeel, on Route 1, Electra, Texas, the McNeel farm being located about 17 miles from Electra on Highway 25, all of which is approximately 25 miles west of Wichita Falls, Texas.

It is recalled that in July, 1934, there was mailed from St.Louis, Missouri a letter postmarked July 9, 1934, to Mrs. M. L. McNeel, in which was apparently contained a letter intended for Mrs. Richard Wilson, Box 41, Arondale, Oklahoma, this woman being the sister of Fymona Burdett, who was then associated and traveling with Harry Campbell and who is now serving five years in the Milan Federal Penitentiary for harboring Harry Campbell. Also with this letter was enclosed a note undoubtedly from Harry Campbell addressed to his mother and father, all of which was apparently delivered or mailed to the mother and father at Tulsa, although it is noted that subsequently when the home of Harry Campbell at 618 South Rockford Street, Tulsa was raided on July 22, 1934, Mr. and Mrs. McNeel together with their family were visiting at the same, and when interviewed, particularly Howard L. McNeel, denied they had been in communication with Harry Campbell, or knew where he could be found. By reason of this having been a previous point through which mail apparently was exchanged with the mother and father of Campbell, careful attention should be given to the mail at this time.

Also in this connection similar inquiry and investigation should be made as to Clarence Jack Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell who is employed by the T. and P. Oil and Gas Company, of the T. and P. Coal and Oil Company, Payden or Ranger, Texas.

Should the developments as a result of your investigation as to any of the above named people indicate the probability that Harry Campbell is contacting with them, they should be placed under suitable surveillance in order to determine definitely that Harry Campbell is not living with them or associated with them in that

vicinity, or making a contact of any kind through these individuals.

This investigation should be given preferred expeditious attention, and suitable personnel assigned to same, in order that it can be effectively carried out.

Very truly yours,

E. J. COMMILEY,

SPECIAL ASSISTANT Special Agent in Charge.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PRONTO. BUREAU HAVE PRIOR FILE REGARD [redacted] AND KITE RECEIVED LATTER SISTER NANCY CAMPBELL LIVING SOUTH SIDE DALLAS, TEXAS. NOV. 1934 NANCY CAMPBELL SENT MAIL TO HE BUREAU EXCLUSIVE LETTER WIFE, SISTER OF KIDNAPER AT ARDMORE OKLAHOMA AND ALSO HIS MOTHER, AVANCE IMMEDIATE CHECK FOR POSSIBLE CONTACT BY NANCY CAMPBELL NOW OR IN THE PAST, ALSO CLOSE SCRUTINY MAIL OVER HOLIDAY PERIOD. ALSO MAKE SIMILAR CHECK RELATIVES NICKEY DEATHERAGE CAMPBELL AND DAUGHTER NELA REE CAMPBELL DALLAS TEXAS WIFE AND CHILD OF NANCY CAMPBELL. IF ANY DEVELOPMENTS INDICATING CONTACT PLACE EITHER OR BOTH UNDER SURVEILLANCE. ALSO ARRANGE AND BROADCAST INFORMATION AND WIRE NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF NANCY CAMPBELL. BE IN ALERT POSITIONABLY FOR MAIL FROM CLEVELAND OHIO.

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R. WHITLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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370 LEXINGTON AVENUE ROOM 2405
NEW YORK, N. Y.

BRUCE THOMAS JOSELL ARRESTED AS HAROLD LEE BRADLEY FOR INVESTIGATION BY SAVANNAH POLICE AND DELIVERED TO SHERIFF DELAND FLORIDA OCTOBER SIXTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE NOT WANTED BY SAVANNAH POLICE.

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Bureau

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 26
1935

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: [illegible], with aliases - Fugitive;
[illegible]; et al.
EDGAR [illegible] - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Director to the St. Paul Office dated October 31, 1935, a copy of which was received by the Detroit Office.

Please be advised that on November 7th a letter dated November 7, 1935, was received from John J. Byrn, Superintendent of the United States Penitentiary Annex, Milan, Michigan, advising that a guard at his institution had overheard a conversation between Ralph Charles Simons and another inmate concerning the Dillinger case. Ralph Charles Simons is the Subject in the Detroit Office file #26-3150, RALPH CHARLES SIMONS, with aliases; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. This letter advised that Simons told another inmate, "Pat Reefe and Shiftey Murray were the men who were in with Dr. —— (committed suicide) of the Dillinger case. They tried to get the doctor out of town before he squealed but failed. Reefe and Murray have the doctor's dog now."

Simons advised that he knows Big Emily and E. J. Murray who operate Murray's Place in Chicago, which is located on Lawrence and Miller Streets. Simons advised that during a conversation with these men they did advise him that they had a dog which belonged to a doctor connected with the Dillinger case who committed suicide by jumping from a window. Simons advised that the other information is false.

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In regard to the above-mentioned information, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent [illegible], dated July 18, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, Detroit file [illegible], JOHN PAUL CHASE, with aliases; [illegible], et al (Deceased); NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. In the last paragraph on page [illegible] in this report information is set out concerning a Jimmy Murray and a fat fellow by the name of "Jack" who operated a "swell joint".

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Pat Reilly when interviewed at that time advised that "Jack" the owner a part of this "small joint" night club would probably be the contact man to dispose of bonds on commission. This man is alleged to be in close contact with Harry Sawyer and it is believed that he may be in a position to give valuable information in regard to reference letter.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

WJW:ERA
cc - Bureau
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Detroit File #26-6755

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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November 20, 1935

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY * * *

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

Re: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Connelley:

Special Agent J. A. Dowd, of the Buffalo Bureau office, arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, today for special assignment in the above-entitled case, and a discussion of this case with Special Agent Brown revealed the following information with reference to contacts and relatives of Harry Campbell:

Special Agent Dowd advised he worked on this angle of the case while stationed at the Dallas office nearly two years ago.

It will be noted Harry Campbell has a wife, Mickey Rheinsmidt, who lives with his ten-year-old daughter and mother-in-law, Mina Rheinsmidt, at a tourist camp near Pampa, Texas. Agent Dowd advised that Campbell's wife and her mother are hustling at this tourist camp, as well as operating the same; that Mickey Rheinsmidt, Campbell's legal wife, is posing as a sister of her mother, Mina Rheinsmidt. He stated his investigation showed Campbell is extremely fond of his ten-year-old daughter, who resides with her mother; that the postmaster at Pampa, Texas, whose name is Dave Cecil, has proved to be very reliable, and at that time was watching mail received by the Rheinsmidts; that Postmaster Cecil at one time received a letter directed to the Rheinsmidts in which two other letters were enclosed, namely: one directed to Harry Campbell's mother, in Tulsa; and the other to Harry Campbell's favorite sister, Mrs. Myrtle McNeil, at Electra, Texas; that the letter contained instructions that these enclosed letters be forwarded to Campbell's mother and sister and to Wynona Burdette's mother. He advised he believed this was during the latter part of 1933.

With reference to Mrs. Myrtle McNeil, she is the wife of Howard McNeil, who works in the oil fields near Electra, Texas, which is also near Iowa Falls and Wichita Falls, Tex., according to Agent Dowd. Agent Dowd recalls that Myrtle McNeil is a favorite sister of Harry Campbell and would probably be in communication with him, if anyone is.

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It is suggested the Chicago Bureau office file be reviewed for all possible information concerning the above and that a letter be forwarded to the Dallas Bureau office with instructions that this matter receive careful attention at this time due to the present set-up at Cleveland, Ohio.

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The Cleveland Bureau office file does not furnish complete information as to these parties, and Agent Brown is unable to set forth the dates and further details concerning the reports covering the above information.

Very truly yours,

E. D. BROWN
Special Agent

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cc: Bureau

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.
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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 25, 1935, Bureau File No. 7-576.

Mr. John DeCourcey, Attorney at Law, who was counsel for Arthur R. Barker, has been interviewed on several occasions by Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office since the receipt of your letter referred to above, concerning conversations had between him and "Doc" Barker pertaining to the death of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Mr. DeCourcey was somewhat reluctant to discuss any conversations he had had with "Doc" Barker, stating that when he had confidentially informed this office some time ago that "Doc" told him that it was intended that Edward Bremer would be kidnaped prior to the trial, it had come back to him that he had furnished this information. He was assured, however, that the information previously furnished had been given to the victim and to no other person, and admitted that he had heard about it from a friend of Bremer, and that there had been no breach of confidence on the part of any Special Agent of this Bureau.

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He finally stated that he had had a discussion with "Doc" Barker relative to a machine gun found in Barker's possession at the time of his arrest, which machine gun had been identified as having been used in the South St. Paul robbery, in which a policeman was killed, and that Barker had stated that he had obtained this machine gun from Willie Harrison. He suggested to Barker that Harrison might be produced as a witness and would deny that he gave Barker this gun, and that Barker

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had stated that he need have no fear of Harrison appearing as a witness. DeCourcey stated that this made no further impression on him at the time than that Barker meant that though Harrison were found he would not testify; that upon learning that Harrison's body had been found, he came to the conclusion that what Barker meant was that Harrison could not testify.

DeCourcey further stated that in further conversations with Barker concerning various persons who might be in a position to testify against him, he had mentioned Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and that Barker had stated in effect that that is one person who would not be able to do any testifying, and that the statement was made to him in such manner that it led him to the conclusion that Dr. Moran was dead. He stated that he did not pursue his conversation with Barker further in this respect, and that Barker did not definitely state that Moran was dead, but that had he said so in fact it would not have been any more convincing than what was said to him and the manner of stating it.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
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H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Director,
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.,
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In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING- HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter of the Oklahoma City office dated November 22, 1935, indicating that [redacted] informant, was proceeding from Oklahoma City to Chicago; this informant arrived at Chicago on Sunday November 24th, 1935, and indicated in telephone call to S.A.C. Ladd that she was going out to visit the Karpavicz family, and she did visit them on this date. b7c b7d

Today she advised me that she had called upon these people and had obtained all the information she believed possible at this time, she having indicated in pretext to them that she was just passing through the city, and that she was leaving on Monday November 25,1935.

In conversation with [redacted] on this date she advised me that when she first called upon Emily Newbold, Emily greeted her in a very friendly manner and fully accepted her as a friend; that they invited her to stay with them for a week at least while she was in the city; that upon first approach to Emily Newbold, Emily asked her what brought her to the city, and she indicated her pretext of passing through, and Emily apparently was very much disappointed and stated she thought probably she had some information from her brother Ray. Thereafter on Sunday and Monday November 24 and 25, 1935 in conversation with Emily and the mother and father of Karpis, they were willing to discuss subject Alvin Karpis, and it is her impression that apparently they have not heard from Karpis directly for the last five months. However Emily indicated that it was necessary for them to get some money to Karpis after

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he escaped from the Police at Atlantic City, although nothing was said as to the ways and means of doing this, or how much money was involved. During the various conversations, when the mother and father and sister of Karpis were in doubt as to whether or not they should discuss a certain point with [redacted] they would enter into conversation in Lithuanian, and judging by their conversation she could tell whether or not they intended to advise her of the details they had in mind, as apparently when they talked sharply to each other they indicated that the subject was to be dropped. Apparently in conversations as to where Karpis might be, which conversations were carried on in Lithuanian between them, when they were discussing the desirability of letting [redacted] know of this, she was able to detect in their conversation a number of times the word St.Paul, and also occasionally the city of Winnipeg was mentioned, indicating to her that possibly there was some kind of a contact in St.Paul; also that possibly Karpis might be located in Canada.

They discussed [redacted] their visit to Milan, Michigan and their conversation with Dolores Delaney, they calling attention to part of the conversation wherein Dolores had asked if there was any news, and of course they having no recent information as to Karpis, advised that there was no news, but at about the same time that this conversation arose the guard walked by who was watching them, and they probably did not go into as full a discussion as they would have otherwise. It is the opinion of [redacted] that possibly Dolores has a way of communicating with Karpis; that judging from her personal knowledge of Karpis and previous acquaintance with him, she is satisfied he will take any chance in order to communicate with this girl at the penitentiary. [redacted] also brought up the question of her being placed in the penitentiary at Milan for possibility of cultivating the friendship of Dolores to ascertain if she is communicating with Karpis, and it was indicated to her that this was a rather doubtful possibility, in view of the limited number of women located there and the fact that they are all outstanding characters connected with definite outstanding violations of Federal laws, and further by reason of the fact that Wynona Burdett and Dolores Delaney, who were both sentenced to five years each in connection with the same offense, apparently are more or less closely associated, to the exclusion of the other inmates, all of which would make it rather difficult for [redacted] to gain any intimate association with Dolores, if it were possible to get her into the penitentiary.

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In her conversation Emily Newbold very definitely stated that Karpis had never been able to see the baby. She also indicated that should [redacted]ome to the city again they would come down to get her, and to thi[redacted] indicated she would telephone them if she got in the city again, and Emily advised her to be very careful as to what she said over the telephone, and never to say anything if she had any real information, meaning of course if she had any word from Karpis. Emily indicated that she believed her telephone was tapped, and also pointed out to [redacted] a house across the street, in which she said was located a man on the second or third floor who was watching them twenty-four hours a day. The house that was pointed out to [redacted]s not the one in which we have located the Agents observing the activities of the family, although this may be some Police activity. Emily also indicated that a man on the third floor of their apartment building was also supposed to be watching them. This apparently is some innocent individual whom they may have decided is a Government officer watching them.

[redacted]ndicated that she did not believe she could obtain any further information, particularly in view of the pretext she used, and was therefore returning to Oklahoma City tonight November 25, 1935. She stated however that her husband [redacted] and is now located in Pennsylvania, is to be transferred to Michigan in the near future, and at that time she will arrange to come to Chicago again on her way to Michigan and stop over for about one week here in the city, and will make effort to get further information from Emily Newbold, whom she believes to be the one who has knowledge concerning Karpis' location. She also indicated that possibly she might be able to get Mr. Philip Newbold out on a party some night and get any information out of him which he might possess. She indicated she believed he might be suseptible to such an action. Also it is to be noted that the Brown family located in the building at 2842 North Francisco Street was previously from Canada, and may be closely associated with the Karpavicz family, and it is believed that at a subsequent visit [redacted] might cultivate the acquaintance of these people to determine whether or not there is any association between them and the Karpavicz family, particularly as an intermediary in receiving communications.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

November 27, 1935.

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Number:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fugitive,
[illegible], et al.; Kidnap of Bremer -
Victim; Kidnaping.

Specimens:

A. One piece of white paper bearing the following typed writing,
"Mr. E. Charles, Saugus."

B. One piece of white paper bearing the following typed writing,
"Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hood, Schenectady, N. Y."

Examination requested by: Cincinnati Bureau Office.

Date received: 11/14/35.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination: Examination by: C. A. Appel

Known handwritings of Hood apparently consist of the last page of a letter signed "E. E. Hood" on stationery of the Hotel Carlton, certain notations on stationery of the Venetian Hotel, Miami, Florida and signatures on fingerprint cards, Master #271256.

Similarities in handwriting characteristics include the probability that Hood wrote the registration "E. E. Charles, Saugus," but there are differences which indicate that Hood probably did not write the address "Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hood, Schenectady, N. Y."

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases -
Fugitive, I. S. Mills, et al.;
Edward S. 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 November 14, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: Reports.

cc - St. Paul
Chicago
Charlotte
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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November 29, 1935

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

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the activities at Cleveland, Ohio being covered by Agents from Chicago and four additional Agents furnished by the Bureau, we have four Agents covering the Registry window at Cleveland, Ohio during the period of 7 A.M. to 7.30 P.M., the hours this window is open for service to the public, particular reference being had to the middle of the day, inasmuch as it is indicated by the mailing of the four previous registered letters from Cleveland which are under investigation as possibly having been sent by Harry Campbell, that they were mailed between 11 A.M. and 12 noon on the days in question. Apparently a man mailed and registered all four of these letters at Cleveland, even though two of them bore the return address of Mary Forth.

We have arranged through the Post Office Inspectors there to have each carrier in the city of Cleveland report as to whether or not a G. R. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Forth has rented a place in any part of the city or is receiving mail. Two Agents are also covering the various places between Cleveland and Brunswick, Ohio for the rental of a place by Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis.

On November 25, 1935, the Marshal of Bowling Green, Ohio, and a game warden, while checking automobiles in the vicinity of Toledo, O. for possible violators of the game laws, were stopping the various cars, and one car instead of stopping turned around and proceeded west toward Chicago after shooting at the game warden, and striking his automobile with a machine gun. It is not known whether any possible identification of our subjects can be made of the persons in this car,

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but inquiry is being made to determine this, particularly at Bowling Green, Ohio. Agent Brown has arranged through the Pinkerton Detective Agency to obtain the services of the confidential informant who previously indicated he had been at the place where Campbell and Karpis were located in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio, whose identity previously was concealed by the agency, who now make explanation that this was due to the fact that they had him employed in connection with a strike at that time.

We have two Agents checking the activities at the Harvard Club, and also are having the activities of Arthur W. Heberbrand and William Patton checked. We are also endeavoring to check the purchase of any automobiles in Cleveland by either Karpis or Campbell.

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In connection with our confidential informant at Chicago [redacted] nothing has developed as yet indicating that they will make further contact with him. However, we are maintaining our surveillance in connection with his office, for the possibility that the subjects might appear there in connection with obtaining his service [redacted]

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE:
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, U.S. #1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records, San Quentin, California State Prison reflect William Meade, with aliases, received San Quentin Prison September 24, 1926, from San Diego Co., California; sentence three years for grand larceny; discharged on expiration of sentence January 24, 1929. No record personal history available at San Quentin. Check of records California Motor Vehicle Department reflects various registrations for C. J. Murphy, but no additional registrations or operator's permits for the C. J. Murphy who sold Buick Club Sedan, Motor #2275177 to George McPheeters 2/7/35, or any operator's permits for any person under name or aliases of C. J. Fitzgerald answering his description. Mrs. C. A. Barter, sister of Kate Schmitt Meade, who is wife of William Elmer Meade, not presently in contact with Kate, but Mrs. Barter and family furnish additional information relative to William E. Meade, from which it appears that Kate Schmitt Meade's brother, Frank Schmitt, may know present whereabouts of Meade. Cooperation of John Moyles, present proprietor of Bank Buffet, San Francisco, and formerly operator speakeasy known as Theatrical Club, 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco, enlisted as informant as to any contacts which might be received by "Soap" Moreno, or Louis "Bones" Tambini, who are presently employed by Moyles as bartenders. Both Moreno and Tambini presently under Federal indictment at Sacramento, California, in connection with a smuggling charge, and both deny they have any information regarding the Karpis - Barker gang.

DETAILS:

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated November 1, 1935 (Bureau file #7-576) to Jacksonville Office.
Teletype from Los Angeles Office, dated November 14, 1935.
Report of Special Agent [redacted], New York City, dated 10/3/35.
Letter from Chicago Office, dated November 5, 1935.
Bureau letter to Portland Office, dated November 8, 1935 (Bureau file #7-576).

DETAILS: At San Quentin, California.

Referring to Bureau letter of November 1, 1935, Special Agent L. K. Cook conducted investigation at San Quentin, California State Prison, including an examination of the records maintained at San Quentin.

This investigation reflected that one William Meade, alias John Henry Foster, alias "Christ Kid", alias William E. Meade, alias J. W. Reed, was received at San Quentin, California State Prison, September 24, 1896, from San Diego County, California, to serve a sentence of three years for grand larceny.

The records reflected that Meade was discharged upon the expiration of his sentence on January 24, 1899, and that Meade's age at this time (when received at the Penitentiary) was nineteen years, his nativity being noted as California, and his occupation being given as a laborer.

Special Agent Cook determined that at the time of Meade's entrance to San Quentin, California State Prison, no record was kept by the Prison authorities, other than is noted above, and no information was available as to his personal history, nor as to his relatives.

Agent Cook also ascertained that at the time no record was kept of correspondence, either incoming or outgoing, of any prisoner.

Agent Cook determined that the records of San Quentin, California State Prison contained no notations with reference to Meade having been there in 1906, or at any other time than as reported above.

Referring to teletype from the Los Angeles Office, dated November 14, 1935, Special Agent E. C. Dorwart conducted investigation at Sacramento, California, involving a check of the records of the California State Motor Vehicle Department.

Special Agent Dorwart checked all the operator's licenses on file with the Motor Vehicle Department, for the names of C. J. Murphy, Charles J. Murphy, Charles J. Fitzgerald, and C. J. Fitzgerald, and also all operator's licenses listed under any of the known aliases of Fitzgerald, from which check he determined that the descriptions furnished on none of these operator's licenses compared favorably with the description of C. J. Fitzgerald, with the exception of an operator's license No. R67664, which had been issued February 23, 1935, to one Charles Joseph Murphy, Camel Apartment Hotel, Long Beach, California.

Special Agent Dorwart determined that there was an application which had been made by Murphy for this operator's license, wherein it was noted that the handwriting contained on this application appeared identical with the signature on a bill of sale executed by one C. J. Murphy to George McPheeters, at Long Beach, California, on Buick Club Sedan, motor #2878177.

Agent Dorwart noted that this application for operator's license described Charles Joseph Murphy as follows:

Age	57 years.
Height	5'11".
Weight	198 lbs.
Eyes	Gray.
Hair	Gray.
Born	March 16, 1877.
Marital Status	Married.

In addition to this description, it was noted that this application for operator's license indicates that the right hip of Charles Joseph Murphy had been fractured about a year ago, but was now improved; that the condition of hearing of Murphy was good, and the condition of his eye sight was good; that, however, this notation with regard to eye sight contained the restriction that this condition existed only when glasses were used. There is a notation on this operator's license indicating that this application is restricted in that the applicant is restricted in his operation of motor vehicles to such times as eye glasses are worn.

Special Agent Dorwart ascertained through these records that a non-resident permit No. 1192 had been issued for the above referred to Buick Sedan at Fort Yuma, California, on January 24, 1935, to C. J. Murphy, wherein Murphy's address was given as 2110 Washington Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Photostatic copies of (1) application for operator's license made by C. J. Murphy, referred to above (2) application for non-resident permit (3) bill of sale executed by C. J. Murphy to George McPheeters and (4) sworn statement of C. J. Murphy as to ownership of instant Buick Club Sedan, were all secured by Agent Dorwart, and copies of each are being forwarded to the Bureau, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Los Angeles Offices with copies of this report.

It is noted that the signature of C. J. Murphy appearing on all of the above referred to papers appears to be identical.

In addition to checking the operator's licenses, as noted above, Special Agent Dorwart checked the registration of all cars under the names of C. J. Murphy, Charles J. Murphy, C. J. Fitzgerald, and Charles J. Fitzgerald, and ascertained that the records reflected registration of a 1935 Dodge Sedan to one C. J. Murphy, 726 South Central, Apartment No. 23, Glendale, California, with new address being given as of May 3, 1935 as 633½ North Citrus, Los Angeles. The motor number of this car was indicated as 3687332, with 1935 California license #687213. The records indicated that this car had been registered to Murphy on April 25, 1935, with legal owner being noted as the Auto Finance Company of Southern California, 2601 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.

He ascertained there was also a registration to one C. J. Murphy, 833½ North Citrus, Hollywood, California, on 2/14/35, of a 1930 Hudson Sedan, motor #9381, California 1935 license #3V833, and that there was a registration on February 20, 1935 to one C. J. Murphy, 1221 Manzanita Street, Los Angeles, California, for a 1935 Chevrolet Coach, motor #3428731, California 1935 license #6D3566, this last car having been previously registered to one Ruth M. Beard, 457 North Ardmore Street, Los Angeles, California, who was noted as having given a prior address as Farmington, Michigan.

Special Agent Dorwart was unable to locate any operator's licenses which had been issued to any of the above referred to persons.

The last above referred to information was teletyped to the Los Angeles office on November 15, 1935.

Referring to the report of Special Agent Wm. J. McNulty, New York City, dated 10/3/35, and to letter from the Chicago office, dated November 5, 1935, Special Agent W. C. Dorwart, and Agent W. R. Ramsey conducted the following investigation:

An examination of the 1935 San Francisco City Directory reflects a listing of one C. A. Baxter, with wife's name noted as Mary, residing at 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, California, and lists the occupation of Baxter as Superintendent of the Tubbs Cordage Company, San Francisco, California.

It was also noted that the Directory listed one Ann Baxter, occupation telephone operator, residing also at 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco.

Investigation conducted through the Postal authorities in San Francisco developed that there had been a C. A. Baxter residing at 1437 Polk Street, in San Francisco, who had, on November 2, 1933, left a forwarding address to 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco. The Postal record further indicated that there had been a forwarding address left by one Ann Baxter, on November 8, 1933, from 1437 Polk Street, San Francisco, to 2239 - 45th Avenue.

Agents interviewed Postal Carrier Clarence Leandrot, who advised that he had been delivering mail to the Baxter family at 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, over the period of the past two years. He stated that he was not personally acquainted with any members of this family, and that the only persons he had seen at this house were a gray-haired woman, who was sometimes out in the yard when he delivered mail, and a younger girl, whom he assumed was her daughter.

He advised that the only mail which he recalled delivering to this address had come from the South. He advised, however, that he did not note specific postmarks nor the return addresses of any letters which he had delivered. He stated that this family did not receive a great volume of mail, and that he had noted no visitors at this residence during the time that he had been delivering mail there.

In view of the apparently responsible position of C. A. Baxter, as Superintendent of the Tubbs Cordage Company, which, it was ascertained, was one of the largest cordage companies on the Pacific Coast, it was deemed advisable to contact C. A. Baxter prior to approaching Mrs. C. A. Baxter.

C. A. Baxter was interviewed by Agents Dorwart and Ramsey at the offices of the Tubbs Cordage Company, 22nd and Iowa Streets, San Francisco, at which time he stated that he was desirous of cooperating fully with this Bureau in furnishing any information which he might have in connection with William Elmer Meade.

He stated that he felt sure that his wife was not presently in contact with her sister, Kate Schmitt Meade, wife of William Elmer Meade, inasmuch as the two sisters had had considerable controversy and dispute in the past over religious matters, and as far as he knew had not corresponded with each other over the past two years.

Baxter advised that he had first met William Elmer Meade at the Lewis and Clarke Fair held at Portland, Oregon, in 1905, when he and his wife had been residing in Portland, Oregon. He stated that he had since 1905 seen Meade on several different occasions, but that these meetings had been scattered out throughout the years, and that he had never been in intimate personal touch with William Elmer Meade, nor had he become intimately acquainted with him.

He stated that the last time he saw William E. Meade was some six years ago in Portland, Oregon, when Meade, together with his, Baxter's wife's sister, Kate Schmitt Meade, visited one of his wife's brothers in Portland, Oregon. He advised that at this time, as he recalled, Meade was traveling in a large car, and that he was accompanied by a middle-aged, medium built man, whom he, Baxter, heard referred to only as "Freddie".

He stated that he understood at this time that Meade was a stock broker of some kind, having offices in Chicago, but that from conversation among members of the family, he had come to believe that actually Meade was engaged in some kind of gambling activities, and was possibly a gambling broker, although he, Baxter, had no definite information in this regard.

Baxter advised that when his, Baxter's wife's mother, Marie Schmitt, had died in Portland, Oregon, that she had left an estate, but that she had left no will, and accordingly this estate had been inherited equally by the six children of Marie Schmitt. He advised that he, C. A. Baxter, was not familiar with the exact names and addresses of the brothers and sisters of his wife, but that this information could be secured from his wife, whom he felt sure would be glad to cooperate with this Bureau in connection with this investigation.

He stated that at the time of his marriage, his wife had been a member of the Catholic Church, and that all members of his wife's family were also members of the Catholic Church. He stated that

sometime after his marriage, however, his wife had left the Catholic Church, and had joined the Christian Science Church. He stated that this incident had caused a bitterness to arise between the other members of his wife's family, and his wife, and that this particular incident was the cause of the ill feeling which had existed throughout the years between Kate Schmitt Meade and his wife, [illegible] as he stated that Kate Schmitt Meade was a very devout Catholic, and had, on various occasions, entered into violent disputes with his wife regarding her breaking with the Church.

The reference report of Agent McNulty indicating that William E. Meade might possibly be known to a family by the name of Wheeler, at Glendale, California, Baxter was questioned regarding his knowledge of any family by that name, but he stated he had never heard this name mentioned in connection with any of his wife's relatives, except that he believed that there had been a man by the name of Wheeler who had been employed on a ranch which William E. Meade was supposed to have had at one time in Oregon.

Subsequent interview with other members of the Baxter family developed no information with regard to any acquaintance or associate of Meade by the name of Wheeler.

Baxter advised that his children, Mary Baxter, Ann Baxter, and Charles Baxter, all of whom are grown, and residing with him at 2239 - 45th Avenue, were acquainted with William Elmer Meade, and Kate Meade. He stated that his daughter, Mary Baxter, had been interested in singing and voice education, and that his daughter Ann was presently employed at the San Francisco Warehouse as a telephone operator, and that his son Charles, was employed at the San Francisco Warehouse as a clerk.

Baxter stated that his two daughters, Mary and Ann had appeared to feel that the dispute or controversy existing between their mother and Kate Schmitt Meade was needless, and that on one occasion some two years ago Mary had written a letter to her aunt, Kate, who was at that time in Chicago at 1533 Fargo Street, and advised Kate Schmitt Meade that her mother, who was then in Portland on a visit, would like to see her, Kate Schmitt Meade. He advised that at this time Kate Schmitt Meade had come to Portland, and visited with his wife; that Kate Schmitt Meade at that time had become interested in his daughter, Mary's, voice, and had requested that Mary be allowed to come to Chicago for the purpose of developing her voice.

He stated that at this time his wife felt that probably the interest that her sister, Kate Schmitt Meade, had in having his daughter, Mary, come to Chicago was in reality not for voice education, but was in order that she might get his daughter, Mary, under

her influence and prevail upon her to join the Catholic Church.

He stated that at this time, however, the World's Fair was in progress at Chicago, and that it was finally arranged for his son, Charles, his daughter, Mary, and their two cousins, John Schmitt and J. D. Schmitt, of Portland, to drive to Chicago, to visit with their aunt, Kate Schmitt Meade, at 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, and see the World's Fair, and their aunt Kate offered to pay the expenses of all of them for such a trip.

He advised that his daughter Mary, and his son, Charles, together with the two cousins above referred to, had made this trip, and had been gone for two months during the summer of 1933, and that they would be able to furnish full details with reference to this trip, it being his understanding that at the time of their visit in Chicago they had stayed at the home of their aunt Kate, and had seen their uncle, William Elmer Meade daily during the two or three months they were there.

Baxter advised that he believed that in March or April of this year his daughter, Ann, or Mary, had sent a card to her aunt Kate Schmitt Meade, at the 1533 Fargo Street address in Chicago, but that this card had been returned marked "Unclaimed". He stated that he believed that this was the last time that any of them had endeavored to get in touch with their aunt.

In view of the cooperative attitude manifested by Baxter, it was believed advisable to interview the other members of his family in detail with regard to their knowledge of Kate Schmitt Meade and William Elmer Meade.

Agents interviewed Mrs. C. A. Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, who immediately advised she had not heard from her sister, Kate, for over two years. She advised that shortly after her, Mrs. Baxter's, marriage in Portland, Oregon, her sister, Kate, had married William Elmer Meade, in Portland, Oregon, and she believed that this marriage had taken place in 1905. She stated that her sister had had no church wedding; that she, Mrs. Baxter, had not attended her sister's wedding, and she believed that it had been a very sudden affair, and had been consummated before a Justice of the Peace.

She advised she had not been acquainted with William Elmer Meade prior to his marriage to her sister, and that her sister and William Elmer Meade did not remain in Portland after their marriage, so that she became intimately acquainted with William Elmer Meade. She stated she understood that following the marriage of her sister to Meade, that Meade had embraced the Catholic religion.

She confirmed the statement of her Husband with regard to her having left the Catholic Church some twenty or twenty-five years ago, and stated that the fact she left this Church had always been a source of bitterness between her sister and herself, inasmuch as her sister, Kate, had always been a very devout Catholic.

She stated that for a period of some eight or nine years prior to 1933, she did not correspond with her sister at all, but that in 1933 her daughter, Mary, had written a letter to her, Mrs. Baxter's sister, Kate Schmitt Meade, wherein her daughter had advised Kate that she, Mrs. Baxter, desired to see Kate. She advised that her daughter had written this letter to Kate, inasmuch as her daughter did not believe that the two sisters should allow this religious difficulty to stand between them, and had felt that if they came together, and talked things over, that possibly this trouble could be wiped out.

She advised that during a visit which she had made to one of her brothers at Portland at this time, Kate had come to Portland, and she, Mrs. Baxter, had an opportunity to talk with her briefly. She advised that they had not ironed out their difficulties at this time, however. She stated that Kate at this time appeared to be interested in getting her daughter, Mary, to come to Chicago to take lessons in connection with her voice and music. Kate desired to pay all her daughter Mary's expenses in connection with such a trip.

She advised that nothing further came of this request of her sister, Kate, that her daughter, Mary, come to Chicago, until the summer of 1933, when her sister, Kate, wrote and again requested that she allow her daughter, Mary, to come to Chicago, where she might study, or take lessons, in connection with voice culture, and at the same time visit the World's Fair, which was at that time going on in Chicago.

She stated that after this letter, it was finally agreed that her daughter, Mary, and her son, Charles, would proceed to Portland, Oregon, where they would pick up their cousins, John Schmitt and J. D. Schmitt, where the four would proceed to Chicago, Illinois, for this visit with their aunt, Kate.

She advised her mother, Marie Schmitt, had died about twenty-five years ago in Portland, Oregon, and that her father had died about 1921 in Portland, Oregon. She advised that her father had left some small holdings in real estate at Hillsdale, which holdings were to be divided equally among his six children. Following the death of her father, Mrs. Baxter advised that her brother, John Schmitt, as well as the son of her brother, Mike, who was dead, requested that they be immediately awarded that portion of the estate to which they were entitled. She advised that the other brothers, not being desirous of buying the interest which John and Tom were entitled to, William Elmer Meade furnished a settlement for them at this time for the share to which they were entitled, and took a mortgage on their interest in the property of the estate.

Mrs. Baxter advised that she had the following brothers and sisters:

John Schmitt,
1723 Northwest 23rd Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Frank Schmitt,
2334 Northwest Thurmond Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Henry Schmitt,
Lives on Broadway and Vancouver Sts.,
Portland, Oregon.

Kate Schmitt Meade,
1533 Fargo Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

She advised that John Schmitt had a son, John Schmitt, Jr., who was married, and whose address she did not know.

She advised that it was John Schmitt Jr., and J. D. Schmitt, who had gone to the Fair, and to visit their aunt Kate in Chicago, in company with her daughter, Mary, and son, Charles, in the summer of 1933.

She advised that her brother, Mike Schmitt, had a son named Tom Schmitt, but that she did not know his address.

Mrs. Baxter advised that Frank Schmitt was presently residing on the property of the estate referred to above, which she stated was located at 2334 Northwest Thurmond Street, Portland, Oregon.

She advised that Frank had been handling any and all arrangements which may have transpired with reference to the mortgage which William Elmer Meade had taken with regard to the interests in the estate property of John Schmitt and Tom Schmitt. She stated that she, Mrs. Baxter, had paid no interest, nor conducted any correspondence with reference to this mortgage, inasmuch as Frank had been handling the full details.

She stated she did not know whether Frank had been in touch with William Elmer Meade, or her sister, Kate, in connection with this matter.

Mrs. Baxter advised that following the return of her daughter, Mary, and her son, Charles, to San Francisco, in the fall of 1933, she had received a letter from her sister, Kate, from Chicago, wherein her sister, Kate, had renewed the religious controversy existing between them, and had made several nasty remarks with reference to her having left the Church, and with regard to her interest in the estate property referred to above.

Mrs. Baxter advised that following the receipt of this letter from her sister, she had never again corresponded or gotten in touch with her in any way, and had no information whatsoever in regard to her sister's whereabouts.

Because of this feeling existing between her sister and herself, she advised without hesitation that should she receive any information whatsoever regarding the whereabouts of her sister, or William Elmer Meade, she would immediately communicate the same to this office.

Agents interviewed Mary Baxter, who advised that she had been very much perturbed over the fact that her aunt, Kate Schmitt Meade, and her mother, were unfriendly towards each other, and that she, Mary, had written a letter to her aunt Kate sometime in 1933, advising her aunt Kate that her mother desired to get in touch with her. She stated that she had written this letter, inasmuch as she felt that if her mother and aunt Kate got together and had a talk over matters, that they would probably iron out their difficulties, and cease their controversy.

She confirmed the statement of her mother with regard to the visit of her aunt Kate to Portland, Oregon, in 1933, and the visit which she, her brother, Charles, John Schmitt and J. D. Schmitt, had made to Chicago in the summer of 1933. In this connection she advised that they had left San Francisco about May 28, 1933, and had proceeded by car to Portland, Oregon, where she and her brother, Charles, had picked up John and J. D. Schmitt, from whence they proceeded directly to Chicago, Illinois.

She advised her aunt Kate had furnished their expenses in connection with this trip to Chicago, and upon arrival there had resided at the apartment maintained by William Elmer Meade and her aunt, at 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago.

Mary advised she did not know what business her uncle, William Elmer Meade, was engaged in at this time, but understood he was engaged in some kind of stock transactions, and maintained an

office in the downtown district of Chicago.

She advised she did not know the location of this office, but that on one occasion she had been downtown with her aunt, at which time they had visited her uncle, William Elmer Meade's office, and that she observed it seemed to be a one room office with a desk, and telephone, and practically no other conveniences.

She stated that she observed no associates of her uncle at this office, and had observed no names on the door leading into the office. She stated that it was her recollection that there was a tailor shop which was immediately adjacent to, and conducted in connection with this office, and that it was also her recollection that this office had been situated on the second floor in some building in downtown Chicago.

She stated that on one or two occasions while visiting her aunt and uncle, she had been in their apartment at 1533 Fargo Street alone, and that while there alone she had answered the telephone. She stated on one occasion when answering the telephone, the party calling had asked if "Sam" was there, and she advised him no one by the name of "Sam" resided there. Mary stated, however, that at a later time she had heard her uncle conversing over the telephone, and had heard him state to the party that was calling that "this is Sam speaking".

She advised that during the period she resided with her aunt, her uncle, William Elmer Meade, usually got up about eight or eight thirty in the morning, and went to his office; that he returned in the evening around five or six o'clock, and that he usually retired early in the evenings, about eight thirty or nine thirty. She stated she observed no visitors which her uncle had during the period of her visit in Chicago.

Mary advised that during this visit with her aunt and uncle, she had a feeling that possibly her uncle was not in any legitimate business, because of the incident referred to above regarding the telephone call, and also because of the attitude which her aunt and uncle took in connection with an accident which her brother, Charles, had with the Lincoln car which William Elmer Meade had loaned to her brother, Charles, to drive during the period of their stay in Chicago.

Mary confirmed the statement of her mother with reference to the letter which her aunt, Kate, had written to her mother following Mary's return to San Francisco, and Mary advised that this letter was such a mean letter that she had returned the letter to her aunt, and she stated she had not heard from her since, and had no idea as to her present whereabouts.

Agents interviewed Ann Baxter, who was unable to furnish any additional information with regard to her aunt, Kate, or her uncle, William Elmer Meade, except that she advised that she, Ann, usually carried on some of the correspondence for the family; that she, Ann, had been very much interested in her aunt Kate, and her uncle, William Elmer Meade, and that she had taken it upon herself to forward greeting cards to them at the holiday season, and also usually in the Easter period.

She advised that at Easter, 1935, she had forwarded the usual Easter card to her aunt and uncle, but that this card had been returned marked "Unclaimed". She exhibited this card, together with the envelope, to Agents, and it was noted that same bore a postmark San Francisco, California, April 18, 1935, and was addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mead, 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois". It was noted that the envelope on this card contained the notation "apartment closed"; that it also bore the notation "Not there 0-2532"; that there was also a stamp notation on this envelope "Directory Service given at Chicago, Illinois, Main Post Office No. 63". This envelope bore a Chicago postmark of 4/24/35, and bore the additional notation "Return to Sender" as of that date.

Agents interviewed Charles Baxter, who stated that during the period that he was visiting with his aunt, Kate, and uncle, William Elmer Meade, in Chicago, that on several occasions his uncle had loaned him a large Lincoln Sedan, which he, Charles, understood belonged to his uncle, William E. Meade. He advised that on one occasion he had met with an accident with this car, which involved running into a telephone pole in Chicago. He advised that he had been instructed by his uncle to take the car to a garage in the vicinity of Bryn Mawr Station of the Illinois Central Railway, in South Chicago, which garage specializes in the repair of Cadillac, Lincoln, and Packard cars. Charles advised that this garage was not a Lincoln or Cadillac dealer, but that the garage specialized solely in repair work on the above referred to cars, and that he understood that this garage had been used by his uncle, William E. Meade, in several instances in the past, in connection with repair work.

Charles advised that on one occasion his uncle had instructed him to take the car to the United Motors Company, which he stated was located on Wabash Street, in Chicago, to have the brakes relined and adjusted on this Lincoln Sedan, and it was his belief that his uncle, William E. Meade, was also known at this United Motors Garage on Wabash Street in Chicago. It is being suggested that the Chicago office conduct appropriate investigation to locate these garages, with a view to developing information with regard to William E. Meade.

Charles stated that he did not know what business his uncle was engaged in during the period of this visit in Chicago, and that during the time of the visit, he, Charles, did not on any occasion observe any associates of his uncle, or visit his uncle's office.

A description of Kate Schmitt Meade, as obtained from the various members of the Baxter family is as follows:

Age	51 years.
Height	5'6" or 7".
Weight	250 lbs.
Eyes	Gray.
Hair	Gray (white).
Build	Heavy, buxom.

The various members of the Baxter family recalled that they had always known William Elmer Meade as "Elmer", and that they had always understood that his name was properly spelled "Mead" instead of "Meade".

In view of the fact that Frank Schmitt, brother of Kate Schmitt Meade, and of Mrs. Baxter, is presently handling all negotiations in connection with the alleged mortgage taken by William E. Meade for the interests of John Schmitt and Tom Schmitt in the estate property in Portland, Oregon, it was felt by all members of the family that Frank Schmitt would be the most likely person to be in contact at this time with William Elmer Meade, or Kate Schmitt Meade.

Mrs. Baxter furnished a snapshot photograph taken of her sister, Kate Schmitt Meade, William E. Meade, and her daughter, Ann, which she advised was a fairly good likeness of her sister, Kate Schmitt Meade.

Detailed questioning of all members of the Baxter family above referred to developed that none of these persons were familiar with the family of William E. Meade, knew him prior to his marriage to Kate Schmitt Meade, or had had sufficient meetings or relations with him since his marriage to become intimately acquainted with him, or secure information with reference to any relatives or associates that he might have. It is believed that because of the religious controversy existing between Kate Schmitt Meade and Mrs. Baxter, that any information received by the Baxters regarding Kate Schmitt Meade, or William Elmer Meade, will be immediately furnished this office, the telephone number of which was left with them.

Referring to Bureau letter to the Portland Office, dated November 9, 1935, a copy of which was furnished this office, Agent

W. R. Ramsey recalled that previous investigation in this case (report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, dated June 8, 1934) as well as investigation conducted in the Dillinger case, had disclosed that John Moyles, the present proprietor of the Bank Buffet, 3288 - 22nd Street, San Francisco, had been the proprietor of the speakeasy located at 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco, and known as the "Theatrical Shop", and that Anthony "Soap" Moreno, and Louis "Bones" Tambini, had been bartenders at this place intermittently while dealing liquor for Joe Parente and Hans Strittmatter.

It will be recalled that Anthony "Soap" Moreno had been convicted in this district for harboring Lester Gillis, and on April 5, 1935, had been sentenced to six months in the County Jail in San Francisco. It was ascertained that Moreno had been released on September 4, 1935, and had immediately, upon his release, been re-employed at the Bank Buffet, in San Francisco, as a bartender, working a regular shift at the bar with Louis "Bones" Tambini (who, it will be recalled, was tried and acquitted in connection with charges of harboring Lester M. Gillis).

Further inquiry and investigation developed that Anthony "Soap" Moreno, together with Louis Tambini, Joe Parente, and one Louis Lenhardt, all of whom are mentioned in the Dillinger case, had been indicted at Sacramento, California, shortly following the release of Moreno, from the San Francisco County Jail on September 4, 1935, in case No. 6385, for violation of Title 19, Section 1593 A of the United States Code Annotated - smuggling of goods into this country without paying duty, and that Moreno was presently at liberty on $5,000 bond, in connection with this indictment, which bond had been furnished by McDonough Brothers, bail bond brokers, San Francisco, this bond having been executed as of September 19, 1935.

It was also ascertained that Louis Tambini had also made $5,000 bond in connection with that case, as of September 18, 1935, and that Joe Parente had given himself up on November 18, 1935, and been released on his own recognizance.

Moreno has been previously interviewed in detail by Agents of this office, as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, dated January 22, 1935, in the case entitled "John Paul Chase, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Obstruction of Justice, Harboring of Fugitives, Murder of Inspector S. P. Cowley and Special Agent H. E. Hollis". The last named report also reflects interview by Agents of this office with Louis Tambini.

John Moyles has been previously interviewed in connection with investigation in the Dillinger case, and has appeared cooperative in furnishing information to this Bureau, and as a result has been developed by this office as an informant.

It was therefore deemed advisable to interview Moyles prior to approaching Moreno on this matter.

It was ascertained that Moyles has recently removed from 250 Crescent Avenue to 1075 Valencia Street, Apartment No. 1, where he is presently residing with a woman by the name of Gladys Butler.

Upon interview Moyles advised that he had been the sole operator of the speakeasy located at 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco, and known as the "Theatrical Club", during the years 1932 and 1933. He advised that "Soap" Moreno and "Bones" Tambini had been bartenders at this speakeasy working on regular shifts. He stated that he, Moyles, was at this speakeasy off and on during the day or evening, but spent no regular period during the day or evening at this speakeasy.

Moyles advised that he had operated this speakeasy at 34 Hyde Street up until the time beer had come back, which he believed to be December, 1933, and immediately after the first of the year, January, 1934, he had made plans to abandon the speakeasy at 34 Hyde Street, and acquire the property which he now operates, known as the Bank Buffet.

He advised that he was acquainted with the identity of Karpis, Campbell, Davis, and the Barker brothers from photographs of these individuals he had seen in Detective magazines, and in the newspapers, but he had never seen any of these individuals in either the Bank Buffet in San Francisco, which he presently operates, or the speakeasy which he had operated at No. 34 Hyde Street.

Assorted photographs of Wynona Burdette, Edna Murray, Dolores DeLaney, Paula Harmon, and "Ma" Barker were exhibited to Moyles, but he advised that to the best of his recollection he had never seen any of these individuals at the Theatrical Club, at the Bank Buffet, any place in San Francisco, or in fact any time in his life. He advised that he had never heard "Soap" Moreno or "Bones" Tambini talk about "Freddie" and "Ray", nor make any reference in any way to the Karpis - Barker gang.

He advised that he had never left a pistol or gun of any kind at the Theatrical Club at 34 Hyde Street for his protection, or for the protection of his bartenders, and that he had never seen either Moreno or Tambini in possession of a gun while working at 34 Hyde Street. He stated that he knew of no occasion when any visitor or customer at 34 Hyde Street had left a gun with the bartender for safekeeping, or any occasion when a customer or visitor at 34 Hyde Street had exhibited a pistol or gun to any of the bartenders, or any of the customers.

Questioned in regard to the possible identity of the individual referred to by Joseph Raymond Negri as having been in the hospital at Vallejo, California during the time that Lester Gillis visited "Tobe" Williams, and the individual there, Moyles stated that he had never heard anything about any individual staying at the hospital who might have been a contact for "Freddie" and "Ray", nor Lester Gillis. He stated that he had no information with regard to anyone having had a gunshot wound, and having been treated at the Vallejo General Hospital.

Moyles advised that he was acquainted with "Tobe" Williams, inasmuch as "Tobe" Williams was a frequent visitor to the speakeasy at 34 Hyde Street, as well as to the Bank Buffet in San Francisco, prior to his conviction in connection with charges of harboring Lester Gillis. He stated that when "Tobe" Williams came to the speakeasy at 34 Hyde Street, he usually had difficulty in coming up the stairs to the speakeasy, and that for this reason Williams usually was assisted up the stairs by the cab driver, or by "Gaap" Moreno.

Moyles advised that he did not know of any contacts which Moreno had with members of the Karpis - Barker group, and that he did not believe Moreno was acquainted with the members of this gang, although he stated that he knew that Moreno had been connected with the Joe Parente and Hans Strittmatter bootlegging gang, and that while so connected had become well acquainted with John Paul Chase and Lester Joseph Gillis.

He stated that he believed as a result of his conviction in the Gillis harboring case, that Moreno would definitely avoid association or contact with any persons with criminal records, but that, however, he, Moyles, would promise his cooperation with this Bureau in closely observing Moreno and his activities, and would immediately inform this Bureau in the event Moreno should receive any contacts, or in the event he observed any actions on the part of Moreno which took him out of the line of his routine duties as a bartender at his saloon, known as the Bank Buffet.

Moyles advised that he intended to continue the employment of Moreno as a bartender at the Bank Buffet until such time as it was necessary for Moreno to appear in Sacramento, California, in connection with his trial on the smuggling indictment referred to above. Moyles advised that he also intended to employ Tambini as a bartender up until the time it should be necessary for Tambini to appear in Sacramento in connection with his trial in the smuggling matter.

In addition to closely observing Moreno and Tambini, Moyles promised to immediately notify this office in the event he learned of any information of value in connection with this investigation.

In view of this cooperation of Moyles in covering any possible activities of Moreno, it was deemed advisable to interview Tambini and Moreno for their knowledge of the information furnished by Joseph Raymond Negri, as reported in Bureau letter of reference dated November 9, 1935.

Agents interviewed Louis [redacted] Tambini, who resides at 16 Margrove Place, in San Francisco. Tambini advised that he had been a bartender for John Moyles at the Theatrical Club, 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco, during practically the whole period that Moyles had had this speakeasy, and following the closing of this speakeasy, he, Tambini, had been employed by Moyles at the Bank Buffet, 3288 - 22nd Street, San Francisco.

He stated that during the employment at the Theatrical Club, 34 Hyde Street, he had worked a regular shift on the bar with Anthony "Soap" Moreno. He advised that he was familiar with the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker, and "Freddie" Barker, inasmuch as he had seen the photographs of these individuals in various detective magazines, as well as in daily newspapers. He stated, however, that he had positively not seen any of these individuals in person at any time at 34 Hyde Street, or at the Bank Buffet in San Francisco.

Tambini advised that during the time he had been a bartender at 34 Hyde Street, he had not kept a gun at the bar, or on the premises, and that on no occasion had any customer or visitor at the speakeasy turned over a pistol or gun to him to keep. He positively and emphatically denied he had, on any occasion, exhibited to Joseph Raymond Negri a pistol that anyone had left with him to keep, or that he, Tambini, had ever, on any occasion, spoken to Negri with regard to a gun or pistol which he had, which had been left with anyone at 34 Hyde Street.

Tambini likewise positively and emphatically denied he had ever, on any occasion, advised anyone of any person being in the Vallejo General Hospital, with a wound, which hospital is operated by "Tobe" Williams.

The assorted photographs of Wynona Burdette, Edna Murray, Paula Harmon, Dolores DeLaney, and "Ma" Barker, were exhibited to Tambini, who stated, after closely studying these photographs, that he did not recall ever having seen any of these persons at the Bank Buffet, or at the speakeasy at 34 Hyde Street.

Tambini advised that he is presently under indictment in connection with smuggling charges in Sacramento, California, and that he intended to continue his work as bartender for John Moyles at the Bank Buffet until such time as he would be tried for the above referred to smuggling charges.

Although he stated that he was desirous of assisting the Government in any way that he could, and furnish any information in connection with this matter, it appeared obvious that Tambini would furnish no information to the Government, and that any statement which he might make could not be relied upon.

Agent ascertained that Anthony "Soap" Moreno had taken up an apartment at 8270 - 21st Street, apartment 405, with his wife, Virginia Moreno, since his release from the San Francisco County Jail, in September of this year.

Upon interview Moreno advised that he had worked at the Theatrical Club as a bartender during 1933, intermittently while hauling liquor for Joe Parente and Hans Strittmatter. He admitted that he was well acquainted with "Tobe" Williams, the proprietor of the Vallejo General Hospital; that he had frequently visited "Tobe" Williams at the Vallejo General Hospital while he, Moreno, had been en route either to or from Reno, Nevada, in connection with his liquor hauling operations.

He admitted that he had been associated with Lester Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson, and John Paul Chase, as well as Joseph Raymond Negri, in hauling liquor for Parente and Strittmatter, but Moreno maintained throughout this interview that he did not know, nor had he ever met Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, or the Barker brothers.

He admitted he had seen photographs of these individuals in the newspaper and detective magazines, but he stated to the best of his recollection he had never seen any of these persons, nor known them under any name. He stated positively that he had not kept a gun at the Theatrical Club at 34 Hyde Street, when he was working there as a bartender, nor had he, on any occasion, ever seen a gun kept by anyone at the bar. He advised that he had never, on any occasion, taken a gun from any visitor or customer at the speakeasy for safe-keeping.

Moreno advised that he did not know Charles J. Fitzgerald, or anyone who had been treated at the Vallejo General Hospital by the name of C. J. Murphy.

Questioned with regard to any statement which he might have made to Joseph Raymond Negri to the effect that he, Moreno, could get Negri a job driving a car if he did not look too much like a "hoodlum", Moreno advised he might have made such a statement to Negri with reference to getting him a job to drive for the Regal Amber Brewery. However, when it was called to Moreno's attention that the appearance of Negri would make no difference in connection with such a position, Moreno said that he must not have made such a statement to Negri at all, and it appeared that Moreno was lying in connection with this matter.

Morero advised that as a result of his conviction in the harboring matter, he had learned his lesson, and would certainly not associate with, or contact anyone of criminal reputation again.

Referring to Bureau letter of reference dated November 9, 1935, it is noted on page one there is a notation that during the visit of Lester Gillis to see "Tobe" Williams at the Vallejo General Hospital, that Williams took Gillis into another room of the hospital to see a person whom Nelson later related to Negri was a good contact to get in touch with "Freddie" and "Ray" (Dennis Parker and Karpis).

In this connection attention is directed to page sixty-eight of the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, dated January 22, 1935, in the case entitled "John Paul Chase, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Obstruction of Justice, Harboring of Fugitives, Murder of Inspector S. P. Cowley and Special Agent H. E. Hollis", where it is noted that Dr. Edward A. Peterson, of the Vallejo General Hospital treated one C. J. Murphy for a fractured hip at the hospital, from August 5 to November 20, 1934.

It is also noted from identifications made by nurses at the hospital, as reflected on pages eighty-four and eighty-five, of the above referred to report, that the individual known at the hospital at this time as C. J. Murphy was undoubtedly C. J. Fitzgerald.

It is believed that this individual was possibly the person whom "Tobe" Williams took Lester Gillis to visit on the occasion referred to above, and whom Nelson later told Negri was a good contact in touch with "Freddie" and "Ray".

It is suggested that this information be borne in mind by the Portland Office in questioning "Tobe" Williams regarding this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND OFFICE, in connection with the investigation requested in the report of Special Agent Wm. J. McNulty, New York City, dated October 3, 1935, with reference to John A. Schmitt, should carefully consider the information noted in the body of this report regarding the relatives of Kate Schmitt Meade, wife of William Elmer Meade, and interview Frank Schmitt, [redacted] Thurmond Avenue, Portland, Oregon, it being noted that he may be in possession of information as to the present whereabouts of William Elmer Meade, who is wanted for questioning in connection with this case.

Referring to Bureau letter of November 9, 1935, requesting that the Portland Office interview "Tobe" Williams at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, will bear in mind the probability that the individual whom "Tobe" Williams took Lester Gillis to see while Lester Gillis was visiting Williams at the Vallejo General Hospital, was in all probability Charles J. Fitzgerald, who, the records reflect, was in the Vallejo General Hospital from August 5 to November 20, 1934, as C. J. Murphy.

[redacted] will conduct appropriate investigation to locate the United Motors Garage, reported by Charles Baxter to have been situated on Wabash Avenue in Chicago, and where Charles Baxter states he frequently took the Lincoln Sedan for William Elmer Meade, to have the brakes relined and adjusted. In the event this garage is located, an endeavor should be made to develop information with reference to William E. Meade.

[redacted] will conduct appropriate investigation to locate the garage specializing in the repair of Lincoln and Cadillac cars, reported by Charles Baxter to have been situated within two blocks of the Bryn Mawr Station of the Illinois Central Railway, in South Chicago, it being reported by Baxter that he was directed by Meade to take his Lincoln car there for repairs, and that Meade was well known at this garage, and efforts should be made, if this garage is located, to develop information with regard to William E. Meade.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation to check the identity of the C. J. Murphys noted in the teletype from the San Francisco office to the Los Angeles office, dated November 15, 1935.

PENDING

Application for Non-Resident Permit No. 1192

FRANK F. MERRIAM
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF REGISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
SACRAMENTO

THEO. J. ROCHE
DIRECTOR OF MOTOR VEHICLES
RUSSELL DEVARS
REGISTRAR OF VEHICLES

To be issued to O. J. Murphy

Address 2110 Washington City Toledo

License No. 3871 C State of Ohio

Make Buivk Type Sedan

Serial No. 2716681 Engine No. 2875177

California address Touring State

Entered California 1/24/35 Expires 12/31/35

Issued 1/24/35 At Yuma By Chandler

Signature of Applicant O. J. Murphy

BILL OF SALE

This is to certify that on the 6 day of Feb. 1935.

I/We C. J. Murphy

Sold to Geo. McShutin

Make Buick 8 Engine #7875177 Serial #2716681

and I/We hereby guarantee the above described vehicle to be free of all liens and encumbrances.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this Date Feb 6-1935

Estelle Strong
Notary Public

(Signed) C. J. Murphy

EXPIRES FEB 23 1937

NO FEE

OPERATOR'S APPLICATION
ORIGINAL OR RENEWAL

MINIMUM AGE—16 YEARS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA :: DIVISION OF REGISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

ORIGINAL OPERATOR'S LICENSE

67664

DATE ISSUED

FEB 23 1935

FOR DEPARTMENT USE

JAN 25 1935

CHARLES JOSEPH MURPHY
Camel Apt Hotel Long Beach

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

1. Have you ever been licensed as an operator? No (Yes or No) What year last issued? None What state? None
2. Have you ever had {chauffeur's / operator's} license suspended or revoked? No (Yes or No)
3. Have you ever applied for California {chauffeur's / operator's} license and been refused? No (Yes or No)
4. If answer is YES to 2 or 3 give date _____ and details on line 5
5. 57
6. Age 38 Sex (male or female) Male Height 5 feet 11 inches
7. Weight 198 Color of eyes Grey Color of hair Grey
8. Condition of hearing (excellent/good/fair/poor)? good
9. Condition of eyesight (excellent/good/fair/poor)? good
10. Normal use of both hands? Yes (Yes or No) Both feet? No (Yes or No)
11. If answer is NO to either question on line 10 give details on line 12
12. Right hip fractured in parade in a prowing
13. Are you married? Yes (Yes or No) Date of birth? March 26th 1887 (Month, day and year)
14. Have you ever been afflicted with Epilepsy? No (Yes or No) Paralysis? No (Yes or No) Insanity? No (Yes or No)
15. If answer is YES to any question on line 14 give details on lines 16, 17
16.
17.
18. Have you any other disability which might affect your ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle while operating same upon the public highways? No (Yes or No)
19. If answer is YES to question on line 18 give details on lines 20, 21
20.
21.
22. Have you ever operated a motor vehicle? Yes (Yes or No) If so, how long? 15 years (Approximately)
23. Are you able to read and understand highway warning and direction signs? Yes (Yes or No)

OVER

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO BY APPLICANT BEFORE AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THIS DEPARTMENT OR A NOTARY PUBLIC

ALL QUESTIONS ON OTHER SIDE MUST BE ANSWERED OR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED

The application of a MINOR must be signed by BOTH PARENTS, if living and have custody of the applicant, otherwise by the parent, guardian, employer, or other person having custody.

Pursuant to Section 16, California Vehicle Act, I hereby make application for a license as operator motor vehicles in the State of California. As part of my application I hereby swear that the answers to questions on other side are true and correct.

Applicant sign name in full here: V. J. Murphy

Do not print name

Pursuant to Section 62, California Vehicle Act, and in consideration of the liability contained therein, the undersigned hereby join in the application for Operator's License, above made, and swear that the answers to questions on other side are true and correct.

Parents { _____ Father
_____ Mother

OR

Other person having custody of minor _____

Give relationship _____

Address _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of JAN 1935

_____
Authorized Employee—Department of Motor Vehicles or Notary Public

L 1154466 JAN 25 1935

REPORT OF OPERATOR'S EXAMINATION

Examined LONG BEACH Date JAN 25 1935

Check (X)	TESTS GIVEN	PASSED	FAILED
Vision test		W	
Written test		W	
Driving test			

Restrictions RESTRICTED TO GLASSES

LICENSE ISSUED 193 5
Form No. A-1
TRUCK WEIGHT
FRANK WEST,
REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES

SWORN STATEMENT OF OWNER

(To be filed with Clerk of Courts)

State of Ohio, Lucas County, ss.

C. J. Murphy, first being duly sworn,

deposes and says that He lives at 2116 Washington Toledo, Ohio,

County of Lucas, and is the owner of the following described motor vehicle:

Make of Car Buick

Engine or Motor No. 2875177 Serial or Factory No. 2716681

Year Manufactured 1934 Horse Power 35.12

General Description of Body Club Sedon Model 91

purchased Feb. 13, 1934 - 8 Cyls.

Signature C J Murphy

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this Seventh day of

Jan., 1935

ROSETTA LESTER
Deputy Clerk, Notary Public, Lucas County, Ohio.

No. 37857

SWORN STATEMENT OF OWNER
MOTOR VEHICLE
(Copy Certified)

Name .....

Address .....

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I, Wm. F. Renz, Clerk of Courts of Lucas County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original sworn statement filed with me this ..... day of ..... 193..

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WM. F. RENZ, CLERK

WM. F. RENZ,
Clerk of Courts.

(SEAL)

Lucas County, Ohio.

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PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LAW IN SALE AND PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

1. Driving vehicle upon public highways without having a Bill of Sale as defined by law, or without having first filed with the Clerk of Courts a sworn statement of ownership and obtained a certified copy of same. Penalty—Fine $25.00 to $5,000.00.

2. To transfer motor vehicle except by Bill of Sale, as defined by law, or to obtain a motor vehicle without receiving the Bill of Sale, as defined by law. Penalty—Fine $25.00 to $5,000.00.

3. The grantor must execute Bill of Sale in presence of two witnesses and verify before Notary Public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths and grantee must sign the same. Penalty—Fine $25.00 to $5,000.00.

4. For failure of grantee to file a copy of Bill of Sale with Clerk of Courts within three days after receiving same. Penalty—Fine of $25.00 to $5,000.00.

5. Unlawful for grantor to misrepresent in Bill of Sale or Sworn Statement any fact or to forge, change or counterfeit any part thereof. Penalty—$50.00 to $5,000.00 or imprisonment in Ohio Penitentiary not more than five years or both.

ERM:CJ

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December 10, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Re: [redacted]
FUGITIVE, I. G. [redacted], et al;
[redacted] - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. E. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco, California November 21, 1935.

In view of the reliable contact which has been established with Mrs. G. A. Hunter, a photograph reported to be that of Lita Steele, the wife of William Elmer Steele, is attached hereto with the request that it be displayed to her to determine whether it is, in fact, identical with Lita Steele.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. [illegible]

CC - E. J. Connelly,
Chicago

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Laboratory Report

November 26, 1935.

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FORMERLY, J. D. [illegible], ET AL; EDWARD S. [illegible] - VICTIM; KIDNAPING. Number: [illegible]

Specimens: A, two letters in Charles Urschel's [illegible]

Examination requested by: [illegible]

Date received: November 21, [illegible]

Examination requested: [illegible]

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

Because of differences in writing characteristics it is believed that Alvin R. Karpis probably did not write the change of address card.

1-Bureau
1-Los Angeles
1-[illegible]
1-Chicago (Mr. E. J. Connelley)
1-St. Paul
1-Jacksonville

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November 26, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

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 November 21, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: Report.

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 25, 1935.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Hobbs
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Time - 5:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Mr. Connelley and advised him that we are getting four men to send over to Cleveland to assist in the setup over there on Karpis and Campbell. I told him that one the Bureau has in mind is Special Agent E. J. Wynn of the Indianapolis Office. Mr. Connelley said he thought this Agent would be suitable for this assignment. I then told him that we plan to send Special Agent E. J. Dowd from the Buffalo Office and Special Agent W.B. O'Mahoney from Detroit. A fourth man will be picked and instructed to proceed to Cleveland to assist in this matter.

I told Mr. Connelley that I would get in touch with the offices at which the above named Agents are assigned and instruct them to proceed to Cleveland and report to the Cleveland Office for this assignment. Mr. Connelley said that he has to talk to Special Agent R. D. Brown at Cleveland in a few minutes, and that he would tell Brown the Agents are coming.

In succession, I telephoned the Detroit, Indianapolis and Buffalo Offices and instructed that Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney, E. J. Wynn and E. J. Dowd proceed at once to Cleveland and report to the Cleveland Office for a special assignment. I then telephoned the Philadelphia Office and instructed that Special Agent T. M. Birch proceed at once to Cleveland to be assigned to this work.

With reference to Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Mr. Reinecke informed me that he is going to be a necessary witness in the George W. Barrett Case which comes to trial at Indianapolis on Monday morning next. With this in mind, I told him to instruct Mr. Wynn to plan to return to Indianapolis in time for this trial.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Laboratory Report

November 27, 1936.

Case: Alvin Karpis with others - Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.; Edward S. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping. Number: 7-576-8190

Specimens: Possible handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, consisting of the following:
A. On stationery of Shirley Drug Co. beginning "Please connect with".
B. On stationery of Joseph P. Moran, M. D. beginning "Call 488".
C. On stationery of Joseph P. Moran, M. D. beginning "Teddy Regan".
D. On back of card of O'Donnell & Fiehtz beginning "Johnny Murphy".
E. On torn card beginning "Lond 9688".
F. On back of card of Horn Palace beginning "Bert Golden".

Examination requested by: M. F. Connelley of Chicago.

Date received: November 18, 1936.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel (1)

These additional specimens of what is said to be the writing of Moran were compared with the ledger sheets. Very few characteristics could be compared from these writings because they are script and the ledger sheets are handprinted. There are various similarities between the handprinting of Moran on the application for adjusted compensation (if this can be established as the writing of Moran), these additional specimens of Moran's writing and the entries in the ledger sheets. For this reason the examiner believes it probable that Moran wrote these sheets. It would require additional specimens of the known writing of Moran under similar conditions to the questioned writings before any more definite conclusion may be made.

1-Moran
2-Chicago (Mr. M. F. Connelley)
1-St. Paul
1-Cincinnati
1-Laboratory

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November 27, 1935.

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

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.;
Edward 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 November 22, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: Report.

cc - St. Paul
Cincinnati

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November 27, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: [redacted] KIDNAPING CASE.

I talked to Connelley this morning in connection with the situation in Oklahoma relative to the apparent or possible failure of the Oklahoma City Office to cover the residence of Campbell's mother and also other relatives of Campbell in such a manner as to have precluded Campbell visiting his mother, providing he did. There is not sufficient information in the files as yet to submit a detailed report and I so told Connelley. Connelley is transmitting a letter immediately giving in detail the results of his observations and investigation at Oklahoma City last week. Immediately upon its receipt I will transmit a memorandum to you advising as to the responsibility for this condition.

From what I can gather, there has been laxity at the Oklahoma City Office. However, you will be advised in detail.

Very truly yours,

E. Nathan.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Oklahoma City, Okla.	11-25-35	11/6-22/35	Paul Hansen

TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1218;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information obtained regarding receipt of five registered letters by Maggie Lett, Wann, Okla. since May, 1935, postmarked at Cleveland and Brunswick, Ohio. Identity of sender not known but suspected of being Harry Campbell. Additional informant established at South Coffeyville, Okla. William Joseph O'Keefe not known to informant [redacted] Harry Campbell apparently not arrested in Okla. in 1928. No record of Campbell and Wynona Burdette being married at Sapulpa, Okla. Further information obtained in vicinity of Tulsa, Okla. regarding the activities of Karpis and Campbell, none of which appears to be reliable. Sisters of Wynona Burdette reinterviewed.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Okla. City, dated 11-2-35; letter from Detroit Office to Bureau, 11-6-35; letter from Okla. City Office to Bureau, 11-12-35; personal and confidential letter from Omaha Office to Bureau, 11-11-35; letter from SAC E. J. Connelley to Kansas City Office, 11-12-35; letter from Bureau to Okla. City Office, 9-16-35; report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzy, Detroit, Michigan, 7-19-35; report of SAC E. P. Guinane, Denver, Colo., 7-28-35.

DETAILS: The report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzy, Detroit, Michigan, dated July 19, 1935, contains an undeveloped lead for the Oklahoma City Office to check the marriage licenses at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, as a result of an interview with Wynona Burdette, wherein she stated that she and Campbell were married there in 1930 or 1931. The marriage records were checked at Sapulpa, Creek County, Oklahoma, which disclose the marriage of two Suttons in 1931. One record reflects that Earnest V. Sutton, age twenty-four, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Special Agent in Charge

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married Clara Rosella Vaughan, age eighteen, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, May [illegible] by James M. Jackson, Baptist minister of Sapulpa, Oklahoma [illegible] and Levy Jackson, both of Sapulpa. The other record [illegible] I. Sutton, age thirty-four, of Tulsa, Oklahoma to Ruth Gilbreth, age twenty-[illegible] of Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 15, 1931, by James William McKinney, a minister of the First Christian Church, witnesses were Mrs. Roy Hicks of Ada, Oklahoma and [illegible] Rachels of Tulsa, Oklahoma. There is no record of the marriage of [illegible] having been performed by a Justice of the Peace in Sapulpa. Juliet Bassett, [illegible] ty Court Clerk, assisted the writer in checking these marriages for 1930 and up to July 11, 1931. Miss Bassett stated that she has been employed in this office [illegible] for several years and that E. M. Snider and E. L. Bofforth were Justices of the Peace in 1930 and 1931; that neither one of them are dead; that Snider is still a Justice of the Peace and that Bofforth is now the Clerk of the Court of Sapulpa. The information furnished by Hyacos Duriotte concerning her alleged marriage to Harry Campbell, as set out in the above mentioned report, is therefore, apparently unreliable.

With reference to the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Guinane, Denver, Colorado, dated July 22, 1935, the arrest records were checked at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Departments, as well as the Sheriff's offices at each point, and there is no record of Harry Campbell having been arrested in 1928. While making this inquiry, no further information was obtained concerning the criminal record of Harry Campbell, than is set out in the Identification Order No. 1856.

With reference to Bureau letter dated September 16, 1935, [illegible] concerning the identity of "Stuttering Kid", heretofore referred to by the informant, [illegible] at Tulsa, Oklahoma, the photograph of William Joseph O'Keefe was displayed to [illegible] and this informant stated that O'Keefe is unknown to him. [illegible] advised that the person he had referred to as the "Stuttering Kid" would not be more than thirty to thirty-five years old and, therefore, could not be identical with O'Keefe, mentioned in this Bureau letter.

[illegible] was interrogated further with reference to any knowledge he has of the activities of Karpis and Campbell and he stated that he has no further information. He again expressed a willingness to continue his cooperation with the writer and it is believed that if this informant ever receives any information concerning Karpis he will immediately relay that information to this Agent. It is not known definitely whether this informant will turn Harry Campbell in if he receives information concerning him, as it is apparent that he is very friendly with Campbell. The informant [illegible] however, has stated upon numerous occasions that he would not say definitely that he would not put Campbell on the spot if he is able to do so, but he also states that he will not promise definitely to do this. This informant is apparently in need of money at the present time and it is thought that he will probably transmit any information he receives to the writer, even concerning Harry Campbell. Further contacts will be made with this informant from time to time.

W. J. Pottroff, who is better known as Frank Pottroff, South Peoria, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a recent running mate of his by the name Roy Talmage, have repeatedly advised this Agent that they have information confidential nature that Karpis and Campbell are in the vicinity of Tulsa. They have recently advised that they have obtained information that these [illegible]

are making some contact with a person who is operating a wholesale liquor business in a large two story white frame farm house about one quarter of a mile east of the Avery Golf Club, northeast of Tulsa. This information will be checked, though it is believed that it is unreliable as Pottroff has been known to furnish unreliable information in the past and is obviously trying to make some set-up where he might be hired as a guard or look-out to watch or make a surveillance of a certain place, in order to earn some money for himself and his family.

Pottroff also advised that Frankie Warner Lane, a daughter of Charley Warner, a former Deputy United States Marshal at Tulsa, Oklahoma, had advised him that two men had called at the Brown Derby Club east of Tulsa; that the men agreed with the descriptions of Karpis and Campbell; that the larger of the two men danced with her and that she had identified his photograph definitely as being that of Karpis. Frankie Lane is considered as an informant, as a "snitch" by a majority of the peace officers in Tulsa and to the conservative and reliable officers, she is regarded as being entirely unreliable. Frankie was interviewed by the writer at her mother's home at Turley, Oklahoma, and related the same story that Pottroff related about these two strangers calling at the Brown Derby Club. She stated definitely that the photograph of Campbell was not the photograph of the small man, but that one certain photograph of Karpis was definitely a photograph of the larger of the two men whom she danced with. She said that this man was about six feet tall, dark hair, and brown eyes, and that he would weigh about 180 to 190 pounds.

The information about these two men calling at the Brown Derby Club was related to the writer by Pottroff upon a former occasion and at that time he stated that Frankie had told him that the large man was a blonde and that he was only about twenty-one or twenty-two years old. It was apparent, therefore, that Frankie had changed her story probably upon the suggestion of Pottroff in order that he might make some confidential money by his apparent endeavors to locate these fugitives. Frankie is now employed by the Brown Stone Club, located on north Peoria Street, beyond the city limits of Tulsa, which is operated by Zim Greenwood, previously mentioned as an informant by this Agent. Frankie was interviewed at this club on two occasions and on the occasion of the last visit, advised the writer that the information she had given about these two strangers stopping at the Brown Derby Club and of one of them resembling Karpis was not the truth and while she would not admit it, she intimated that the suggestion that she tell the story she did was made to her by Pottroff.

While it is definitely known that Pottroff is wholly unreliable, he has, in the past, been able to obtain some information in the vicinity of Tulsa which has aided officers in locating fugitives and for that reason, he is being tolerated as an informant, as there is a remote possibility that he may be able to obtain some information of value in the future.

With reference to the letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau dated November 6, 1935, an effort was made to interview Mrs. R. E. Wilson, sister of Wynona Burdette, at Arondale, Oklahoma, but she was not at home when this Agent called. Her husband, Richard Wilson, however, was interviewed and it was ascertained that the Wilsons still live on the oil lease which is known as Section No. 8, near Arondale, Oklahoma, and it was ascertained from the Postmaster at Hominy, Oklahoma that the Post Office at Arondale was discontinued several months ago and that Arondale and vicinity is now served out of a Star route from Hominy. Mrs. Wilson has, therefore, not moved to Hominy, Oklahoma, but Hominy

is her present address as far as mail is concerned. Wilson furnished no further information than has been reported in the past, though he talked freely of the visit of his wife to see Wynona and further expressed a willingness to continue to cooperate with this Agent by furnishing any information he receives which will help to locate Harry Campbell. Wilson stated that he would be most pleased to hear of Harry Campbell being either arrested or killed, and he believes all of Wynona's sisters have this same feeling. Mrs. Wilson will be interviewed in the near future and an effort will be made to obtain, in a discreet manner, how Mrs. Wilson knows that Campbell has been to see his mother on two different occasions since Wynona has been at Milan, Michigan. Wilson advised that Mark Whinnery is continually making remarks to some of the Burdette sisters that he heard that Harry Campbell was in town a few days before, though Wilson, as well as the Burdette sisters, believed that he is wholly unreliable and that he makes these statements to them merely for the purpose of bragging. There is a possibility that Mrs. Wilson obtained her ideas of Harry Campbell being in Tulsa to see his mother on two occasions recently from this source. Whinnery has been contacted from time to time by the writer and on numerous occasions has advised that certain persons had advised him that they believed they had passed Harry Campbell in an automobile, but that he did not believe that the information was of any consequence. Whinnery has stated that he indicates to the various Burdette sisters that he hears from time to time that Campbell has been seen in Tulsa or vicinity to give these sisters the impression that he has some fairly close contact with Campbell, in order that if they obtain any information regarding him they will willingly give that information to Whinnery, who will in turn immediately advise the writer. As stated, there is a possibility that Mrs. Wilson got her idea of Campbell being in Tulsa twice recently from this source. However, this fact will be borne in mind when Mrs. Wilson is interviewed again.

Mrs. Mark (Ruth) Whinnery, was interviewed and said that she had heard nothing of Campbell or his activities since she was last interviewed.

Mildred Jones, another sister of Wynona, who is living near Turley, Oklahoma, and her sister, Jimmy Burdette, were interviewed at the Jones home and each stated they had heard nothing of Campbell or his activities since last being interviewed.

Mrs. Chuck (Eunice) Hughes, another sister of Wynona, who is presently living in the rear of 56 North Yorktown, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in a garage, was interviewed at length and advised that she had heard nothing of Harry Campbell except what her sister, Esther Wilson had told her of her conversation with Wynona. Eunice said that she had gone to the Campbell home on one occasion with Wynona about three years ago; that Wynona did most of the talking to Mrs. Campbell and to Harry's sister, Pearl; that Pearl cried about Harry being into so much trouble and stated that she was the sole cause of him starting out, and this, apparently, was caused by Harry delivering some beer that Pearl was brewing. This Agent asked Eunice if she would not consider calling at the Campbell home and talking with Harry's parents about him and Wynona, in an effort to obtain some information regarding Campbell's present location, and while she stated that she would rather not do this because she was not well acquainted with the Campbells, she would, however, do it. It was rather apparent from the conversation with her that she had no definite information and in fact, no information at all of Campbell being to visit his parents recently. She stated very positively that she would continue to cooperate with the writer and furnish any information she receives regarding the activities of these fugitives.

It might be stated here that each of the Burdette sisters that have been interviewed by this Agent have sentimentally expressed the idea that they feel that if they could help the Government apprehend Harry Campbell that their sister, Wynona, would probably be paroled from Milan as a result of that help. They also believe that it will be impossible for their sister to obtain a parole as long as Harry Campbell is a fugitive, and for these reasons they are very anxious to obtain some information which would result in apprehending Campbell.

With reference to personal and confidential letter from the Omaha Office to the Bureau dated November 11, 1935, regarding a conversation had with Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary by Agent Wilson, the observation is made that the hunting season for deer in Oklahoma is always in November and the season for squirrel is from May 15 to December 31, for quail, November 20 to January 1, and there was no open season for prairie chickens in 1934 or 1935. According to the 1935 game laws, the open season for Florida is as follows: deer, from November 20 to December 31, for squirrel, November 20 to February 15, for quail, November 20 to February 15, for turkey, November 20 to February 15. It is definitely known that most of the members of this mob were in Florida during November, December and the first part of January, 1935. For this reason, and as a result of the observations made above, together with information which has been received from Volney Davis and reported by the Kansas City Office, it is apparent that if Jess Doyle saw a letter that he is alleged to have seen, that it referred to an invitation to go to Florida and fish and hunt, and not to some point in Oklahoma.

Red Andrews, delivery manager for the Tulsa World, a daily newspaper in Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that he is personally acquainted with the Barker brothers, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and many of their associates in Tulsa, he having employed them as news boys during their early years, before they engaged upon crime in a big way. Andrews claims to have a lot of contacts with the criminal element in Tulsa. He said that it is his belief that Campbell is frequenting Tulsa, though he had no information as to any definite place that he might go. He stated that about two months ago he walked into a small cafe at Lewis and Admiral Streets, about dark, and saw Harry Campbell there, eating. He did not speak to Campbell, however, though he is positive that the person he saw was Harry Campbell. He said that this information was immediately given to Felix Alteffer, a sergeant with the Tulsa Police Department. Andrews took a slip of paper and wrote thereon "31 North Gillette", placed it in the writer's hand in a very mysterious fashion and said, "It's just a lead, I hope it does you some good". The Tulsa City Directory for 1936 lists Arnold G. Skinner at this address. Andrews advised that he has two or three uncles who are officers and he seems to have a detective complex. He is regarded by reliable officers in Tulsa, as being most unreliable. The address which he gave on Gillette will be closely borne in mind and it will be ascertained what Skinner does for a living and any possible contact he may have with Harry Campbell.

Mrs. L. B. (Irene) Hoffman, sister of Volney Davis, has recently moved to 1115 South Yorktown, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She will be interviewed in the near future to determine if she has any close contact with the Campbell family and an effort will be made to secure her services as an informant if she is able to go to the Campbell home and talk with them in a confidential way about their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Webb of Tulsa, previously mentioned as confidential informants in this case, have been interviewed and advised that they have heard no information about Campbell being in Oklahoma. Mrs. Webb stated that her sister Dicie, who is married to Gordon Carpenter, brother of Tommy Carpenter, is employed by the telephone company in Tulsa and is very close to Laurel Campbell, Harry's youngest sister. An effort will be made to interview Mrs. Carpenter in the near future and endeavor to make an informant out of her.

On November 21, 1935 the Oklahoma City Office received a mail tracing from the Post Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, of a letter addressed to Mrs. George Campbell, 618 South Rockford Street, [redacted] at East Middlesex, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1935 at 5:00 P. M. A Photostat was immediately forwarded to the Pittsburgh Office, advising that the tracing indicated that there was a similarity with the handwriting of Harry Campbell and asked that [redacted] be made at East Middlesex, and the photograph of Campbell and [redacted] of this case displayed by postal authorities.

Numerous efforts were made by the writer to obtain the location of Milton Lett (not Letts), of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. While making inquiry concerning Lett and his people, John R. Hendrickson, mail carrier, Route #2, Wann, Oklahoma, advised that Maggie Lett, who lives on Route #2 out of Wann, and who is the mother of Milton Lett, had received numerous registered letters from some point in the East. At the request of the writer his registry book was examined which disclosed that the following registered letters had been received, on the dates indicated.

Register Number	Postmark	Date
No. 731416	Cleveland, Ohio	5-6-35
No. 701194	" "	6-3-35
No. 706172	" "	7-29-35
No. 706811	" "	8-5-35
No. 1070	Brunswick, Ohio	10-7-35

Each of the above letters were addressed to Maggie Lett and were delivered in one or two days is due course. Hendrickson's registry book was checked back to 1930 and there is one other record of Maggie Lett having received a registered letter, which was June 3, 1931, from Wichita, Kansas, and this letter was probably from a daughter who resides at Wichita. The information concerning the above listed registered letters was immediately transferred to the Oklahoma City Office and that information was incorporated into a letter and forwarded to the Cleveland Office, with a request that an immediate check regarding the sender and the return address be made.

It will be remembered that Harry Campbell called at the home of Mildred Jones near Turley, Oklahoma on the night of April 28, 1935. According to information furnished by [redacted] "a boy", [redacted] who is apparently Milton Lett, took Campbell to see his parents in Tulsa about this time. It is observed that the first registered letter was mailed in Cleveland May 6, 1935, which is only a few days after he was apparently in the vicinity of Tulsa. There would appear to be a logical conclusion that Campbell arranged with Milt Lett and/or his mother to correspond through them with his folks or to send his parents some money. This possible conclusion seems logical in view

of the fact that John R. Hendrickson, mail carrier on Route #2, C. R. Strain, husband of the Postmaster at Wann, and Charley Hoffman, a butcher and a distant relative of the Lott family, all of Wann, Oklahoma, knew of no relatives or friends in Ohio who would be corresponding with Maggie Lott. It was also stated by Milton Lott, during an interview had with him by the writer, mentioned below, that the immediate members of his family are all living in the vicinity of Wann, Oklahoma, except one sister, who lives in Wichita.

[redacted] going to the Lott home and [redacted] referred directly by the writer to Pulse, Oklahoma. It [redacted] when another registered letter is received for Maggie Lott, this Agent will be advised before that letter is delivered.

One mail tracing has been received of a letter which was postmarked at Wichita, Kansas with the return address "Mrs. Ray Wise, 2516 Park Place, Wichita, Kansas." This is apparently Maggie Lott's daughter, who resides in Wichita.

Through peace officers at Nowata, Oklahoma, it was ascertained that Milton Lott had returned home after he had been arrested in Kansas and taken to Yates Center, Kansas to be identified on a hi-jacking job, but was released when witnesses failed to identify him. The writer proceeded to the Lott home and requested Milton Lott to proceed in the writer's Bureau car to a point in the country where an interview was had with him. Lott was extremely careful and reserved about what he said and first denied that he ever had any connection with Harry Campbell, but later admitted that he suspected that he had seen Campbell, although he probably did not know him by the name of Harry Campbell. He was told that the writer was in possession of information which indicated conclusively that he had done certain things for Campbell and that he, therefore, was well acquainted with him, but in order to establish confidence and cooperation with this informant, no concentrated effort was made to determine just what contact Milt Lott has had with Campbell. After a conversation of a couple of hours with Lott, he stated that for the confidential money that the Bureau will pay for information resulting in the apprehension of Campbell and Karpis, he promised definitely to advise the writer of any information he receives which will aid in this respect. This informant seemed rather anxious to know just how he could communicate with the writer and it is believed that he has been convinced that he should furnish any information in this respect that he receives.

Further contacts will be made with this informant from time to time in an effort to establish more fully a confidence and cooperation with this informant. He chooses to be known by the name of Jimmy and if he calls the writer about any information regarding this case, he will announce himself as Jimmy. He has been advised of the different ways that he can get in touch with this Agent and in turn, has advised this Agent that if it is necessary to contact him again that he will either be at his mother's home or some place around South Coffeyville, or Coffeyville, Kansas, and he also can be reached at General Delivery in Coffeyville, Kansas. For the information of the record, this informant is driving a 1935 Model Coach or Sedan, Ford V-8, with a trunk on the rear, 1935 Kansas license plate, No. 5-11020. This informant has been arrested on numerous occasions by officers in Nowata County and Coffeyville, Kansas and he distrusts every officer. This is confirmed by the fact that numerous officers have advised

this Agent that they have arrested him from time to time since he was fourteen or fifteen years old and that they have never been able to obtain any information from him. This informant made the writer promise definitely and above all that is holy that no other person in the whole world would know about the contents of the conversation between him and this Agent, and this promise was made to him.

The Oklahoma City Office has had under consideration for some time, establishing some sort of a definite surveillance at the Campbell home at 818 South Rockford Street in Tulsa. Through an arrangement made by this office and upon authority of Mr. Tamm at the Bureau, a furnished house has been rented at 820 South Rockford Street in Tulsa, next door to the Campbell home. Agent S. J. Endres rented this house and will move into this house with his wife, either November 24 or November 25, 1955. Two other Agents who are total strangers in Oklahoma were requested by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Mr. Tamm has advised that these men will be furnished. These Agents will take up residence at the house that has been rented at 820 South Rockford with Agent Endres, where a twenty-four hour surveillance will be maintained, until after the Christmas holidays.

820 South Rockford Street is where Ruby Blackwell, sister of Mrs. J. Earl Smith, whose husband was killed by Harry Campbell and others was residing until recently, according to previous reports submitted by this Agent and Mrs. Smith was also living at this house with her sister for some time, making a surveillance of the Campbell home at the suggestion and with the cooperation of this Agent.

Further investigation will be made by this Agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma and vicinity and at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma in an effort to obtain some information regarding the activities and the location of these fugitives.

During the afternoon of November 20, 1935 Colonel Charles W. Daley of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Oklahoma City, called Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, and stated that he had received a few minutes before [illegible] special delivery anonymous letter from Tulsa, purported to [illegible] whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell [illegible] Special Agent in Charge J. E. Connelley, Special Agents [illegible] Smith, Paul Hanson and Mr. Brantley conferred personally with Colonel [illegible] at his office in the Capitol Building concerning this matter. The contents of the letter disclosed it to be as follows:

"If you would like to catch Karpis and Campbell go to a story frame farm house on thirty three hiway a mile and three fourths East of Sixty Six Hiway to nite after eleven Do not notify officials of Tulsey or Rogers County"

The foregoing letter was written on lined note paper, was printed in pencil, addressed to the [illegible] Oklahoma City, Okla." and postmarked "Tulsa, Okla. Nov. 20 [illegible]

Colonel Daley stated that efforts were made to process the letter at his office for latent fingerprints, but none were obtained therefrom.

There was nothing in the letter which would suggest the identity or the address of the writer thereof.

The Bureau representatives, who appeared at Colonel Daley's office in this matter, informed Colonel Daley that it would be advisable to make arrangements to locate the house mentioned in the aforesaid letter, and to raid it some time after 11:00 P. M. on the night of November 20, 1935.

It was decided that the following members of the State Bureau would accompany agents in this raid: Clint Miers, C. C. Crabb, T. C. Davis and George Collins. Joe Anderson and Cap Edwards of the Kansas Highway Patrol, who have been working in Oklahoma for some time with T. C. Davis, are considered reliable, and it was advisable to take them along.

At a designated place in Tulsa the above mentioned officers and Miers, Connelley, Brantley, Smith and Hanson met at 10:30 P. M. on the night of November 20.

Brantley, Connelley, Miers and Hanson made a survey of the area designated in the letter, in which this house was located, and the house was definitely located. It is about one mile and three-fourths from a point

at which highway 33 branches off from highway 66, and is approximately one-quarter mile from the road. The house was well lighted.

After this survey was made, the parties who made the same returned to Tulsa, and informed the other officers of their findings, and definite plans were made to raid the place immediately, which was done.

When the house was raided there was no resistance. It was found to be a liquor depot. There was approximately $5,000.00 worth of liquor in this house of all brands and descriptions. It was bonded, tax paid whiskey. There was no still in operation.

There were eight men found in this house. Some of them were armed. There were many weapons found in the house; no machine guns were found, but there were several revolvers, three Colt .45 automatics, not Government property, several shotguns and rifles, and in all there were about twenty weapons found at this house. An examination of them failed to show that the possession of them constituted a violation of the National Firearms Act. This property is located in Nowata County. From all indications it was apparent that the place was operating with the consent of the county officers. The persons found at this house are :

J. O. Watson, Waxahachie, Texas. Boss and operator. (According to his own admissions)
J. E. Tackett, 125 N. Delaware, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Cook. Former cook at the Tulsa County Jail.
Clarence Miller, Verdigris, Oklahoma. Bish-washer and guard.
W. R. (Bill) Miller. Brother. Former Miller at Claremore, Oklahoma, now a resident of that city.
Clyde Hoffman, Inola, Oklahoma. A vistor, whose wife was found in a car in the yard.
Poke West, Verdigris, Oklahoma. Helper and guard.
James Powell, Catoosa, Oklahoma. Helper and guard.
Arthur Perkey, Verdigris, Oklahoma. Helper and guard.

While agents were there, there appeared at the premises three people in a 1950 Ford A Coupe, Oklahoma license 405-755, who identified themselves as Raymond Gordon, employed by W. C. Harris, Oil Well Supply Company, 45 N. Phoenix, Tulsa, Harry Gordon, 771 S. Duncan, employed by Ray Marshall, Tulsa, and Gladys Lambert, 1124 [illegible] Drive, employed by W. T. Swann, Tulsa. These people had with them a .38 caliber rifle and a double barreled shotgun. It was evident that they had been for a supply of liquor.

Over $1700.00 in cash was found at the house. While the house was more or less dilapidated, there was an elaborate record keeping system.

A typewriter and an adding machine were found, an inventory of stock was kept, and there were various [illegible] parts of the house.

[illegible] of the officers, [illegible] among [illegible] pharmalia found at this house, [illegible] the Bureau agents immediately withdrew from the premises. To date there has been no publicity in connection with the raid, and no mention that Bureau agents participated therein. It was obvious after the liquor was entered that the anonymous letter was from some enemy or competitor of the persons operating this liquor depot, and it is believed that the names of Karpis and Campbell were included in the letter in an effort to bring about immediate and definite action on the part of these officers to put this place out of business. It was decided by all those agents participating in this raid that it [illegible] the kind of establishment which Karpis and Campbell would frequent [illegible] it is [illegible] and apt to be raided.

Prior to this raid Mr. [illegible] of the Bureau was informed by long distance telephone. On the morning of November 11, 1935 Mr. Brantley notified the Bureau by long distance telephone of the raid, and the results thereof.

Several weeks ago Dorothy Karpis of Tulsa filed [illegible] in the Courts of Tulsa for divorce. Carel Shumbarsley, an agent of Dorothy Karpis, advised Mr. Brantley that on November 18 an absolute decree of divorce was granted Dorothy [illegible] by Judge [illegible] Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The divorce was uncontested, service was not obtained upon Karpis, and he did not appear to defend the suit.

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November 26, 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. #1215, et al;
[redacted] - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that all of the firearms and items of firearm equipment which have been confiscated from persons under investigation in the above entitled case be immediately forwarded to the Bureau. This will include any firearms or firearm equipment obtained by Agents not only in Chicago but also in Florida.

In forwarding these firearms to the Bureau it is desired that each item be listed and an explanation given as to the time and place where such firearm equipment was located.

It is to be understood, of course, that any firearms so confiscated, which may be of evidentiary value, should be retained by the Chicago office until such time as their usefulness has been dissipated through court action.

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Very truly yours,

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TITLE:
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1218; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRELER - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE:
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information furnished at Seattle, Wn., by a Miss Charlotte Gigstad that she believed that a "Miss Tompkins" was in fact a man assuming the identity of a woman and resembled subject Karpis. The suspect proved to be Mrs. Jean Tompkins who does not answer description of Karpis and is not Karpis.

DETAILS:

--- At Seattle, Washington ---

This report covers the joint investigation of Special Agent W. K. Bowling and the writer.

On the evening of November 11, 1935, Agent Bowling received a telephone call from Miss Charlotte Gigstad, 7318 - 36th Avenue S. W., Seattle, who advised that she thought she had some information concerning Alvin Karpis and

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that she would be available for interview on the following day.

The writer and Agent Bowling interviewed Miss Gigstad at 7318 36th Avenue S.W. on November 12, 1935, and were advised that a few days previously Miss Gigstad had telephoned to the "Seattle Post Intelligencer" for a woman companion and one who could also act as chauffeur. Miss Gigstad advised that she is suffering from tuberculosis and has a sister at the Furlands Sanitarium, some twenty miles from where she lives; that she likes to call on her sister on Thursdays, that being visiting day; that she has an automobile, lives by herself and needed a companion and someone to drive her car. The woman with whom she spoke at the "P. I." told her she had a party in mind and gave her the name of a Miss Tompkins. After some talking on the telephone, Miss Tompkins called on Miss Gigstad on the preceding Sunday, November 10, 1935. Miss Gigstad stated that the Tompkins girl was accompanied by an older man whom she called "Father Forsythe".

Miss Gigstad stated that she was positive that Miss Tompkins was in fact a man dressed as a woman and further that she was positive that this party was none other than Alvin Karpis. She stated that she reads detective literature and had seen pictures of Karpis and also had read that he might be going about the country dressed as a woman. Miss Tompkins seemed to act very suspiciously to Miss Gigstad, gave her telephone number as Elliott 9147. She told Miss Gigstad that whoever answered the phone would state that Miss Tompkins was not in, but would take a message. Miss Gigstad believed that the number was for the Lincoln Hotel at 216 Spring Street. Miss Tompkins wanted the job very badly and had requested Miss Gigstad to meet her at the corner of Second and Columbia Street in Seattle on the date of the interview. Miss Gigstad stated that of course she was unable to do this. The description of Miss Tompkins which Miss Gigstad furnished was identical to that of Alvin Karpis and she identified his photograph from among a number. She admitted, however, that she had seen the same picture before.

At the Lincoln Hotel Agent Bowling interviewed Mrs. Edith Stone, manager. She advised that on October 27, 1935, a Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tompkins had registered at the hotel and had been given Room #12, at $2.50 per week. Robert Tompkins was supposed to work for the "P.I." and he and his alleged wife ate at a cheap restaurant in the Pike Street Market. Mrs. Stone remarked that several people had spoken of the fact that Mrs. Tompkins looked very much like a man dressed as a woman. She stated that the people were quiet and seemed to be law abiding. She described Mrs. Tompkins as in no way answering the description of Alvin Karpis.

Investigation at the "P. I." by Agent Bowling failed to locate a Robert Tompkins.

On November 14, 1935, Miss Gigstad called the office and advised Agent that Miss or Mrs. Tompkins had telephoned her and told her that she would call at 12:00 noon to take her to the sanitarium to visit her sister. Miss Gigstad was still sure that the party was Alvin Karpis.

Agent Bowling and the writer proceeded to Miss Gigstad's home and arrangements were made to view the Tompkins man or woman without being seen. Miss Gigstad stated that she had no intention of going any place with the Tompkins person. Accordingly when the Tompkins person called she was told by Miss Gigstad that she, Miss Gigstad, could not go to the hospital that day on account of her health. In order not to embarrass Miss Gigstad, Mrs. Tompkins was not detained or questioned by Agents at her home. Upon viewing her it was determined immediately that she in no way answered the description of Karpis.

Mrs. Tompkins was followed down town where she was requested to come to the Federal Building. She very willingly did so and upon interview advised that her name is Mrs. Jean Tompkins, nee Forsythe; that she is living with her husband Robert at the Lincoln Hotel. Robert, she stated, sells newspapers at a stand which he leases. This stand is located at the corner of 6th Avenue and Pine Street, Seattle. She stated that she had been married since 1928, now being 27years of age. Her father is Robert Forsythe of 351 W. 48th Street, and she has a married sister, Mrs. T. M. Stroncek, telephone Sunset 3990. It was readily ascertained that Mrs. Tompkins is not Alvin Karpis. She does have many male characteristics and could be taken for a man dressed as a woman.

From personal observation she is described as follows:

Name	JEAN FORSYTHE TOMPKINS
Age	27
Height	5' 4"
Weight	125 lbs.
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium

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Post Office Box [illegible]
Detroit 1, Michigan
November 29, 1935

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

Re: [illegible] - FUGITIVE
J.H. Daly; et al.
[illegible] - 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 Mrs. William Daily from Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. Helen Delaney from Dolores Delaney.

(3) Letter to Hyman Barlette, an inmate of your institution, from her sister Eunice Hughes.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau

W. J. Hunt
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218 et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim	KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Postal authorities, West Middlesex, Pa. unable to recall letter mailed to Subject Campbell's mother [redacted] Tulsa, Okla., 11-18-35. Records of incoming and outgoing postal money orders, registered mail and special delivery letters since 1-1-35 failed to reveal information as to possible identity of writer. Open mail cover placed on incoming and outgoing mail for 30 days. No identifications of Karpis or Campbell effected.

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REFERENCE: Teletype Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 11-21-35.

DETAILS:

The Oklahoma City Office, by teletype message dated November 21, 1935, advised that the mail cover placed on the family of Subject HARRY CAMPBELL, revealed a letter addressed to Mrs. George Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, postmarked West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1935, 5:00 P. M. The Oklahoma Office requested that the incoming and outgoing mail and the postal money orders at the West Middlesex, Pennsylvania Post Office be checked in an effort to identify the writer; further, that the photographs of Harry Campbell and other Subjects be exhibited for identification purposes.

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AT WEST MIDDLESEX, PENNSYLVANIA

[redacted] stated that he and WILLA MAY CLARK, window clerk, sort and stamp all the mail that passes through the West [redacted] Post Office; that he was unable to recall specifically the letter mailed to Mrs. George Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 18, 1935, at 5:00 P. M. He further advised, on being shown the photographs of both Campbell and Karpis, that he was unable to recall ever having seen either in or about West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, at any time.

Agent, together with Postmaster Boal, checked all the incoming and outgoing postal money orders since January 1, 1935 in an effort to develop information as to the possible identity of the writer. However, no outgoing postal money order was able to be located indicating a payee in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The names of the payees and remitters on all the incoming postal money orders, as checked from the stubs, were negative in developing any pertinent information as to the possible identity of the writer. In addition to this, the records of registered letters and special delivery letters were likewise checked from January 1, 1935 to the present without developing any pertinent information.

Postmaster Boal advised that he would gladly maintain thirty-day mail cover on the incoming and outgoing mail and money orders in a [redacted] to ascertain if possible the identity of the writer of the letter to Mrs. Campbell. [redacted] advised that he would promptly notify the Pittsburgh Office if he succeeded in securing this information.

WILLA MAY CLARK, window clerk, United States Post Office, stated also that she was unable to recall any circumstances connected with the letter addressed to Subject Campbell's mother at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 18, 1935. She was likewise unable to identify the photographs of either Campbell or Karpis as individuals she had ever seen in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. Miss Clark stated that she would gladly maintain a close watch on all the incoming and outgoing mail and money orders for the next several weeks in a further effort to ascertain the identity of the writer of this letter.

FLOYD B. GILKEY and MATHEW W. SMITH, the two rural mail carriers at the West Middlesex Post Office, stated also that they were unable to recall the letter addressed to Subject Campbell's mother or any circumstances connected with its being mailed on November 18, 1935. They also were unable to identify the photographs of Campbell and Karpis as individuals they had seen at any time in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania.

They agreed to keep a close watch on the mail they pick up from the rural post office boxes for the next several weeks and that if they succeed in securing any pertinent information relative to the identity of the writer they will immediately call it to the attention of the Postmaster for transmission to the Pittsburgh Office.

CONSTABLE R. S. GARMAN, and OFFICER J. S. MORFORD were shown the photographs of both Campbell and Karpis but both advised that they had never seen any individual resembling either in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. Both agreed to maintain a watch for the appearance of either, and advised that they would promptly contact the Pittsburgh Office if they observed any individuals resembling these Subjects at any time in the future.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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November 23, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the telephonic request of Mr. McIntire, I am transmitting herewith one copy each of abstracts of criminal records as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Henry Randall, our file #FBI-879297, and Joseph H. Adams, our file #FBI-882350.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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November 26, 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. Schilder .....
Mr. Tamm .....
Mr. Tracy .....
Miss Gandy .....

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

As the record in this case will show, the parents of Harry Campbell reside at 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. This office has rented the house adjacent to the Campbell residence, and a twenty-four hour surveillance is being maintained on the Campbell home. The house is presently occupied by Special Agents W. L. Buchanan, D. I. McCain and C. J. Endres, and the wife of Mr. Endres. The address occupied by these agents is 820 South Rockford Street, Tulsa. A telephone has been installed in the house, the number of which is 3-4946.

The agents assigned to this surveillance, of course, are not known in Tulsa and are not openly contacting any Bureau agents in Tulsa. Agent Paul Hansen, of this office, spends a great deal of his time in the vicinity of Tulsa, in connection with this case, and arrangements have been made whereby Agent Endres can discreetly contact Mr. Hansen. I am maintaining daily contact with the agents on this assignment at Tulsa.

It is believed that should Campbell be jumped up anywhere out of Oklahoma or any definite information obtained concerning him that this office should be apprised thereof, as such information will likely prove beneficial in connection with the surveillance which is being maintained.

As the Bureau has been advised, [redacted] an informant of this office, recently left here for Chicago, Illinois, with the view to contacting members of the Karpis family in an effort to obtain what information she can concerning Karpis or his contacts.

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I have received information from [redacted] that she arrived in Chicago at midnight on November 23, 1955 and is at Room 515 at the Roosevelt Hotel, Wabash Avenue at Roosevelt.

Any future developments in this matter will be promptly supplied you.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: St. Paul
Cincinnati
Chicago (Connelley)
Kansas City

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. FILE NO. 7-39

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

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Danny Dundon, 1008 Wallace St., Erie, Pa. advises seeing a woman in August, 1935, in Mike Daniel's Beer Garden, Erie, Pa. resembling subject Karpis. Employees of the said Beer Garden unable to identify Karpis or Campbell from photographs as having visited there.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Office dated October 13, 1935.

DETAILS: AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Captain RICHARD DUNDON, Erie Police Department, stated that Danny Dundon of 1008 Wallace Street was his brother; that his brother Danny was the family "blacksheep" and an unreliable source of information. He stated that his brother, if he alleged that he had seen subject Karpis, was most likely half-drunk at the time or suffering from some form of hallucination. He said that he would be inclined to discount the entire story.

DANNY DUNDON, 1008 Wallace Street, stated that during the middle of August, 1935, he dropped into Mike Daniel's Beer Garden, 1724 Parade Street to have a few beers; that while sitting at one of the tables he noticed a couple of women drinking beer and that one of them was quite masculine looking and exhibited some of the mannerisms of a man, particularly in the way she smoked her cigarette and drank her beer. He said he thought no more about it, until about three days later, when on looking at a detective magazine, the name of which he believed was the True Detective, and on seeing a picture of Kerpis dressed in woman's clothes, the woman whom he had seen at Mike Daniel's

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Beer Garden immediately flashed into his mind as having a marked resemblance to the photograph of Karpis. He stated that it was within a few days of this that he informed Burdette of the incident. Dundon stated that he has only been in Daniel's Beer Garden on a few occasions, and that he has not seen this woman in Erie, Pennsylvania since. He was advised that if he observed this woman in Erie, Pennsylvania, and was still certain that she bore a marked resemblance to Karpis to advise the Pittsburgh Bureau Office at once.

Dundon, in describing the woman resembling Karpis, stated that she impressed him as being about thirty-five years of age; that as he recalled, she had dark brown hair, a ruddy complexion, and wore dark clothes, and a dark brown hat. Dundon was unable to give any further description as to height, weight, build and the like.

Dundon described the second woman as being about twenty-eight to thirty years of age, short and heavy set, with dark hair and of Polish extraction.

The photograph of Karpis and Campbell were presented to Mike Daniel, his wife, and their three employees, PAT CUNNINGHAM, ANDY SWENSON, and LOU GERLINE, but none of them were able to effect any identification of either of these subjects or state that they had seen any woman in the beer garden that resembled either of them.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

November 27, 1935

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States 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.
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

On November 26, 1935 a telephone call was received from the secretary of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, advising that a party named Waters, Rooms 1187 and 1188, Taft Hotel, New York City, had communicated with the United States Attorney's office, by telephone, and stated that he had important information concerning gangsters and racketeers which he would turn over to a proper government representative.

On the afternoon of November 26th efforts were made to communicate with Mr. Waters, without success. On the morning of November 27th, Special Agents H. P. Dolan and W. J. McNulty interviewed Mr. Waters in his rooms at the Taft Hotel.

Mr. Waters introduced himself as R. V. Waters, President Electrical Equipment Company of Cuba, Galiano 71 Animas, Havana, Cuba, telephones - M-9442 and M-9443.

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Mr. Waters is a native of the United States, but has been living, and conducting a business in Havana for the past fifteen years. He originally communicated with the Attorney General's office in Washington, and was advised to communicate with the United States Attorney at New York on his next visit to that city. The United States Attorney's office, in turn, referred the matter to this office.

In Havana, Cuba, in connection with his business, Mr. Waters employs a man by the name of J. E. Rogers, who is engaged in a small way in the advertising business. Mr. Rogers is in the vicinity of fifty-eight years of age, and very deaf. He is not doing very well financially, and is assisted a great deal by Mr. Waters and for this reason confides in Mr. Waters to a great extent. Approximately six months ago, Mr. Rogers, through a friend of his, a German, whose name is unknown to Mr. Waters, was introduced to a man ostensibly manufacturing Neon Signs. The object of the connection was an effort on Mr. Rogers' part to market some of the Signs. This manufacturer is known as Roger Dugad. The address of his factory, Mr. Waters could not give, stating that it was in a location which could not be described other than to say it was in the warehouse district, outside of the business center, near the warehouse of the Westinghouse Electric Company. The business relations between Mr. Dugad and Mr. Rogers were not very satisfactory. Rogers had considerable difficulty in locating Dugad whenever he wished to talk business with him, and also Dugad never seemed very anxious to obtain business, always either quoting too high or not quoting at all. The competitors of Mr. Dugad did not consider him seriously, stating that while he was supposed to be engaged in the manufacture of Neon Signs, they never knew of any signs that he actually put up.

Another peculiarity of Dugad's is that although he represented himself as being a Frenchman, and able to speak French and Spanish, it was Mr. Rogers' experience that he could speak no language except English and broken Spanish. Mr. Rogers' contact with Dugad was established approximately six months ago, and he has been calling at the factory, off and on, last having seen him about three weeks ago.

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November 27, 1935

Mr. Rogers has a young son, who reads the "Startling Detective Magazine". While perusing this magazine, issue of May, 1935, Mr. Rogers came upon the pictures of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, on page 12. He was immediately impressed with the striking resemblance of Mr. Dugad to Campbell, and upon his next visit, took particular notice of Dugad and stated to Mr. Waters that he is absolutely sure that the man known as Dugad is none other than Harry Campbell. Dugad often wears smoked glasses, but Rogers has seen him without these glasses and has stated to Waters that he is certain Dugad and Campbell are one and the same. Also, upon his last visit to Dugad's factory, about three weeks ago, he observed in the back of the shop, apparently working at one of the benches, a man who wore smoked "goggles". It was obvious to Rogers that the man is not a mechanic, and was merely trying to create the impression that he was a workman. This is the only time Rogers has seen anyone other than Dugad at the factory. There are living quarters in the factory, and Dugad evidently makes his home there. In addition, he drives a large car, believed to be either a LaSalle or a Cadillac.

After obtaining Mr. Rogers' story, Waters drove past the factory of Dugad and states that it would be an ideal place for a "hide-out". In the event that it is necessary to contact Mr. Waters he will remain in New York City until Friday, November 29th, at which time he intends to leave by automobile for Miami, Florida and by boat from there to Havana, which city he plans on reaching the morning of December 4th. In the event that it is desired, he will arrange to produce Rogers whenever necessary and also he will point out the location, and give whatever assistance he can in determining the identity of Dugad and his associate.

No descriptions of either Dugad or his associate were obtained by Waters from Mr. Rogers other than he identified the picture in the "Startling Detective Magazine".

Mr. Waters also mentioned an incident which occurred to him recently while visiting friends in the Paseo Apartments, 25th Street and Paseo, Havana, Cuba. These friends, whose names Mr. Waters did not wish to disclose, told him that for the past six weeks there has been living in the apartments a woman who has let it be known that she is attending her sick mother and cannot leave the apartments. She goes out only when necessary to purchase food, receives no visitors, and has completely isolated herself. He mentioned this incident only because he saw in the "Startling Detective Magazine", date of issue which he could not recall, an article to the effect that Karpis was masquerading as a woman. Mr. Waters did not attach any particular significance to this information regarding the woman but mentioned it for whatever it may be worth.

Mr. Waters impressed the agents as being sincere, intelligent, stable, and not inclined to be seeking either a reward or publicity. As a matter of fact, he stated that if the capture of Campbell should develop from his information any reward should go to Mr. Rogers. In addition, Mr. Waters offered to be of assistance to the Bureau in the future on any matters in which the Bureau is engaged, in Havana. He is well known in Havana, and head of the Cuban branch of the American Legion.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Jacksonville
cc - Cincinnati
cc - St. Paul
cc - Mr. E.J. Connelley - Chicago

Post Office Box 518
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 30, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir: ~~ENCLOSED~~

Reference is made to telephone conversation had between Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein of November 29, 1935, and confirming conversation of this date.

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Mr. George Sullivan, the United States Attorney of this district, has been interviewed concerning the appearance of witnesses in this case who are residing in Cuba, and Mr. Sullivan stated that he had communicated with the Attorney General some time ago, suggesting that inasmuch as these witnesses were known to certain Agents of this Bureau that prior to trial these Agents might interview the witnesses and enter into some agreement with them with respect to their transportation and such fees as they might be allowed to procure their attendance in St. Paul on the date of trial; that in reply to this the Attorney General's office suggested that the matter be deferred until the trial was set for some day certain, and subsequent to the removal of Cassius McDonald from Detroit; that when this case was set he so advised the Attorney General, and also of the removal of Cassius McDonald, and requested advice from the Attorney General's office concerning the appearance of these witnesses, in reply to which he received a letter from the Attorney General's office stating that it would be necessary for the Department of Justice to defer to the State Department, who would enter into individual contracts with the witnesses in Havana for their appearance in St. Paul on January 6, 1936, and that he informed the Department that this case would definitely be tried on January 6, 1936 and requested that the Department proceed with its request of the State Department to procure the attendance of these witnesses on that date.

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Mr. Sullivan was informed that Special Agent Sam McKee is proceeding to Havana on another matter, and he suggested that if Agent McKee has sufficient time he might interview these witnesses and inform them that they will be treated cordially while in St.Paul, and that such contract as they enter into with the State Department will be fulfilled.

Very truly yours,

M. K. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
cc Cincinnati

Post Office Box 913
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 29, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 913
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir: RECKID

Enclosed herewith are two tracings obtained from the mail cover on Belle Born at Mankato. One of them is dated November 27, 1935, bearing the postmark of the Englewood Station, Chicago, Illinois, addressed to Mrs. Belle Born at Mankato, Minnesota, with a return address of 6344 Wallace Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The second tracing is postmarked Butte, Montana, November [redacted], 1935, addressed to Miss Isabelle Born, Mankato, [redacted] the return address, Mrs. Mae Nordberg, 814 South Montana Street, Butte, Montana. These tracings are being furnished to the Chicago Office for comparison with handwritings of other individuals in that [redacted] who may be corresponding with Belle Born.

The telephone tap for November 29, 1935 on Belle Born at Mankato, Minnesota, discloses the following conversation:

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To give a clear meaning to the above conversation, it may be stated that Leon is Belle's nephew, the son of Ole Anderson, her brother. Joe is an ex-bootlegger in Mankato who frequently accompanies Belle around Mankato. "Stacey" is the boy friend of Marge, who frequently goes out with Belle.

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The reference to the statement that there would be "All the difference in the world" might refer to the fact that Charlie Fitzgerald had dinner at the Anderson farm a year ago this Thanksgiving with Belle Gunn.

Very truly yours,

M. A. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau ✓
Butte
Cincinnati

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 30, 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, J.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 the following letters:

(1) Letter addressed to Mrs. William Reilly from Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. Helen DeLaney from Dolores DeLaney.

(3) Letter to Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, from her sister Eunice Hughes.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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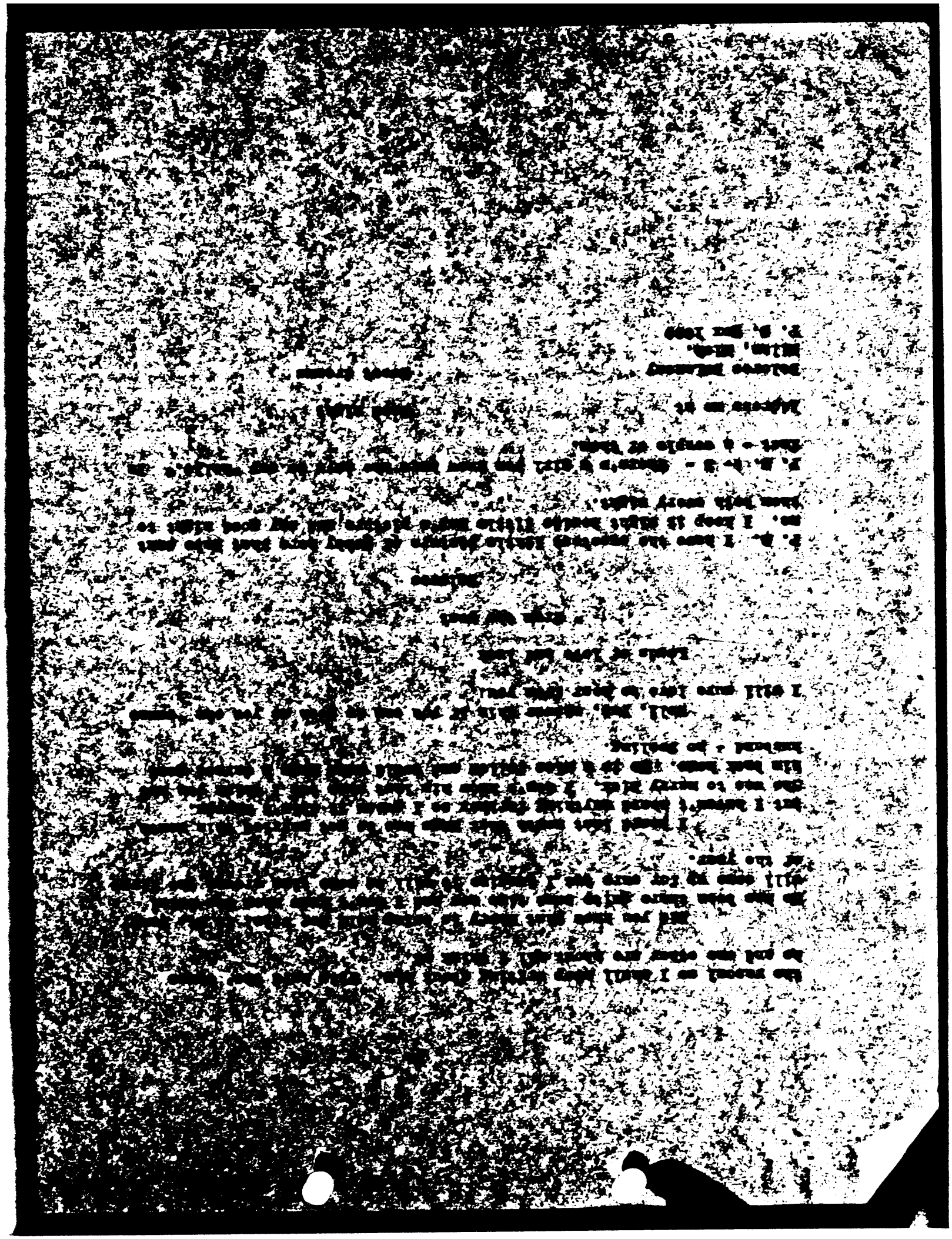

Darling Baby Sis:

Guess I suppose I should have written [illegible] so as I wouldint be disappointed about not getting [illegible] fifty-dern one I dis-appointed? But, [illegible] happen as I wanted it to just. So that's that, [illegible] plans go through - and do you all go to [illegible] so are all coming through in one if the buses - and you be my darling little girl until then sent you?

Mother was certainly tickled out [illegible] she wouldent to-a have missed coming to see [illegible] feelings,-

I was so anxious to hear how thing, thank you, I got absolutely goofie. Did you ever want to cry so bad you couldint? Well that's how I affected me. ever thing got so gregie, I was so glad to hear they dident mean to you - I got to laughing and couldint stop - how dumb they, Mother got so dumb she absolutely turned and walked right into the door, half knocked her head of, she was tired from the trip.

Dec. 11, 1943

Will try and finish my letter now, I've been feeling so darn bad couldint get my head together to do any thing, but am coming out of it now.

We went out to Mildreds last night, Ray has been in bed again, but is up and going again now, thats that.

Mickie broke his arm about to week ago, but is getting along fine.

Did I tell you Chuck got he a radio? Boy we enjoyed it even monkey herd, Only have to pay five a month on it. She kid I'd go goofie if I didnt have it, Certainly is a lot of company no foolin.

When I do my washing I have it on and keep it going whether or not I can hear, through the rubing I can hear the rumbling, so that makes me feel I'm not by myself !

Mother was saying you had a cute picture of Helen - I wonder how come her to blonde her hair again - Heavens she'll be bald then wont she be a beaut -? shucks.

She also says you have a knot on the back of your hair like that of a cancer - Child of mine how come? Sure I wish my hair would grow that fast- How long is it sweet thing?

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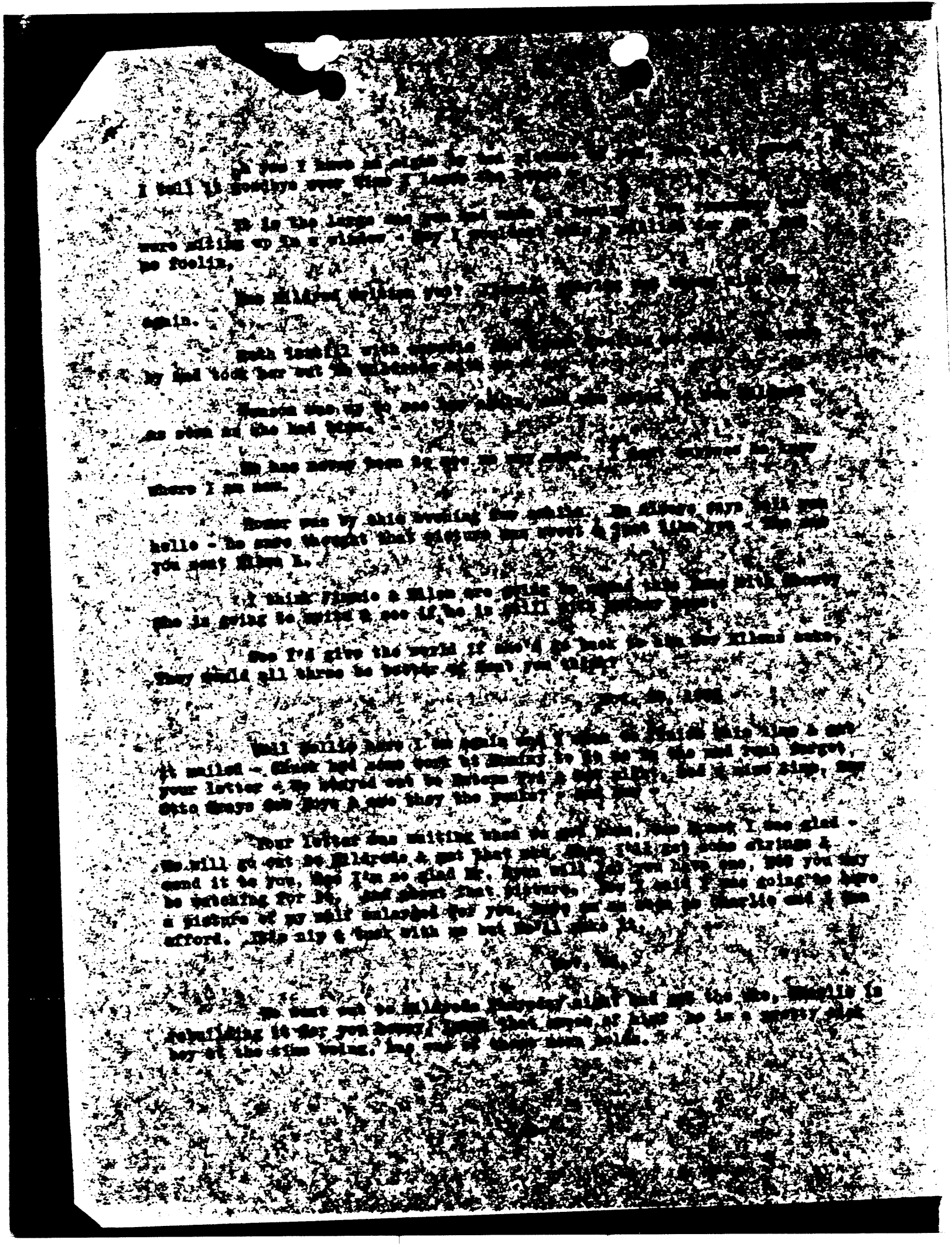


[redacted] was by to see me today & [redacted]
nice visit. We give Jimmie the money to get [redacted]
The kiddie sure needed them too.

He seems to be a nice fellow.

Mildred went home with [redacted]
Wednesday. She had Uncle picture made to [redacted]
his hair for the occasion. We sure [redacted]

I'll send those snaps with the [redacted]

say that sure was a cute poem you sent me, sure want those your
heart.

By the way I'm going to send a couple of [redacted] you for
for about three months or four yrs, so I'll [redacted]

Im looking for that the happy day to come so will be o.k. Still
no use to better.

With a million kisses to the [redacted] little sweet in the whole
wide world.

Your Goofie mate-

Xmas,

Hope I'll wait so long to write my name,

My promise.

My darling mother:

[illegible]

[illegible]

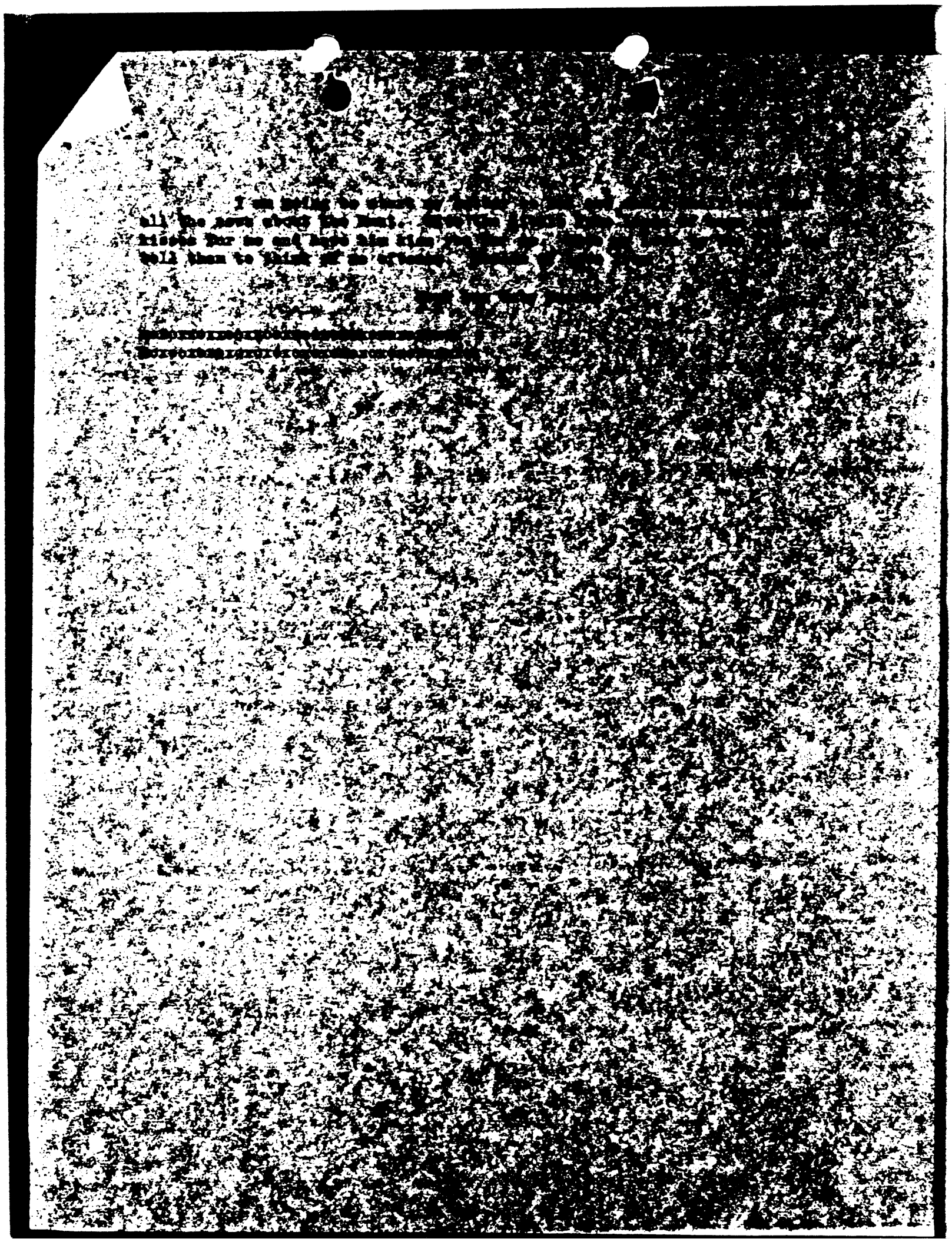
[illegible]

which you can get some pictures taken for
identified by one of them - that's a good
& find that unless they want to be bugged
send me a picture of themselves if
just so it's a picture of

See, honey, you
christened were you? For
Raymond Alvin Harperian -
dorsal tootle - none better.
he had a new blue and white
picture of him all dressed
one and I imagine I will get it
like that.

Your old pal, he's really
for a kid like him.
not writing to me. Is
world is Hugo doing? I thought you
be married this month.
I super you never know
Well, tell her there are loads
even if she doesn't treat me right,
Well Babe, it doesn't seem right
remind the time to do that,
more - and I know she won't have
so often. We always got along
time once in awhile
Then, honey, I don't
Will try and let you
me at any time but probably
brtelpy and every day also I
me a card at home or any
me. It sure makes me feel
I am buried alive for about
me, Mother O'Mine, it's really
gets used to it. I'll be
year and bear, it's a great
said in "The Love Parade"
and I do believe you fell
strong.

Darling, do you remember
me right about that time
about that many times
I told Alvin about it and he
should have been shipped,



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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
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Director
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U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

RE: BRKKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the New York Office to the Bureau dated November 27, 1935, copy of which was furnished to the Jacksonville Office, setting out information obtained by the New York Office from Mr. R. V. Waters, President, Electrical Equipment Company of Cuba, Galiano y Animas, Havana, Cuba, to the effect that his employee, J. E. Rogers, of Havana, had identified one Roger Dugad as being identical with subject Harry Campbell.

It is noted on the second page of the New York Office letter that this person has been in Havana for approximately six months, where he operates a small factory of some sort, and that he was last seen by Rogers about three weeks ago.

It will be appreciated if the Bureau will advise whether it believes the information supplied warrants an investigation in Havana to determine the identity of Roger Dugad.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge

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Cc: Cincinnati
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

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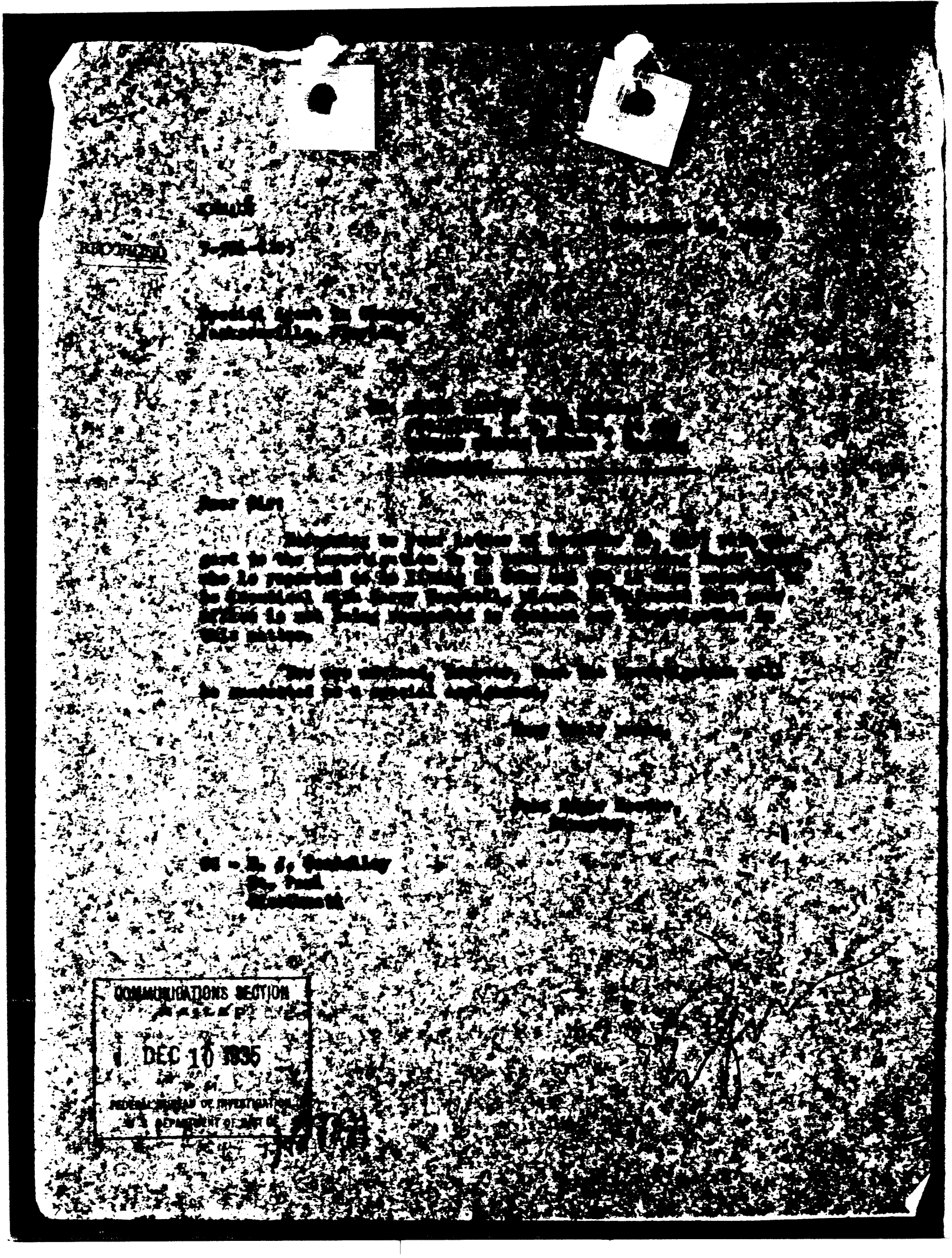
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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 letters written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette, one to her niece, Gwen, and the other to Mrs. R. D. Wilson.

Very truly yours,

W. J. WEST
Special Agent in Charge

WJW:GHD
Enc.
cc-St. Paul
Chicago
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Hi Dear Ginger-

How are you by now? Not long I hope before I am happy to get home. I [illegible] could possibly do. It [illegible] darlin, going to [illegible] are growing up [illegible] have a little baby, I am really [illegible] ing.

Anyway, Ginnie, I must get back to you [illegible] grand you were of course. [illegible] by the time I come home you will be all [illegible] ss-fancy? You ask me what I would [illegible] classical music. Well, honey, first, I [illegible] take popular,you will have only been [illegible] through school with that first [illegible] very classical music like, very best. If you take popular music like and [illegible] really pick classical music up, with your talent it should'nt be very hard, Do you agree with me?

See, Ginnie, I give you all the part of my diaries daughter. I want you to write out all of what it would mean to you if you got the part but we don't want you to, I am sure you will get it, if you really [illegible] a real hit honey,

Ginnie, you couldn't give my love than I could be by able to see you in that adorable costume for any play to play in that old fashioned parade, But, aren't the girls just going to be seeing it would be a [illegible] Do you think you could manage to have one taken for me ? Please say you will honey ? I will put it in the place of honor on my [illegible] ginny I am going to write a song for you & your sister that made [illegible] sent me. It's an expert to [illegible] ments to it yet, Oh well we'll [illegible] you the same thing, Maybe you can think of one that will fit me purple. I shall say goodbye and baby, [illegible] out of paper . Write to me soon, please. And [illegible] your [illegible] and seeing plays. send me some pictures of you mother yourself your baby and your little girl friends. Well, bye, bye, apple, dumpling, And to [illegible] ing old aunt Opale. Millions of kisses & [illegible]

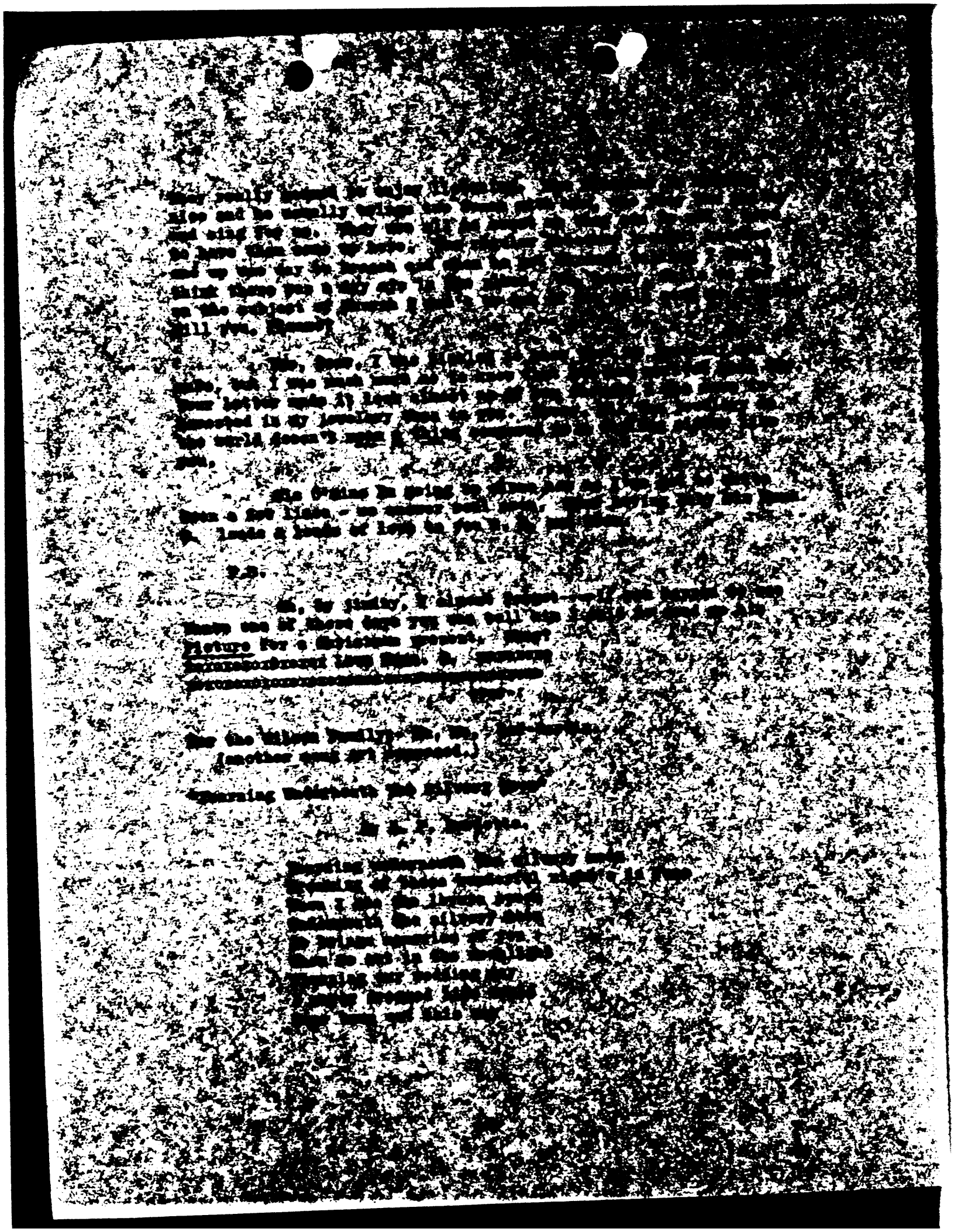
Hello Pumpkin!

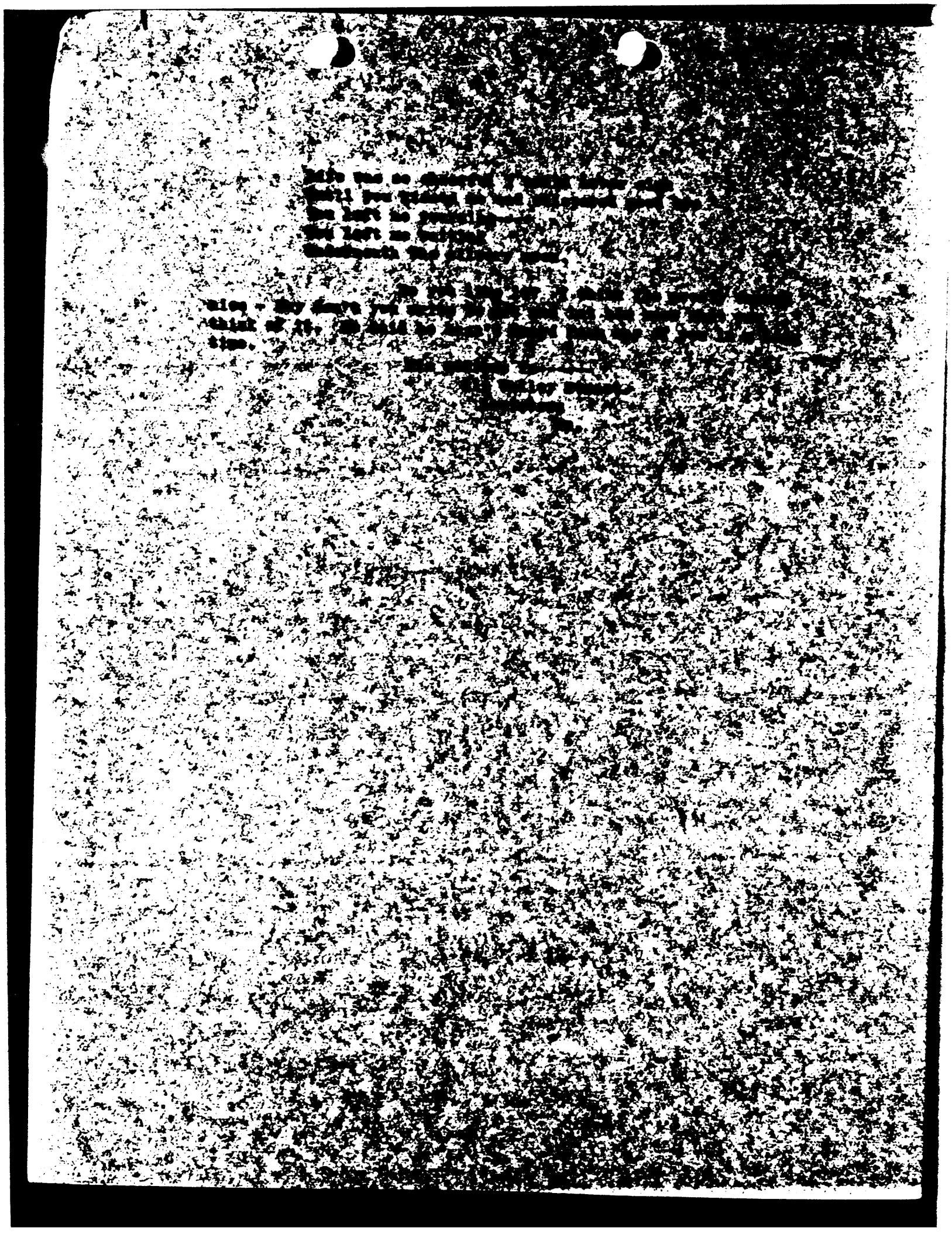
[illegible] so lonely you know but I am getting [illegible] spelling and find you my pillow [illegible] love and anything else that happens [illegible] from anyone to [illegible] write my boy. I have not [illegible] answer as yet, look for me any day [illegible] end of the month. Why, it [illegible] will be the first one I've ever spent [illegible] imagine what it will be like. I [illegible] something sent in [illegible] I find out I will [illegible] at any time - but we can't [illegible] and the other [illegible] for. It [illegible] me to send me a card and [illegible] know that my all friends still [illegible] am in here. Honey, I don't [illegible] qualities any thing but I want you to know that I [illegible] am loving you all the time.

Well, we're doing [illegible] we've been saying this [illegible] Thursday, but we sure [illegible] to get home. Honey, I don't [illegible] that maybe a couple more [illegible] tho' guess I'm practically [illegible] you get straight to something [illegible] almost put's me to sleep. [illegible] the sewing and my toe really [illegible] to do the men's pressing, fix [illegible] mending and lord's [illegible]

Nov. 24, 1944.

Well, Darling, I'm back again and I'm going to finish [illegible] letter today and this can be true. I got both of your [illegible] yesterday and I was sure glad to get them. I got one from [illegible] mine at the same time. I almost thought it was my birthday [illegible] something - getting so many sweet letters all at [illegible] church yesterday afternoon that's why I stayed [illegible] did. Me having been having it pretty rough lately [illegible] girls and I sang, Don't cha, Wife's Lullaby [illegible] other girl and I sang Alone"





My darling brother and Mother,

[illegible]

you're making out splendidly and [illegible]
heard from [illegible] and [illegible]
send me a card, [illegible]

[illegible]

be one of [illegible]
could be here, too. [illegible]
dance she had when we [illegible]
another boy, that we [illegible]
visit and she told me [illegible]
getting along fairly well [illegible]
twenty dollars every month. [illegible]
people I do [illegible] with her two [illegible]
the mixer [illegible]

[illegible]

porting [illegible]
this is [illegible]
boy [illegible]
twenty four and [illegible]
working in Philadelphia [illegible]
Louise say's she has [illegible]
she love's the sea; she'd [illegible]
gether & work in all if we like [illegible]
dust May died about two [illegible]
Richard spoke to [illegible]
Perry about her things will be [illegible]
I was taken care of. Doris said that [illegible]
was almost shocked off her feet at the change in him. She said he
looked older than Papa did when he died. I sure would love to see
him, wouldn't you, Mom?

I am hoping so but I hardly think you will know me when
you see me again, Mother you be surprised the wonderful way I grow.
It just about 7 pies called me [illegible] a couple of prunes
for about ten minutes, she [illegible] and surprise when she
did when I got home last, and she found [illegible] I am.

We have been having [illegible] Monday [illegible] and I sure
do like it. Last Monday two of my [illegible] and I were [illegible]
Jones. "Alfie" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I [illegible] "Alfie".
Mom [illegible] possible to [illegible] [illegible] to enjoy lightning

In excuse to get your pictures made together. That will be sweet.

to me. The times usually find [illegible]
sing for us they do pick [illegible]

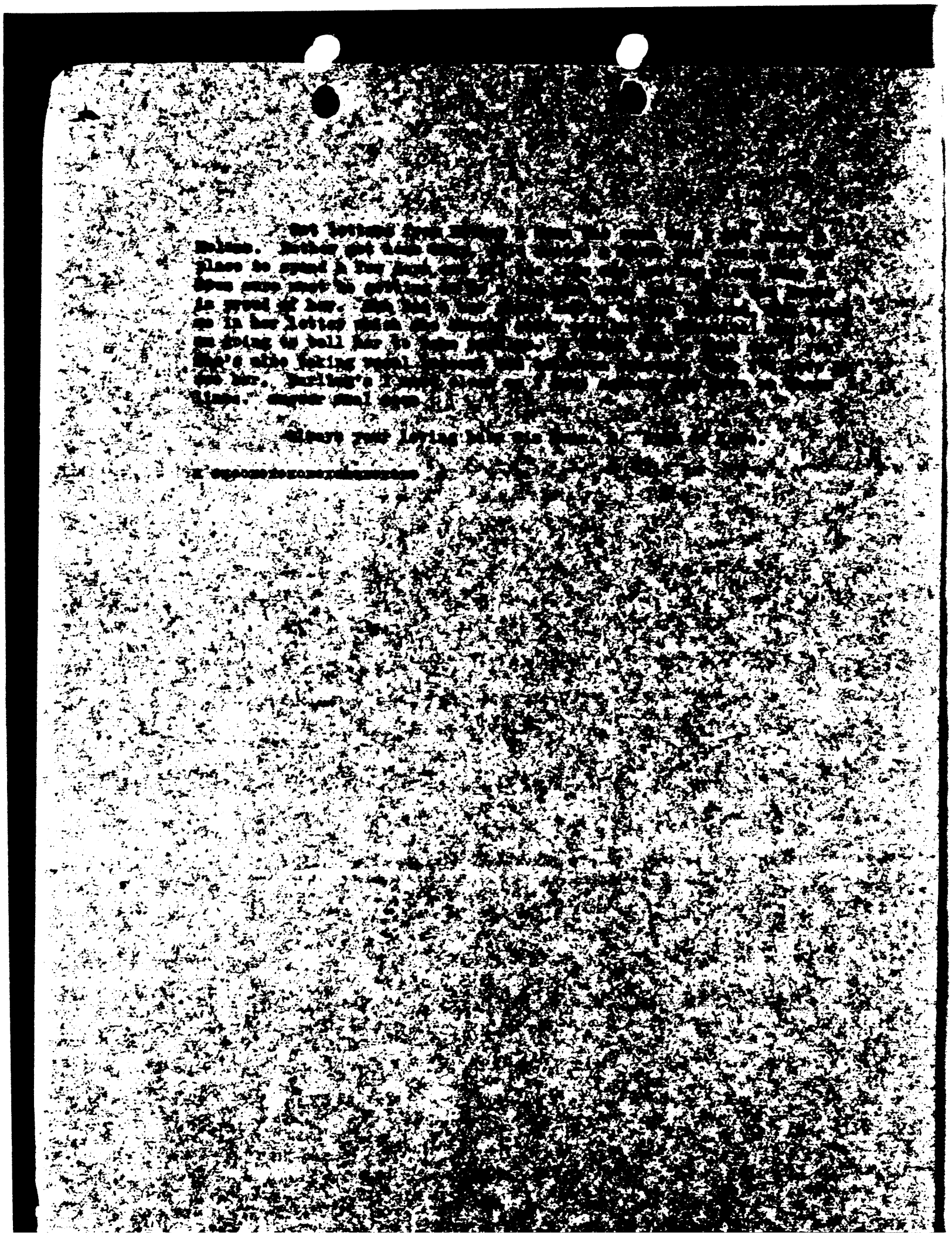
Well, I'm still [illegible]
times for such fine [illegible]
each of the girls and [illegible]
letting in your window [illegible]
weeks of rainy weather. [illegible]
problems and so the poetic [illegible]
Gordon, our new and [illegible]
time. I don't mind though [illegible]
We know how it is - when you are [illegible]
ages. I hope the old thing [illegible]
with us all the time.

Philip Burlingame——here I am [illegible] got your
letters and I want to apologize for [illegible]
my letter about you forgetting me. I should [illegible]
why I didn't really believe it, I was [illegible]
pictures from the', just as you did, [illegible]
like you. You are high as much better [illegible]

See, Sir, honey, that post is really pretty - I sure wish
I knew the team to it, may be after you publish it you will se
a copy - okay? I am so tickled to hear [illegible]
seriously again "sends you his really to it when you say. I want
you to write one specially for me so I can sing it when I get out.
I would rather sing one of your's than trying [illegible] my say - no
kidding - that is the world happens to those guys you swipe while
we were living in Tasmania, especially, [illegible]
I was crazy about that song. I never would learn it cause I am
afraid I might forget and sing it someplace and probably would copy
it, and that would have been tough.

Helen, honey, I am so sorry to hear about your being sick.
That's sure tough. How long will it be before you are operated on?
Be sure and let me know, cause [illegible] love to be with you and
take care of you when you get back home. [illegible]

Sam, I'd love to see you two kids [illegible] I'll bet
you have more fun than a people of kids of a circus.



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FBI KANSAS CITY 11-30-35 10-0 AM CST

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. OFFICER SCHICK, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT, HAS INFORMANT, IDENTITY UNKNOWN. FORMER ASSOCIATE OF KARPIS, [redacted] ALLEGES THAT HE SAW KARPIS AND CAMPBELL IN AUTOMOBILE PARKED ON MINNESOTA AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, EVENING OF NOVEMBER 27, 1935, AND FURTHER STATES THEY ARE TO RETURN TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, WHERE THEY WILL PROBABLY STAY AT SOME POINT AND CONTACT INFORMANT AND HIS IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE POLICE OFFICERS AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS, WHO WILL THEN NOTIFY THIS OFFICE. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO RELIABILITY OF INFORMANT EXCEPT THAT POLICE OFFICER CLAIMS HE IS RELIABLE. OFFER OF REWARD MENTIONED DURING LETTER AUGUST 8 1935 WOULD BE PAYABLE TO INFORMANT UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

KRM/AEK

November 29, 1935

Time - 9:45 AM
November 27, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer Case

Thomas F. Kinder of 1410 Eye Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., appeared in this office on November 27, 1935 at 9:45 A.M. I have previously submitted memoranda concerning this man which disclose that at one time he was considered violently insane.

Mr. Kinder informed that he is about to take a trip into the western part of the United States and that undoubtedly he would be able to develop some information with regard to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. I advised him the Bureau would be pleased to receive the benefit of his information in the event he was able to locate either person.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

K. R. McIntire.

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PHONE BREKID NO MATERIAL DEVEL[illegible]

AFTER COMPLETON TRIAL GEORGE M [illegible]

GOING TO CLEVELAND FOR [illegible]

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Post Office Box 2907
Jacksonville, Florida
November 30, 1935.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 618
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BERKID

Dear Sir:

The Postmaster at Sarasota, Florida, has forwarded to the Jacksonville Office [illegible] mailed envelopes, which were obtained as a result of the cover placed on the mail of Ida and Ruth Potts and Mrs. L. [illegible]ead, Sarasota, Florida, and which are as follows:

(1) Special Delivery, Air Mail, letter addressed to Miss [illegible]. Reed, Louise Apt., Laurel St., Sarasota, Fla., postmarked Chicago, Ill, Nov. 24, 1935, 10 P.M. Return address, 10559 Seeley Ave., Chicago.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. [illegible] Reed, [illegible], Laurel St., Sarasota, [illegible], postmarked Chicago, Ill., Air Mail Field, Nov. 24, 1935, 1 PM. Return address, 10559 Seeley Ave., Chicago.

(3) Letter addressed to Mrs. Ruth Potts, 145 W. 6th St., Sarasota, Florida, postmarked Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24, 1935, 10 PM. Return address, Betty Wade, Palatine, Ill.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 12, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Oklahoma City Office dated November 30, 1935, which suggests that [redacted] might proceed to Chicago, obtaining an apartment in the apartment building occupied by the Harpevics family. b7c b7d

The Bureau does not feel that any action should be taken as suggested in the Reference letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City
Cincinnati
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 30, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Re: KARPIS

Dear Sir:

[redacted] returned to Oklahoma City and has contacted me. She related substantially the same matters concerning her recent visit to members of the Karpis family at Chicago as contained in your letter of recent date concerning that subject.

[redacted] stated to me that it has occurred to her that perhaps some results may be accomplished by having some individual, preferably a Bureau agent who can understand the Lithuanian language, go to Chicago and she and this man could occupy an apartment for a few weeks or less perhaps, and that this man could pose as her husband and she and such an individual could visit members of the Karpis family and the latter could visit her, and something possibly could be obtained. She stated she could obtain an apartment in the same building or in the same locality as that occupied by the Karpis family at present.

The foregoing is submitted for your consideration and in the event such an arrangement could be worked out, it is requested that you communicate with me.

[redacted] states that she is proceeding to Kansas City today and will be there for sometime and will try to learn something about the Lithuanian language. She will keep me informed as to her whereabouts.

Neither Alvin Karpis nor any member of his family knows [redacted]

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE:
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1234, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: .380 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol No. 112352 sold December 23, 1932 to man by name of Davis for $20.50. C.W. German, proprietor of Reno Sporting Goods Co., Reno, Nevada, states that he does not recall details of transaction and fails to identify any of the subjects of this case. John Ferrick unknown at Silver City, Nevada. John F. Stratton now located 415 Central Park West, New York City.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office dated November 5, 1935.
Letter from San Francisco Office dated November 14, 1935.
Report of Special Agent J.B. Dickerson, New York City, Nov.2,1935.

DETAILS:

At the Reno Sporting Goods Company, Reno, Nevada, the writer interviewed Mr. G.W. German, proprietor, who advised that .380 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol No. 112352 was received by him on June 9, 1932, and sold December 23, 1932 to a man named Davis for $20.50. He stated that he did not know who Davis was, and in fact recalled nothing regarding the transaction. Photographs of the members of the so-called Karpis gang were exhibited to Mr. German, and he advised that he could not identify any of them as the person purchasing the gun, in fact he could not recall what the person looked like who was involved in the transaction, and knew of no means that could be used to identify him.

In regard to John Ferrick, the writer contacted Deputy Sheriff

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: W. A. Rover — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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C.C. Barton, Dayton, Nevada, who traveled with him to Silver City, Nevada, where they interviewed Harry Bennetts, Deputy Sheriff of Silver City. Mr. Bennetts stated that he knew Dr. Morton, who occasionally came to Silver City some years ago regarding a claim that was leased by one Charlie Stewart, whose real name was Ogalvie, and formerly resided in Oakland. Bennetts further stated that this claim was never developed and only a small hole was dug when Stewart left that section of the country. He further stated that there were at one time two or three men digging on the claim, and that he had an opportunity to observe them, but none of them resembled the photograph of John Ferrick.

In connection with Deputy Sheriff Bennetts, it might be stated that he is in close contact with all mining activities in Silver City, which is a very small settlement consisting mostly of miners. When he is not engaged in Sheriff's duties, he is employed by various mines to haul ore and other concentrates, and for this reason he is familiar with everyone residing in Silver City.

Deputy Sheriffs Bennetts and Barton made further inquiries among reliable informants at Virginia City, Nevada, but could ascertain no information regarding John Ferrick, and no one was able to identify him picture as being seen in that vicinity.

In regard to John F. Stratton, who is under indictment in the U.S. District Court at Carson City, Nevada for violation of the Statutes regulating the use and sale of narcotics, U.S. Attorney Carville, Reno, Nevada, advised that Stratton's most recent address is Apartment 14 E 415 Central Park West, New York City.

For the information of the New York City office, some months ago a request was made to locate John F. Straton and question him regarding statements he made in the New Yorker Hotel relative to his associations with Alvin Karpis.

For the information of the Butte, Montana, office, W.J. Edmunds, Nampa, Idaho, address General Delivery, was until recently connected with the Indian Service as a Special Agent. He advised the writer on one occasion that he was of the opinion that Karpis was possibly hiding out in the vicinity Eureka, California, and that there was a few crooked police officers there who possibly might be aiding him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BUTTE OFFICE: At NAMPA, IDAHO, locate and interview W.J. Edmunds, former Special Agent, Indian Service, and obtain from him full details regarding the activities of certain police officers in Eureka, California, who might know, or might be assisting Karpis.

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE: At NEW YORK CITY, Will locate John F. Stratton, residing at Apartment 14 E 415 Central Park West, and question him regarding his alleged associations with Alvin Karpis while he resided in

Reno, Nevada, it being borne in mind that Stratton is a confirmed narcotic addict.

[redacted]

PENDING.

[redacted]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 25, 1935.

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Mr. Smith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Milder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Time - 9:02 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.
Ford Coupe Motor # 18-1,037,480

Special Agent R. B. Donaldson, acting in charge of the Jacksonville Office, telephoned me and said that Duke Randall has just put in his appearance at the Jacksonville Office and wants possession of his automobile, as well as the title papers, etc. Mr. Donaldson said that a review of the file in this case discloses a letter from the Bureau of recent date stating that if and when Randall asked for this automobile, the same should be turned over to him, but he just wanted to call to see if there had been any change in these instructions which had not as yet reached the Jacksonville Office.

I told Mr. Donaldson that this automobile, together with the title papers, should be turned over to Randall in accordance with the instructions of the last Bureau letter on the subject. I cautioned him, however, to be sure and get a complete receipt for the car.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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

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JED:AOB

December 2, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States 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.
Harboring of Fugitives.
Obstruction of Justice.
National Firearms Act.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the transcript of the criminal record of Thomas J. O'Dell, with aliases, FBI No. 605290, which was furnished to the New York office, under date of October 9, 1935.

It is noted in the transcript of the criminal record, as furnished by the Bureau, that the Police Department of Savannah, Ga., on 10/4/33 arrested Harold Lee Bradley, alias Thomas J. O'Dell, on a charge for investigation. It was noted under the heading "Disposition" in the transcript of the criminal record that this person was, on 10/16/33, released to the Police Department of Deland, Florida. However, on the transcript of the criminal record as furnished the New York Bureau office under date of October 9, 1935 appears the following:-

Notation in letter from PD, Savannah, Ga., recd. 10-13-33; notice: This subject is WANTED by this Department on a charge of grand larceny - con game, case number 2041 - date 10-14-32. Thos. J. O'Dell, aliases Wm. Greenhouse and Jas. Shaw, N.Y. Police, #108751.

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The New York office, at the present time, has connections through which O'Dell will probably be located.

On November 27, 1935 the New York office teletyped the Atlanta office, requesting information as to whether or not the Savannah Police Department still desired O'Dell if he were located. On the same day the Atlanta office advised by telegram that the Savannah Police Department does not desire O'Dell.

This information is being furnished so the notation appearing in the letter from the Police Department, Savannah, Ga., as set forth in the transcript of the criminal record, as furnished the New York Bureau office, October 9, 1935, may be disregarded.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Chicago
cc - St. Paul
cc - Cincinnati
cc - Atlanta

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. Stocking, Empire Hotel, New York City, stated Loynaz-Paez is deceased. B. J. Chudacek, Lenox House, and L. J. DuBartell, Relief Investigator, have no information with reference to Karpis. Louise M. Koeberline presently at Pittsburgh. Mr. Stratton denies knowing Karpis; however, thinks that Frank Cochran probably serving time at penitentiary in "Baby Face" Nelson case. Probably has information that may help in the location of Karpis and Campbell. Williamson, McCafferty and Neighbors, friends of Meade, probably residing at Casper, Wyoming. Thomas O'Dell advised by letter that he had only seen Meade once in his life and does not know his present whereabouts. J. J. Ryan, in Sing Sing Penitentiary, admits association with Verne Miller. However, claims he only saw members of Barker-Karpis gang on one occasion, and does not know anything of their activities.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated 11-13-35; letters from Chicago Office to New York Office dated 11-8-35 and 11-5-35; and report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated 11-2-35.

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DETAILS:

Mr. ROBERT B. STOCKING, Assistant Manager, Hotel Empire, Broadway at 63rd Street, New York City, advised that Mr. OSCAR LOYNAZ-PAEZ, a Venezuelan, checked out of the Empire Hotel about one week after Special Agent GEORGE J. STARR, of the New York Office, interviewed him, which was on August 25, 1935; that he understood that Mr. LOYNAZ-PAEZ was to return to his native country. Mr. STOCKING stated further that within the past few days, he received information that Mr. LOYNAZ-PAEZ died about the middle of October, 1935. Mr. STOCKING, after viewing the photograph of subject KARPIS, advised that he has not seen anyone around his hotel who resembled the subject, with the exception of Mr. LOYNAZ-PAEZ, and that he is sure Mr. LOYNAZ-PAEZ was not identical with subject KARPIS after more closely viewing the photograph.

Agent called at the Lenox House, 43 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and interviewed Mr. B. J. CHUDACK, Day Clerk at the Lenox House. Photographs of subjects KARPIS and CAMPBELL were exhibited to Mr. CHUDACK and he advised that he does not recall ever having seen any person at the Lenox House who would fit the description and appearance of either of these subjects. He had a copy of I. O. #1218, which Special Agent W. J. McNULTY, of the New York Office, had furnished to him on a previous interview, and he stated that he was keeping his eyes open for any person who resembled subject KARPIS, and that he would notify the Bureau Office at once if he saw any person at the Lenox House who would fit the description and appearance of subject KARPIS. Mr. CHUDACK advised that when Agent McNULTY talked to him and exhibited to him pictures of KARPIS, he thought he had seen an individual resembling KARPIS but, since that time, he has refreshed his memory and feels certain that he has not seen any person who resembles the photograph of KARPIS; that he probably had seen pictures of KARPIS in the newspapers and, at the time Agent McNulty exhibited pictures of KARPIS to him, he advised Agent McNULTY he recalled having seen an individual resembling KARPIS, and that it was very probable the reason he did this was because he remembered the newspaper pictures of KARPIS.

Mr. L. J. DuBARTELL, Special Investigator, in charge of the Unattached & Transient Division, Emergency Relief Bureau, 262 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., informed agent that he recalls having been interviewed by Special Agent McNULTY a couple of months ago and that he has pictures of subject KARPIS in his desk,

and that if any person applies to him for relief who resembles the description and appearance of KARPIS, he will notify the New York Bureau Office at once; that he has not seen any person who would fit the description or appearance of KARPIS since he was interviewed by Agent McNULTY in September, 1935.

At 230 West 97th Street, New York City, it was ascertained that Mrs. CHRISTENSEN had moved from this address about two months ago.

At Post Office Station "H", 178 West 102nd Street, New York City, telephone number, Academy 7-7640, it was ascertained that Mrs. M. K. CHRISTENSEN and Miss LOUISE M. KOEBERLINE had a removal order for 325 West 93rd Street, New York City.

Mrs. M. K. CHRISTENSEN was interviewed at the New York Bureau Office and she advised that LOUISE M. KOEBERLINE was her sister and has lived with her at 230 West 97th Street, New York City, for a time, and later, at 325 West 93rd Street, New York City; that at the present time, LOUISE M. KOEBERLINE is living at 74 North Emily Street, care of Mrs. J. FOLEY, Crafton, Pa.; that Crafton is a suburb of Pittsburgh. Mrs. CHRISTENSEN advised that EDWARD F. A. KOEBERLINE is a son of her step-brother, and that he does not seem to be mentally right; that he does not have a permanent address but moves from place to place, and that she does not know his address at this time. She suggested that the only person in the family who would know EDWARD F. A. KOEBERLINE'S address would be LOUISE M. KOEBERLINE.

At the Breevort Hotel, Fifth Avenue and 8th Street, New York City, it was ascertained that Mr. J. F. STRATTON and his daughter, GRACE, checked out of the hotel on November 3, 1935, and left a forwarding address of 415 Central Park West, New York City, Apartment 14E.

At the above address, it was ascertained that Mr. STRATTON had an office at 225 Broadway, Room 1612, New York City, telephone number, Barclay 7-0740, and an appointment was made with Mr. STRATTON for an interview on the following morning, which was November 20, 1935.

Mr. STRATTON was interviewed at his office at 225 Broadway, New York City. This office is that of J. ALLEN, FINANCIAL SERVICE BUREAU, which Mr. STRATTON claims he is now operating. In

addition to this Financial Service Bureau, he claims to be operating a securities business in the development of the business of the Igo Mining Company, Redding, Cal., and the Shasta Hydraulic Gold Mining Company, Trinity Center, Cal. He claimed that he owns one-half interest in these two mines; that the Engineers' Exploration Company, of which John Hays Hammond is in charge, owns the remaining half. He advised that he has lived in New York City for the past twenty years, with the exceptions of trips west once in a while on business, and when he went to Reno, Nev. in the past year to secure a divorce from his first wife. He advised that while in Reno, Nev., he lived at the "Holcomb Place" on Virginia Street; that when he first arrived in Reno, he lived at the Parkway Hotel for only a couple of days until he secured the rental of the Holcomb Place; that he lived at the Holcomb Place from November, 1934 to January, 1935, when he returned east; that he again went west and was in St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco in May, 1935; that he has been in New York City most of the time since returning to New York in June, 1935, with the exception of a few trips on business to Arizona and California. Mr. STRATTON was questioned as to whether he had ever seen subject KARPIS and whether subject KARPIS had ever visited in his home in Reno, Nev. He advised that he had never seen KARPIS to his knowledge, and was sure that KARPIS had never visited him in his home or at his hotel in Reno; also, that he does not recall ever having met any of the Barker-Karpis gang at any time and that, to his knowledge, he has never mentioned to anyone that he knew any member of this gang. Mr. STRATTON seems to be in bad health and is a cripple. He advised that he was a pilot during the World War and that he had had a crack-up in the Argonne Forest and that he had a great deal of trouble with his spine; that he has to take morphine regularly to reduce the pain which he suffers with his spine. Mr. STRATTON advised that he is, at present, under indictment on a narcotic charge in the west; that this charge was as a result of a fellow, whom he employed as a chauffeur, by the name of Mr. J. C. TRAXLER, placing some morphine tubes in his home at the Holcomb Place and then reporting it to the officers; that he feels sure he will be able to beat this charge as it is nothing more than a frame-up by TRAXLER who hopes to get some money in this case. STRATTON advised that while he was in Reno, he had some repair work done on his car by FRANK COCHRAN, Manager of the Air Service Company, which operates a garage on South Virginia Street, Reno, Nev.; that he understands COCHRAN, at the present time, is serving time as a result of harboring "BABY FACE" NELSON; that harboring charges are also pending against COCHRAN'S wife in the "BABY FACE" NELSON case. STRATTON advised that on several occasions, he became friendly with COCHRAN when COCHRAN was drinking, and that COCHRAN advised that KARPIS and other members of the BARKER-KARPIS

gang had kept their cars in the Air Service Company garage in Reno, and that during a conversation with him, he (COCHRAN) had obtained information as to their activities. Mr. STRATTON was of the opinion that if COCHRAN is interviewed properly and some assurance could be given him that probably his wife would not be prosecuted in the "BABY FACE" NELSON case, COCHRAN might be able to furnish some information as to the hideouts and activities of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. STRATTON stated for certain that he recalled COCHRAN advising that CAMPBELL and KARPIS had kept their cars in the Air Service Company's garage, of which COCHRAN is the manager. STRATTON was unable to furnish any information as to whether or not he had heard COCHRAN mention anything about Dr. J. J. MORAN. STRATTON was advised that the Bureau would not make any promises to COCHRAN in order to secure any information. However, STRATTON prepared the following letter which is being set forth. This letter is written on the stationery of J. F. STRATTON, Securities, 225 Broadway, New York City, N. Y., Barclay 7-0740-1, dated November 20, 1935, beginning "Dear Frank" and signed, "As Ever, your friend, Jack F. Stratton":

"I have been trying for quite some time to do something to help you, if it were possible in your trouble. I have finally contacted some friends of mine who can possibly help you as well as your wife.

Saw Jim Draggi several times in Reno and told him I was doing all I could to help you.

The Fact is that fellow Traxler I hired as a secretary certainly caused me plenty of trouble and I don't know what to make of it.

The chap that is bringing this letter is a friend of mine and trying to do something for you. I believe that by you cooperating with him it will be a way of accomplishing a great deal. Whatever you tell him I know will be strictly confidential. If you feel you don't want to confide in him let he or I know at once and I will jump a plane and come out personally.

From information I have with you cooperation, I think it is possible to have your wife's matter straightened out, while I cannot guarantee anything for certain, I am sure this can be done and am willing to do whatever I can to help you, let me know how you are anyway.

Also advise me whether I should pay the balance of my bill to the garage or hold it untill I hear from you; Jim Draggi told me to hold it and I have waiting to hear from you."

Mr. STRATTON was again advised that the Bureau would not make any promises to COCHRAN; that this letter would be submitted to the proper person in charge of the investigation for whatever use he may want to make of it in this case. This letter, submitted by STRATTON, is being forwarded to the Chicago Office for Mr. CONNELLEY for whatever use he desires to make of the same. Mr. STRATTON emphasized the fact that if COCHRAN were approached correctly, he would be able to furnish information of some value about the Barker-Karpis gang. However, he does not feel that COCHRAN is the type of man who would furnish the information to a federal officer unless the federal officer has some way to get in with COCHRAN through a letter from some friend and, for that reason, STRATTON furnished the above letter. STRATTON stated further that JIM DRAGGI, an employee at the Air Service Company garage, Reno, Nev., might also be able to furnish some information of value about the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. STRATTON stated that he would have furnished this information before this time about COCHRAN and DRAGGI, but that he did not want the Government to get the opinion that he was trying to obtain some favors in his own case on the narcotic charge; that he gives this information of his free will and does not expect any favors in return for same.

GRACE CONSTANTINE, adopted daughter of Mr. STRATTON, was present during the course of the interview, and she prepared the letter which STRATTON addressed to "Frank", which is set forth above in this report. STRATTON advised that GRACE is his adopted daughter; that she was the daughter of a friend of his who died many years ago; that he has raised GRACE ever since she was six years old; that her present age is 21. STRATTON tried to impress agent during the interview

with the fact that he was a big financial wizard and stated on several occasions that he could go out in the street and, in a few minutes, borrow $100,000. He appeared to be a very talkative type, and it is doubtful if the information he furnished would be of much value.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. R. RAMSEY, JR., San Francisco, Cal., dated November 24, 1934, in the case entitled "LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1223, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives; Probation Violation", New York File #26-3092, in which is set forth a statement secured by Special Agents VERNON E. CRISS, J. T. McLAUGHLIN, and C. E. WEEKS, from FRANK BRADFORD COCHRAN, Manager of the Air Service Company, 241 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nev. This statement is dated at Reno, Nev., November 12, 1934.

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKEE, Chicago, Ill., dated October 31, 1935, in the case of "JOHN PAUL CHASE, with aliases, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; Murder of Inspector S. P. COWLEY and Special Agent H. E. HOLLIS", New York File #26-3092, in which is set forth the fact that FRANK BRADFORD COCHRAN was sentenced at San Francisco, Cal., on April 5, 1935 in this case, and the further fact that ANNA E. COCHRAN is under indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury, San Francisco, Cal., January 29, 1935, for conspiracy to harbor LESTER JOSEPH GILLIS; that she pleaded not guilty and that same was pending. It is noted in the statement signed by COCHRAN under date of November 12, 1934, that no mention is made of the BARKER-KARPIS gang.

Post Office Inspector HERBERT GRAHAM was again interviewed at the New York Office, and he advised that the only additional facts other than those furnished to Special Agent W. J. McNULTY in the location of WILLIAM MEADE and as set forth in Agent McNULTY'S report dated at New York City, October 3, 1935, are that he understands MEADE is friendly with a man named B. J. McCAFFERTY, a gambler, ROY WILLIAMSON, and a man by the name of NEIGHBORS, first name probably WILLIAM, father of D. C. NEIGHBORS, a confidence man;

that McCAFFERTY, WILLIAMSON and NEIGHBORS probably use the Greystone Hotel, Casper, Wyoming, as their headquarters; that these three men can probably be located at this hotel. Mr. GRAHAM further stated that it was his opinion that it would not be wise to contact the local police in trying to locate any of these men as he was of the opinion that no one of the police could be absolutely trusted. He feels certain that if MEADE is not with the three men, they would probably know of his whereabouts. A lead is being set forth in this report to attempt to locate these three men at Casper, Wyoming, and ascertain from them such information as they might have as to the whereabouts of MEADE.

Mr. JULIUS KAUFMAN, 25 East 86th Street, New York City, advised that he met THOMAS J. O'DELL in Chicago, Ill., about fifteen years ago; that O'DELL was, at that time, traveling with the Hagenbach & Wallace Circus; that for the past twelve years, he had not seen O'DELL until he saw him at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last winter. Mr. KAUFMAN stated that he spent last winter at Fort Lauderdale and understands that O'DELL was spending the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla.; that, upon his return to New York City, he and his wife became very friendly with O'DELL and his wife; that O'DELL lived for a time at Hotel Adams, 2 East 86th Street, New York City; that O'DELL checked out of Hotel Adams on the Friday before this interview. The interview of Mr. KAUFMAN took place on Wednesday, November 20, 1935. Mr. KAUFMAN stated that Mr. O'DELL, at the time he checked out of the hotel, advised that he was going to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the winter. Mr. KAUFMAN informed agent that he did not have Mr. O'DELL'S address at the present time, but was certain that he would have it in the next couple of weeks as O'DELL would probably correspond with him. Mr. KAUFMAN stated that he would furnish the New York Bureau Office with Mr. O'DELL'S address only if he were certain that all Mr. O'DELL was wanted for by the Bureau Office was for questioning. He was advised that O'DELL was only wanted for questioning in a certain case and, with this information, he promised to furnish O'DELL'S address as soon as he received same. Mr. KAUFMAN would not advise as to the type of work O'DELL was in at the present time. KAUFMAN himself advised that he came from Chicago to New York about six years ago and has been living here since that time; that at the present time he is not in any business, but hopes to get into some business shortly. Mr. KAUFMAN was questioned as to whether he knew MEADE, and he advised that he did not, and that he had never heard O'DELL mention MEADE, either under his correct name or his various aliases.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, Manager of the Adams Hotel, 2 East 86th Street, New York City, advised that his records revealed that Mr. O'DELL lived at this hotel from September 23, 1935 until November 18, 1935, when he checked out and did not leave a forwarding address; that he understood that O'DELL was going to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the winter.

On Friday, November 22, 1935, Mr. THOMAS J. O'DELL called the New York Bureau Office by telephone and spoke to this agent. He advised that Mr. KAUFMAN had informed him that agent desired to question him about the location of some party. He stated that due to some domestic trouble, he would not be able to be interviewed until Wednesday, November 27, 1935; however, that at that time he would appear at the Bureau Office and be interviewed. Mr. O'DELL hung up the telephone receiver before agent was able to secure his present address. However, he stated that he would be at the New York Office at 2 P.M., on November 27, 1935.

In view of the fact that Mr. O'DELL has consented to appear at the New York Office for interview, the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent W. J. McNULTY, dated at New York City, October 3, 1935, requesting interview with Mr. and Mrs. MAX WEINGARTEN, 250 West 100th Street, New York City, and to establish the true name of "FRANK", Manager of Minsky's Burlesque, who resides at the Whitby Hotel, 325 West 45th Street, New York City, will not be carried out. It seems that these leads were set forth to learn the whereabouts of O'DELL. It also appears that it will not be necessary to carry out the lead as set forth in the report of Special Agent W. H. BINNS, dated at New York City, August 30, 1935, in which a further interview with Lt. W. P. McCUE, of the New Britain Police Department, was requested with reference to the whereabouts of THOMAS O'DELL and the exact address of O'DELL'S sister, ANNA, in Tampa, Fla.

Mr. JOHN J. RYAN was interviewed at Sing Sing Penitentiary, Ossining, N. Y., by Special Agent J. J. KEATING and the writer, on November 18, 1935. He advised that he was born in New York City on January 5, 1891 and was sent to Sing Sing in May, 1908 on a manslaughter charge; that he was released in October, 1915; that he was again sent to Sing Sing in October, 1916 on a second-degree murder charge; that he escaped on October 3, 1925, from the old prison; that he was working in the prison chapel and that he slid down a rain pipe into the Hudson River, swam to the shore, at the corner of the prison, and caught a freight train for New York City; that he had never heard of "JEW OTTO", and that he was the only man who escaped at that time from Sing Sing Prison, as far as he knows. He further stated that he did not pay anything to get

out of the prison; that while working in the chapel that day, he made up his mind to escape and that he escaped, as set forth hereinabove. He stated that before going to Sing Sing Prison in 1908, he was a tile-layer's helper. RYAN advised that after arriving in New York after escaping from Sing Sing, he got some money from his friends and relatives and went west; that he had never been west before, except on a visit to Chicago in 1916 for two weeks. He stated that upon his arrival in Chicago in 1925, he tried to get a job but was unable to do so for about three or four months; that during this time, he lived on the $1,000 which he had borrowed in New York City. He informed that he finally secured a job at the Belmont Theatre on Belmont Avenue, Chicago; that this was in May, 1926. He worked in this theatre for six months as a stage-hand and was a member of the Stage-hands Union, Local #2. At this point, RYAN advised that although a member of the union in 1926, it was necessary for him to serve an apprenticeship before he could secure his union card and, for this reason, he did not secure his union card until 1928. After his employment terminated at the Belmont Theatre, he went to the Olympia Theatre located on Clark Street, where he worked for six months; that the reason for his leaving the Belmont and Olympia Theatres was because they discontinued stage shows at these theatres; that after leaving the Olympia Theatre, he went to work for the Uptown Theatre located at Broadway and Lawrence Streets, Chicago; that he worked regularly at the Uptown Theatre from 1928 until the Fall of 1934, with the exception of one year between January, 1933 and January, 1934, when he was laid off because the Uptown Theatre discontinued stage shows during this time. He advised that between 1933 and 1934 he worked at the Illinois Theatre located at Jackson Boulevard and Congress Street, and at the Olympia Theatre; that the information pertaining to his work at these various theatres can probably be located through the Stage-hands Union, Local #2, which is located in the building on Randolph Street just across the street from the Palace Theatre; that GEORGE BROWN is the head of this union.

RYAN advised that, while in Chicago, he used the name of JOHN BURKE; that he first met VERNE MILLER in 1928 in a cabaret at the corner of Grace Street & Broadway, Chicago; that he was introduced to VERNE MILLER through JACK HARRIS, deceased; that he had known JACK HARRIS in New York and, also, at Sing Sing Prison. RYAN stated that he had learned that HARRIS hung out at this cabaret and that he, RYAN, used to go up there to see HARRIS. He stated that,

at the time of introduction, he was told that MILLER was a bootlegger; that a woman, known to him as VI MILLER, was with VERNE MILLER at that time; that MILLER was living at the Dunmoore Hotel on the north side, which hotel was owned and managed by MAX LEAVITT. After this introduction, MILLER became friendly with him and they would go out and eat together at various times; that MILLER had been informed of his "rap" and escape from Sing Sing Penitentiary through JACK HARRIS; that after he had known MILLER for about six months, they took a trip together to St. Paul, Minn.; that VI MILLER went on this trip with them; that they were in St. Paul for about one week and stayed at the home of friends of MILLER, whose names he does not recall, and the address of whom he does not remember; that these friends lived on a farm near St. Paul; that during this trip they visited the farm of VI MILLER'S parents at Brainerd, Minn.; that VI MILLER remained with her parents when he and MILLER returned to St. Paul and, later, to Chicago. He recalled that while in St. Paul on this trip, he met HARRY SAWYER; that HARRY SAWYER was operating a saloon in St. Paul, and that he and MILLER took a few drinks at Sawyer's place; that upon his return to Chicago, he saw MILLER on and off at various times. In 1930 he loaned MILLER $100 and MILLER was always very friendly to him after this. RYAN stated that while MILLER was living at the Dunmoore Hotel in 1929, MILLER introduced him to a person known as "BIG TOM", whose right name was HARVEY BAILEY; that he only saw BAILEY this one time; that he kept up the acquaintance with MILLER until the Spring of 1933, when he had an apartment in Oak Park, Ill., and that he visited MILLER at this apartment on various occasions. Living in this apartment with MILLER were LILLIAN HOLDEN and VIVIAN MATHIS, and MILLER was supposed to be a salesman. RYAN advised that on his visits to this place he was supposed to pose as the brother of LILLIAN HOLDEN.

Special Agent J. J. KEATING, who had made investigation as to the apartment which VERNE MILLER had in Oak Park, Ill., in the Kansas City case, had not been able to identify the brother who used to visit one of the girls in this apartment. RYAN admitted to Agent KEATING that he was the person known as the brother of LILLIAN HOLDEN. RYAN stated that he never lived at this apartment, but during the time when he was not working regularly, he used to visit the apartment of MILLER on various occasions; that about two months prior to the Kansas City massacre, MILLER took him out to LOUIE CERNOCKEY'S place at Fox River Grove, Ill., and that he was

introduced to persons named ALVIN, "DOC", FREDDIE, [illegible], FRANK and FRANCIS NASH. He stated that he later identified the persons he met as ALVIN KARPIS, "DOC" BARKER, FRED BARKER, [illegible], DAVIS, and EDNA MURRAY. He also met some other people but [illegible] whom he does not remember at this time. Photographs of the various members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang were exhibited to him, but he was unable to pick out any other persons whom he met or knew with the exception of the ones mentioned above. He advised that all of these persons were at LOUIE CERNOCKEY'S place that night for a dance; that, also, on this occasion, he was introduced to LOUIE CERNOCKEY for the first time; that MILLER had advised him previous to the visit, not to mention to any of the parties that he was a working man. RYAN stated that MILLER had informed him that the bunch of people whom he met at LOUIE CERNOCKEY'S place that night were from St. Paul. RYAN informed agents that after this introduction, he did not see any of the persons at [illegible] that night at LOUIE CERNOCKEY'S place, with the exception of [illegible] NASH, whom he saw at MILLER'S apartment several times at later dates.

RYAN stated that he had a bungalow at Lake Okauchee, Wis., in partnership with JACK STEINBECKER, of Chicago, Ill. STEINBECKER is mentioned on page 4 of the letter [illegible] reference from the Chicago Office, dated November 8, 1935; [illegible] he and STEINBECKER rented this bungalow from KEIBE SCHMIDT, [illegible] was a cafe across the lake from the bungalow; that they had [illegible] ed same for several years. STEINBECKER, according to RYAN, [illegible] a member of the Stage-hands Union, Local #2. RYAN advised [illegible] lived at Chicago for about six or seven years with the man [illegible] FRANK, a German and an artist; that they lived on the north [illegible] possibly 1041 Dakin Street, for a time, and that they later moved to Wilson Avenue and lived next door to the Hotel Plaza [illegible] finally moved to an address next to a hotel on Sheridan [illegible] Chicago, Ill., where the ball players used to stay; that he [illegible] of a room from FRANK and his wife at these various addresses. He was unable to recall any information as to where FRANK was living at this time, or as to his last name. RYAN stated that the last time he visited VERNE MILLER was shortly before the [illegible] massacre, that he was at his bungalow at Lake Okauchee, Wis. [illegible] he saw the newspapers about the Kansas City massacre, and that [illegible] was of the opinion that VERNE MILLER was the person who [illegible] this job and, for this reason, he never went back to [illegible] apartment in Oak Park, Ill., and that he has never seen VERNE MILLER or VIVIAN MILLER or BILLIE MILLER since, the occasion of his last

visit to the apartment in Oak Park shortly before the Kansas City massacre, which was in June, 1933. He stated that he had never moved or helped move VIVIAN MILLER to any place and that, furthermore, he does not even drive an automobile. He advised that he does not know who took VIVIAN MILLER to New York City after the Kansas City massacre and, furthermore, he does not even know where she went.

RYAN stated that he met HELEN FERGUSON and a girl named NINA, possibly, NINA REINSHAGEN, at the Ogden Grill, Chicago, Ill., in the late Spring of 1933; that he was introduced to HELEN FERGUSON by an ex-bartender, whose name he does not now recall; that shortly after meeting HELEN FERGUSON, he took her to his bungalow at Lake Okauchee; that they went to the lake in HELEN FERGUSON'S Buick automobile; that he and HELEN were at the lake when he read in the newspaper of the Kansas City massacre; that they remained at the lake for a couple of days and that they then returned to Chicago; that he did not find out where HELEN FERGUSON was living in Chicago. However, he was of the opinion that she had an apartment somewhere in the Loop; that during this time, he did not have any information or any knowledge that HELEN FERGUSON knew any of the BARKER-KARPIS gang; that he recalls that upon his return from the lake on the occasion of HELEN FERGUSON'S visit there, some Jewish insurance man came back to Chicago with them; that this insurance man was renting a bungalow about three doors from the one which RYAN occupied. RYAN informed agents that when he met HELEN, she told him her husband was a real estate man and that he was dead and had left her some money; that he recalled while he was living with her, she was in mourning and, at various times, would become very despondent; that on no occasion did he ever inform HELEN FERGUSON that he had escaped from Sing Sing Penitentiary, Ossining, N. Y., or that he knew MILLER, BARKER, KARPIS, or any member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang; that the only information he furnished her was that he was a stagehand. He advised that he lived with HELEN FERGUSON from January, 1934 for about eight months, at 4540 Magnolia Street, Chicago, Ill., until the time that HELEN FERGUSON was picked up by the Federal Government in August, 1934; that during the time HELEN lived with him, the only friends who visited them were friends of his; that HELEN FERGUSON never had any of her friends visit the apartment, as far as he knows. He advised that in August, 1934, he started into the apartment when he saw HELEN FERGUSON being brought out of

the apartment by some men who seemed to have her under arrest and, since he realized that if he were picked up and fingerprinted, he would be identified as a person wanted at Sing Sing for escaping from prison, he "beat it"; that after the federal officers had raided his apartment and picked up HELEN FERGUSON, he never went back for his clothes but went to live with a friend of his in Chicago. RYAN refused to give the name of this friend, stating only that he was a working man, not knowing any members of the racket, and that he would not disclose his name; that shortly after this time, he secured work at the Star & Garter Burlesque House on Madison & Halsted Streets; that he worked there for a week or so until this theatre closed; that about this time HELEN FERGUSON was released and she inquired for him at various taverns which she knew he frequented and, finally, she located him at Paul Taglio's Saloon, which was at that time located at the corner of Adams & Halsted Streets; that she told him she had been picked up by the federal officers because she was connected with the BARKER-KARPIS gang. After receiving this information from her, he told her that if she were that type of woman, he did not care to associate with her further; that he borrowed $20, gave it to her and has not seen her since that time.

RYAN advised that after living with a friend of his for a short time after HELEN FERGUSON was picked up, he then went to live at a hotel located on the corner of Jackson & Halsted Streets; that he lived at this hotel on and off from this time until he was arrested in July, 1935; that during this time, he worked at different theatres for a day or two at a time, and that the records of the Stage-hands Union, Local #2, of which GEORGE BROWN is the head, should reveal where he worked. He stated that at no time did he ever tell HELEN FERGUSON that he knew any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang or any other members who were in the racket.

RYAN was questioned in detail about knowing the BARKER-KARPIS gang, and he advised that he does not know anything about the members of this gang, with the exception of having met some of them, which was mentioned previously in this report, at LOUIE CERNOCKEY'S place on one occasion, and that that was the only time he had seen any of these parties; that if he had any information that would aid the Government in the location of any of the members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, he would be willing to furnish the same. He denied ever having seen EDNA MURRAY except the one

time that he saw her at LOUIE CERNOCKEY'S place. He also denied the story EDNA MURRAY told that he had escaped from Sing Sing with "JEW OTTO", and also, that any money passed hands on account of his escape; that he never had to move VIVIAN MILLER any place and does not know anything about how VIVIAN MILLER moved her things from the Oak Park apartment. He stated that the name, "YEN YEN" RYAN was a name that he picked up on the streets of New York while a kid, and that VERNE MILLER knew him by this nickname of "YEN YEN", having been advised of the same by JACK HARRIS, who introduced him to MILLER. RYAN admitted that he had gone to the O. P. Inn with MILLER on several occasions to eat. However, he does not remember having seen any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at this inn. He also admitted that he knew FRANK FOSTER, having met him at the Dunmoore Hotel with MILLER; that he only saw FOSTER a few times. He further stated that he recalls that at the time he met MILLER, that JACK HARRIS was living at the Dunmoore Hotel with BOBBIE MOORE. RYAN advised that he has at least six more years to serve in Sing Sing Penitentiary before he can be released; that he just happened to be picked up in Chicago on a larceny charge and was identified through his fingerprints, and was sent back to Sing Sing. RYAN was questioned in detail about his knowledge of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, and continued to insist that the only information he had about any members of this gang were the facts as set forth above in this report.

The following description of RYAN was obtained through agent's personal observation:

Name:	JOHN J. RYAN
Age:	44 years (born January 5, 1891)
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	142 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Gray.
Eyes:	Blue-gray.
Complexion:	Ruddy.
Occupation:	Stage-hand.

He refused to give any information about his relatives. However, he stated he had some sisters and brothers living in New York City.

RYAN stated that he could have worked with VERNE MILLER, but that he did not desire to enter into a racket again as he wanted to go straight and to make an honest living; that although he did go around with VERNE MILLER at various times, that at no time did he have any connection with MILLER'S activities and that he never worked with MILLER in any way.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

PITTSBURGH OFFICE:

At Pittsburgh, Pa., will interview Miss LOUISE M. KOEBERLINE, 74 North Emily Street, Crafton, Pa., care of Mrs. J. FOLEY, and secure from her the address of EDWARD F. A. KOEBERLINE, and set out a lead to have EDWARD F. A. KOEBERLINE interviewed regarding the letter which he forwarded to the Postmaster at Brooklyn, N. Y., as stated in the report of Special Agent W. J. McNULTY, at New York City, dated September 12, 1935. The Pittsburgh Office is in possession of a copy of Agent McNULTY'S report.

DENVER OFFICE:

At Casper, Wyoming, will attempt to locate B. J. McCAFFERTY, a gambler, ROY WILLIAMSON, and a man by the name of NEIGHBORS, possibly, WILLIAM NEIGHBORS, father of D. C. NEIGHBORS, a confidence man, and interview these parties with reference to their knowledge of the whereabouts of WILLIAM MEADE. It is possible that these men may be making their headquarters at the Greystone Hotel. MEADE is wanted by the Bureau for questioning with reference to a confidence game that he worked on a friend of victim BREMER, and which money MEADE received was borrowed by this friend from BREMER.

For the benefit of the Denver Office, a photograph of MEADE is being forwarded with copies of this report.

Undeveloped Leads: (Cont'd.)

NEW YORK OFFICE:

Will interview THOMAS J. O'DELL when he calls at the New York Bureau Office in the near future, for all possible information concerning the whereabouts of MEADE.

Will again confer with Post Office Inspector HERBERT GRAHAM relative to the developments of this case, and obtain from him names of MEADE'S confederates in the swindle on which the Post Office Department has indicted MEADE. (See report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated November 15, 1935).

Will discreetly interview ALBERT GURANTE, apartment 1, 2808 35th Street, Astoria, L. I., with reference to the present whereabouts of his brother, ANDREW GURANTE. Also report the outcome of the cover placed on the mail of ALBERT GURANTE, looking towards the location of the present whereabouts of ANDREW GURANTE.

At Hartford, Conn., will furnish JOE HARRISON, Aetna Life Insurance Co., 151 Farmington Avenue, with specimen of the handwriting of WILLIAM MEADE, and re-interview him with regard to any information developed by a more thorough search of the Aetna Life Insurance Co. files.

Interview Regional Director Hoffman, State Capitol Building, relative to whether a PWA auditor called upon the firm of Oneglia & Gervasini on or about July 31, 1935, and whether he fits the description of WILLIAM MEADE.

At Torrington, Conn., will re-interview HUGH E. MEADE, Chief of Police, relative to further information he may have concerning WILLIAM MEADE.

Will contact ROMEO GERVASINI and exhibit photograph of WILLIAM MEADE for possible identification.

Make further investigation among building contractors in the vicinity as further developments may justify.

(In connection with the above Connecticut leads, see the report of Special Agent Gene H. Hemry, dated at New York City, September 23, 1935).

PENDING.

ADDENDUM:

On the afternoon of November 27, 1935, Mrs. THOMAS J. O'DELL telephoned the New York Bureau Office and advised the writer that her husband would be unable to keep his appointment at 2 o'clock that afternoon as he had been called to Washington, D. C. on business. She stated that her husband would get in touch with the New York Office upon his return to New York. The writer attempted to secure Mr. O'DELL'S address in Washington from Mrs. O'DELL, but she would not give the same. Agent also advised Mrs. O'DELL that if she would furnish Mr. O'DELL'S address in Washington, some agent from the Washington Field Office of the Bureau would call upon him with reference to the information desired by the Bureau. Mrs. O'DELL stated that she had rather not furnish the Washington address of Mr. O'DELL as he would rather be interviewed by the writer at the New York Office upon his return to New York.

A letter postmarked Washington, D. C., December 2, 1935, and written on the stationery of the Hotel Hamilton, Washington, D. C., was received by the writer on December 3, 1935. This letter was from Mr. THOMAS O'DELL and he gave his return address as 60 High Street, New Britain, Conn. In the letter, he advised that he understood agent desired to interview him with reference to one WILLIAM MEADE. Mr. O'DELL stated in his letter that he met MEADE in Jacksonville, Fla., during the month of November, 1933; that he only saw MEADE on that one occasion and has not ever seen him since that time; that he met MEADE through his (O'DELL'S) lawyer, who was also representing MEADE at that time; that he does not believe he ever spoke more than half a dozen words to MEADE in his life.

It is very probable that the attorney O'DELL has reference to, who had represented him in Jacksonville in 1933, was Attorney M. H. MYKERSON, who is mentioned in the report of Special Agent in Charge R. A. ALT, Jacksonville, Fla., dated July 26, 1935, as having represented WILLIAM E. MEADE in Jacksonville in the early part of 1934.

A lead will not be set out to ascertain if O'DELL is stopping at the Hotel Hamilton, Washington, D. C., although the letter received from him was written on this hotel's stationery. It is not thought that O'DELL would write a letter to the Bureau on the stationery of the hotel in which he was stopping.

However, a lead is being set forth to make appropriate investigation at 60 High Street, New Britain, Conn., and secure from his mother, Mrs. ANNA O'DELL, THOMAS O'DELL'S address, in view of the fact that O'DELL gave that as his return address. In the event Mr. O'DELL does not get in touch with the New York Office in the near future and his address is not secured from his mother at New Britain, Conn., a lead will be set forth to again interview Mr. JULIUS KAUFMAN, 25 East 86th Street, New York City, and ascertain from him the address of Mr. O'DELL.

The above lead is being set forth to take the place of the lead originally set out in this report to interview Mr. O'DELL when he would call at the New York Office.

The letter received from Mr. O'DELL is being retained in the New York Bureau Office file.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE:

At New Britain, Conn., will interview Mrs. ANNA O'DELL, mother of THOMAS J. O'DELL, 60 High Street, and ascertain from her the present address of her son, THOMAS J. O'DELL.

In the event that Mr. THOMAS J. O'DELL does not again contact the New York Office, and his address is not secured from his mother at New Britain, Conn., this office will contact Mr. JULIUS KAUFMAN, 25 East 86th Street, New York City, and ascertain if he knows the present whereabouts of O'DELL.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 27, 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: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of the 19th instant, Bureau File No. 7-576, and letter to the Bureau from this office dated November 12, 1935.

Mrs. Anna Anderson was again interviewed at the Bureau Office on November 24, 1935, at which time she stated that on the occasion of her recent trip to Mankato she visited Belle Born and that Belle appeared to be very friendly and took her driving for about an hour; that in the course of conversation with Belle, Belle stated that she knew that "they" were looking for Chuck, and that they could go ahead and look as Chuck is dead. Mrs. Anderson stated that Belle Born had informed her son that Chuck was dead prior to Mrs. Anderson's visit to Mankato.

Mrs. Anderson stated that Belle seemed to be somewhat concerned about the suit that Mrs. Anderson intended instituting against Belle for alienating the affections of her husband, Ole Anderson. She stated that before she left Mankato she had consulted with her attorney and told him that she did not intend to sue Belle Born, and that he should drop any action that he might have intended to institute on her behalf. She further stated that at no time during her conversation with Belle did Belle make any reference to any conversations which she thought Mrs. Anderson may have had with any representatives of this Bureau, but that her son had informed her that Belle had stated to him that she knew Mrs. Anderson had talked to some "G" men.

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It may be stated that such information as was given by Mrs. Anderson appears to have been furnished with considerable reluctance, and as it appears that Mrs. Anderson has settled what disputes she has had with Belle Born, it is possible that she may have made the assertion relative to Belle's having stated to her son that she knew Mrs. Anderson was furnishing information to the Government as an excuse for avoiding further interviews with Agents of this Bureau. Whether or not this is so, Mrs. Anderson has been of little value to this office as an informant.

With respect to Charles "Chuck" White, heretofore reported to be the adopted son of Belle Born, Mrs. Anderson stated that there was a young man who stayed at Belle Born's place up to about two years ago. She does not know the identity of this young man other than that he was referred to as "Chuck", and that she had never heard of Belle having a son, adopted or otherwise.

When Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley was in St.Paul recently he indicated that Belle Born was cognizant of the fact that surveillance was being maintained on her during her trip to Waukegan, Illinois, as a result of which upon Mr. Connelley's instructions the close surveillance of Belle Born has been discontinued, since which time two Agents have been detailed to the telephone tap on her telephone at Mankato, and one to observe her place of residence from a nearby farm house, particularly with respect to the identity of persons visiting her. Previously Belle Born was followed whenever she left her home. This is the "close surveillance" which has been discontinued.

Conversations overheard on the telephone tap indicate that Belle Born suspects that a tap is being maintained, as she has stated that she does not care to discuss things over the telephone as someone is always listening. Mrs. Anderson stated that Belle related that she was being watched and that her telephone was tapped. In view of this it is requested that the Bureau and Mr. Connelley give consideration to the discontinuance of the tap being maintained at Mankato, and to the suggestion that a direct interview may be had with Belle Born.

It does not appear possible that the Agents detailed to Mankato, Minnesota, could have imparted any information to anyone who may have informed Belle Born of the interview had with Mrs. Anderson, as these Agents had no knowledge that Mrs. Anderson had been interviewed relative to Belle Born.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
R. S.

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

JKB:ACF

cc Cincinnati
cc Mr. E.J. Connelley, Chicago

December 4, 1935.

KRM:MC

RECORDED 7-576 - 8272

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 27, 1935, please be informed that the Bureau feels that the surveillance and the tap on the telephone of Belle Born may be discontinued.

It is desired that immediate arrangements be made for an open interview with Belle Born. This interview should be conducted by one thoroughly familiar with the Brazer case, and the interview should be exhaustive, touching upon all contacts of members of the Barker gang with which Belle Born may be familiar. Every effort should be made to develop information indicating that C. J. Fitzgerald is dead, and all facts and circumstances surrounding the death should be ascertained. If it is possible the place of his burial should also be learned.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

December 5, 1935

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto for future handwriting reference eight prescriptions in the handwriting of subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran, which were obtained by Special Agent J.L.Madala of this office, from Mr. G. Engler of the Depue Pharmacy at Depue, Illinois, for temporary use.

It is kindly requested that these prescriptions be returned to this office after they have served their purpose so that same can be forwarded to Mr. Engler.

Very truly yours,

D.M.LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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cc St.Paul; Cincinnati

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-8273

Specimens: 7-576-8273 A. 8 prescriptions in the handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date received: 12-9-35 chp 1:30 PM (reassigned 12-20-35 4:30 PM hmc)

Examination requested: Doc.

Result of examination: 1 7/21

Examination by: Balckburn (3)

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Laboratory Report

Case: RE: BRICKID

Number: 7-576-8273

Specimens:

7-576-8273-A Eight prescriptions in the handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date received: chp 12-9-35 1:20 P.M.

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major (2)

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materially alter former reports (inasmuch as these prescriptions are for the most part handwritten, while the questioned worksheets 7976 - A, B, C, D, E, F are for the most part handprinted. More specimens of handprinting, as previously suggested, are needed.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: RE: BREKID Number: 7-576-8273

Specimens:

7-576-8273-A Eight prescriptions in the handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date received: chp 12-9-35 1:20 P.M.

Examination requested: Document

Examination by: Appel (1)

Result of examination:

RETURN SPECIMENS.

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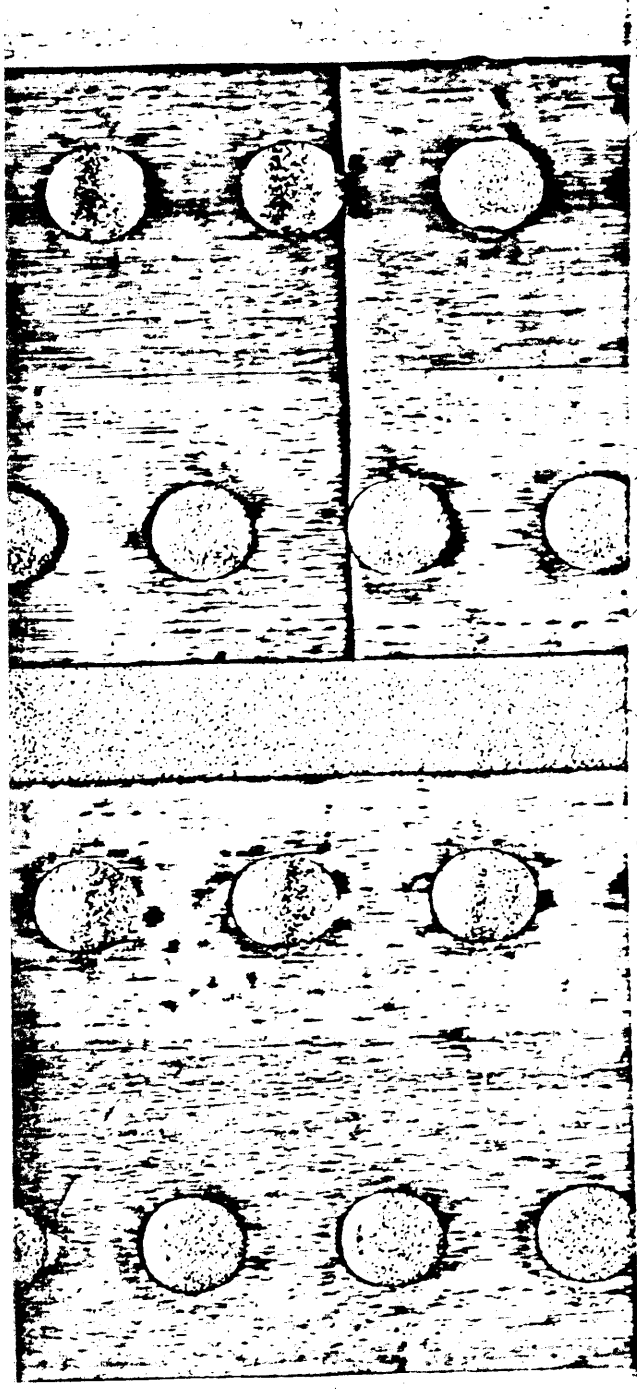
There is no evidence ~~to conclude~~ in the handwritten signature on the weekly sheet - August-25-1935 designated by number 7-576-7976 F, to lead the examiner to believe ~~that~~ they were written by moran

The three specimens designated number 7-576-7976 G and purported to have been written by the R.C. Ormiston at Stub Walkers beer parlor at Langdon, N.D. were very probaly written by Moran.

~~Thank~~

In accordance with your request the specimen designated by Bureau number 7-576-8273-A will be returned to your office as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the laboratory files.



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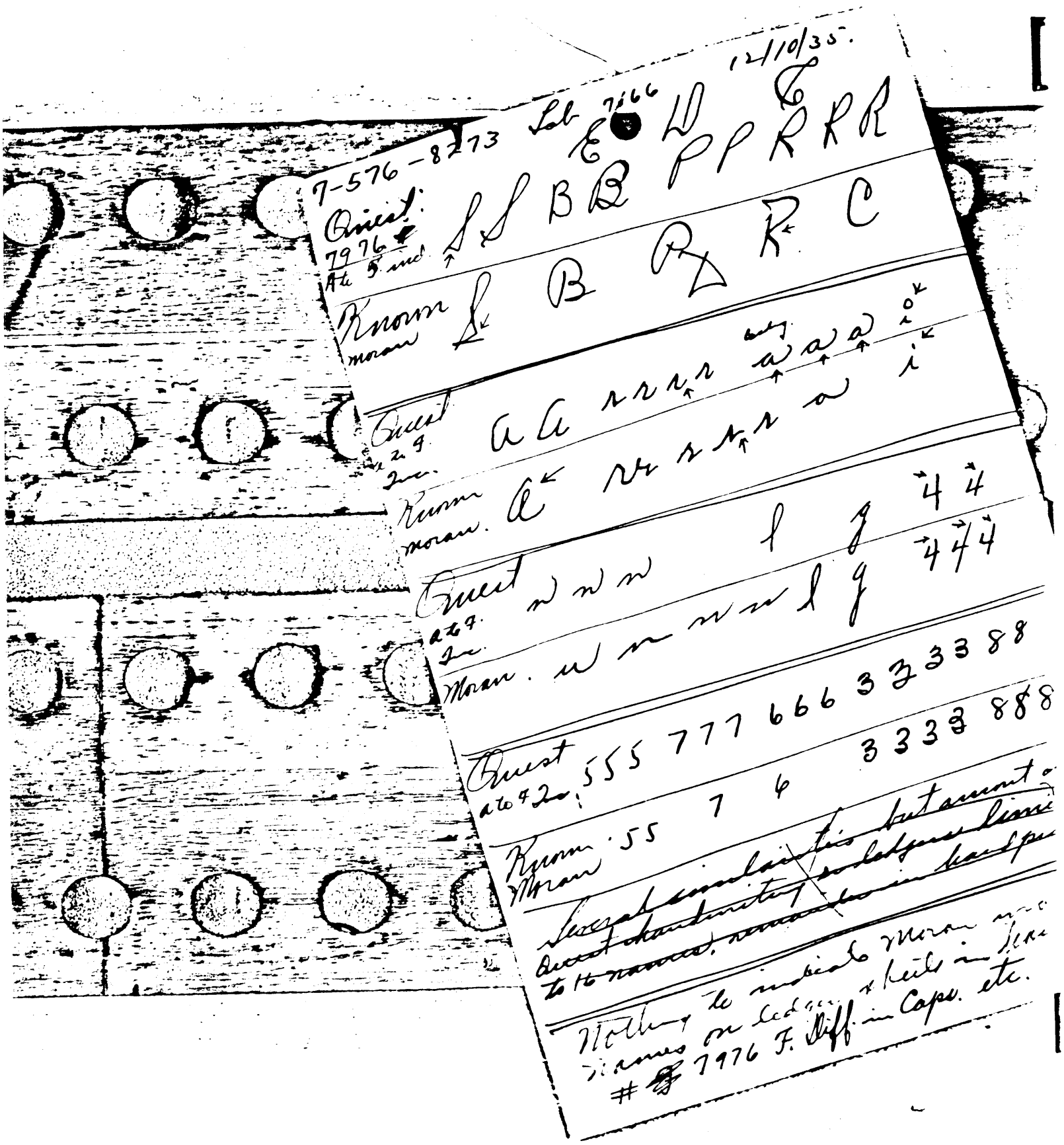
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
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 your letter of November 30, 1935 (Bureau file 7-576), requesting that I explain to the Bureau why a surveillance of the residence of the parents of Harry Campbell had not been considered prior to its initiation a few days ago, and to furnish an expression of my opinion as to whether I did not consider it dangerous procedure in interviewing Milton Lett, an alleged contact and intermediary of Harry Campbell and his family.

I beg to advise you that a surveillance of the Campbell residence at Tulsa was considered for many months prior to its initiation, and some inquiry was made with the view to placing such surveillance, but no person living in the immediate vicinity of this residence was considered one in whom we could place sufficient confidence to go into their residence, save the widow of J. Earl Smith, a deceased attorney, who is said to have been murdered by Campbell. Agent Hansen, from time to time, maintained a contact with Mrs. Smith, who it appears would have been eager to have furnished any information to this Bureau concerning the alleged murder of her husband. Until recently there was not found to be any house available for the use of Bureau Agents in this surveillance. Mrs. Smith and her sister are said to be in Muskogee, and probably Okmulgee, Oklahoma, most of the time. It has not been deemed worth-while to contact them within recent weeks.

With respect to the action taken by this office in interviewing Milton Lett, I discussed this matter several times with Special Agent Hansen, and the efforts to obtain some information concerning Lett and as to his whereabouts extended over several weeks, as will be reflected in investigative reports emanating from this office in connection with this case, and upon due consideration I concluded that we should go forward with the interview with him, which was done, and at this time I do

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not feel that any mistake has been made in approaching him. There may be some element of risk in this procedure, but in my opinion it is imperative that such risks be taken by us frequently in connection with our investigations. I can assure the Bureau that I did not go into this particular phase of the case without due reflection and consideration.

This case will continue to receive my close personal supervision.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

RECORDED 7-576 - 8274 December 10, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of December 4, 1935, in reply to its letter of November 30, 1935, and has carefully noted the contents thereof with particular reference to the surveillance of the residence of the parents of Harry Campbell.

The Bureau notes your statement that the surveillance of Campbell's residence in Tulsa was considered for many months prior to its initiation, and some inquiry was made with a view to placing such a surveillance, but no person living in the immediate vicinity was considered sufficiently trustworthy, other than the widow of J. Earl Smith. The Bureau feels that some method of surveillance of the residence of Campbell's parents was of primary importance and that intensive consideration should have been given to this surveillance over a considerable period of time. Providing this consideration was given to the surveillance in question, it is believed that some method of securing informants or definite information should have been developed.

The Bureau is particularly of the opinion that the contacts with the widow of J. Earl Smith were handled with a considerable degree of laxity. Certainly, she should have been contacted at least once a week, with a view to ascertaining whether any information had been secured by her or whether she was still interested in maintaining the surveillance in question. A contact of this kind would have developed that the Smith woman had left this particular house at some time entirely unknown to the Agents of the Oklahoma City Office. Had any interested, enthusiastic endeavor been manifested to secure a place to maintain a close surveillance of the residence of Campbell's parents, the residence of the Smith woman could have been secured by the maintenance of a close contact with her, inasmuch as the residence in question would have been available immediately upon Mrs. Smith's departure which, as will be noted, was effected without the knowledge of the Oklahoma City Office. The report of Special Agent S. L.

Fortenberry, dated at Detroit, Michigan, June 27, 1935, on page 3, paragraph 2, reflects that Arthur Burdette had advised there was a man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known to him only as "Mel", who had driven Harry Campbell from Coffeeville, Kansas to Tulsa, Oklahoma, on two occasions during the summer of 1933 for a price of $20 each trip. It would appear that the Oklahoma City Office was placed on notice by this information of the possibility, to say the least, of Campbell effecting some kind of contact with his parents at Tulsa.

With regard to the action taken by the Oklahoma City Office in interviewing Milton Lett, the Bureau notes that you discussed this matter several times with Special Agent Hansen, and that efforts to obtain information concerning Lett's whereabouts extended over several weeks. The Bureau further notes your statement that there may be some element of risk in this procedure, but in your opinion it is imperative that such risks be taken frequently in connection with the Bureau's investigations, and also your statement that you did not go into this particular phase of the case without due reflection and consideration. The Bureau agrees that risks must be taken in cases involving this type of activity. The point at issue, however, is the question of the judgment involved in risking an apparently valid means of contacting Campbell through registered letters alleged to have been sent by him from Cleveland and Brunswick, Ohio to his parents in Oklahoma, through Lett. The Oklahoma City Office is apparently relying upon the good faith of Lett in not indicating to Campbell, providing Lett knows Campbell's location, that it will not be desirable for Campbell to transmit any further letters of this type for delivery by Lett. In view of the fact that this action has already been taken and you feel it was justified, the Bureau will await further developments with regard to this phase of the case, although it would appear to have been a rather dangerous procedure, not because it involved a risk, but because it involved the possibility of destroying a connection seemingly already made for one the value of which was conjectural.

Regardless of the possible difference of opinion in the Lett matter, the Bureau feels that you obviously displayed administrative laxity in the handling of the surveillance of the residence of Campbell's parents for the reasons indicated in the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Mr. Connolley at Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
722 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colorado
December 3, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, IO 1218;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO 1236;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO 1232;
ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Mrs. Hager of 4822 Perry Street, Denver, Colorado, called at the Denver Bureau office and stated that she was a niece of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, one of the subjects in this case, and said that she had read newspaper accounts that Dr. Moran had been killed at Toledo, Ohio, and his body thrown into the lake. She stated that she had not seen or heard of Dr. Moran for the past five or six years, but that inasmuch as she was his niece, he being the youngest brother of her father, she was interested to know whether he was in fact dead.

Mrs. Hager was reluctant at first to furnish her name or to give any information whatsoever, but did state that sometime previous to the time that the newspapers reported the death of Dr. Moran she had heard indirectly from some of her relatives in Spring Valley, Illinois, that Dr. Moran had fled to Cuba and had enlisted in the Cuban army. She said that there was nothing definite whatever as to this report, but that she believed her relatives thought this is what had happened to him until newspapers reported he had been killed in Toledo. She stated that she had not seen Dr. Moran for five or six years, the last time she had seen him was when she had returned to Spring Valley, Illinois, to visit relatives there, at which time she also saw Dr. James Moran, his brother.

She was asked whether she believed that Dr. Moran, if he was not dead, would probably be found in Cuba, and she replied that she did not have any foundation on which to base her belief, but that when she heard that he was in Cuba and had enlisted in the

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army there, she thought that this would be just like him to do something like that, and really believed that he had gone to Cuba.

Mrs. Hager stated that she did not want to become involved or have any publicity whatsoever concerning the case, and that she had merely called at the office to see whether she could definitely determine to her own satisfaction that Dr. Moran was dead. The only reason why she consented to give her name or her address was because of the fact that she was advised that we had no definite information at this office, but that I would be glad to communicate with her in the event that I did receive definite information.

The writer endeavored to get Mrs. Hager to state which of her relatives gave her the information that Dr. Moran was supposed to have fled to Cuba, but she stated she could not recall at all as the information was rather indefinite, and she had no idea at this time which of her relatives she had heard this from. She stated that she did communicate with Mrs. Chapell, her aunt, in Tabernash, Colorado.

The next time an agent is at Tabernash, Colorado, Mrs. Chapell will be interviewed to see whether she has any information whatsoever relative to the possibility of Dr. Moran fleeing to Cuba.

The above is submitted to the Bureau for whatever value the information might have.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc: Cincinnati

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December 21, 1935.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1216, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter, a copy of which is attached hereto, from the Denver Office in the above entitled matter dated December 3, 1935, reflecting an interview with Mrs. Hager of Denver, Colorado, who is a niece of Dr. Joseph P. Moran. It is noted therein Mrs. Hager suggests the possibility of Dr. Moran having joined the Cuban Army.

The Bureau observes that no copies of this letter were forwarded to offices other than the Bureau and Cincinnati, for which reason a copy of said letter is being forwarded herewith to the offices designated below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #39835
cc-St. Paul (Enclosing copy of letter above referred to.)
Cleveland
Denver
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
December 5, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 30, 1935, (7-576) requesting that interview be had with Edna Murray and Jess Doyle concerning the identity of the Mexican doctor who is now alleged to be attending "Blackie" Doyle.

In this connection the attention of the Bureau is directed to page thirty-eight and succeeding pages of the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated April 25, 1935, at Kansas City, Missouri, wherein information is set out to the effect that Dr. Nicholas Jaime, a Spanish doctor with an office at 2405 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, had treated Jess Doyle and Doris O'Connor on numerous occasions. It is believed that Dr. Jaime is identical with the Mexican doctor referred to on page three of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 16, 1935, mentioned in reference letter.

An immediate investigation will be conducted to determine if in fact "Blackie" Doyle is being attended by Dr. Jaime and, unless otherwise directed, an interview will not be had with Edna Murray in this regard.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
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W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

AJN:B

cc - E.J.Connelley, Chicago
Omaha
Cincinnati
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: E. J. CONNELLEY, CHICAGO

December 4, 1935

BREKID; REFER REPORT R. D. BROWN CHICAGO NOVEMBER 7, 1935 PAGE 2 ASCERTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPER PERSON TO TESTIFY AS TO THE PUBLICATION OF MARCH ISSUE OF MASTER DETECTIVE MAGAZINE AND WHO CAN INTRODUCE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF SUCH ISSUE FURNISH BUREAU A COPY OF SUCH ISSUE AIR MAIL OBTAIN SAME INFORMATION RE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF STARTLING DETECTIVE MAGAZINE AND SEND COPY SAID ISSUE TO BUREAU AIR MAIL

HOOVER

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SENT VIA _____ _____M Per _____

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

December 5, 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. Schilder .....
Mr. Terrell .....
Mr. Tracy .....
Miss Gandy .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Reference is made to the attached teletype message which I anticipated would be directed to the Chicago office. My reason for requesting the investigation contained therein is as follows:

During the time that I prepared the above entitled case for trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, the United States Attorney suggested that news items appearing in the Chicago papers relating to the Bremer case be obtained and that the name and address of the proper person who could introduce such papers be secured so that these news items could be introduced showing that "Boss" McLaughlin had knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping.

I recall that newspaper articles were used during the trial of Evelyn Frechette in the Dillinger case in St. Paul. I was not present during the course of that trial and do not know the manner in which they were introduced but I do know that they were used. It appeared to me that it would be reasonable to believe the Court would insist that the Government produce a witness who could introduce the Master Detective Magazine and the Startling Detective Magazine, at the same time testifying that such magazines were true, correct and exact copies of those which were published and distributed throughout the United States and were identical with the copies which were read by Myrtle Eaton. It is observed that these magazines contained information to the effect that Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. It was anticipated that these magazines could be used to show guilty knowledge on the part of Myrtle Eaton.

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I do not know that the Court would insist upon the Government producing a representative of the publishing companies which issued the above mentioned magazines but I presumed that it would be. It is the desire of the Government to show that the articles introduced, proving guilty knowledge on the part of Myrtle Eaton, were true and correct copies of the articles which were read by Myrtle Eaton giving her such guilty knowledge.

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Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

K. R. McIntire.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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December 5, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, fugitive, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

With reference to your inquiry concerning the telegram addressed to the Chicago Office in this case, in which information is requested as to the identity of a person competent to testify as to the publication of the March issue of the Master Detective Magazine, and who can produce a true and correct copy of this magazine in Court and similar information concerning the September issue of Startling Detective Magazine, you are advised that this information was requested to include in a summary being prepared for the use of the Criminal Division in rewriting the indictment, charging Myrtle Eaton with the harboring of William Weaver in Florida.

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Mr. McIntire, the supervisor preparing this teletype, informed me yesterday afternoon that he considered it desirable to obtain this information, in order that it would be available should the Criminal Division or the United States Attorney desire to introduce these magazines. The purpose of introducing these magazines is to establish that Myrtle Eaton had knowledge of the fugitive status of William Weaver, during the time that she resided with him in Florida, and investigation discloses that she had read in the magazines indicated articles concerning the fugitivity of William Weaver. I accordingly authorized Supervisor McIntire to inquire of the Chicago Office concerning the identity of the persons competent to testify concerning these magazines. Upon being informed that you questioned the necessity for this teletype, I instructed Mr. McIntire to prepare his summary of the evidence available against Myrtle Eaton in such a manner that it would be indicated that Myrtle Eaton had read these magazines which contained articles concerning William Weaver's being a fugitive, giving the date and name of the magazine, together with information available to show that Myrtle Eaton had read these magazines and let the United States Attorney determine how he would introduce these magazines in evidence, stating that if necessary, after the Criminal Division had reviewed the summary of the evidence, we could then ascertain the name of a person competent to introduce and identify copies of these magazines. Mr. McIntire's handling of this matter was entirely at my direction.

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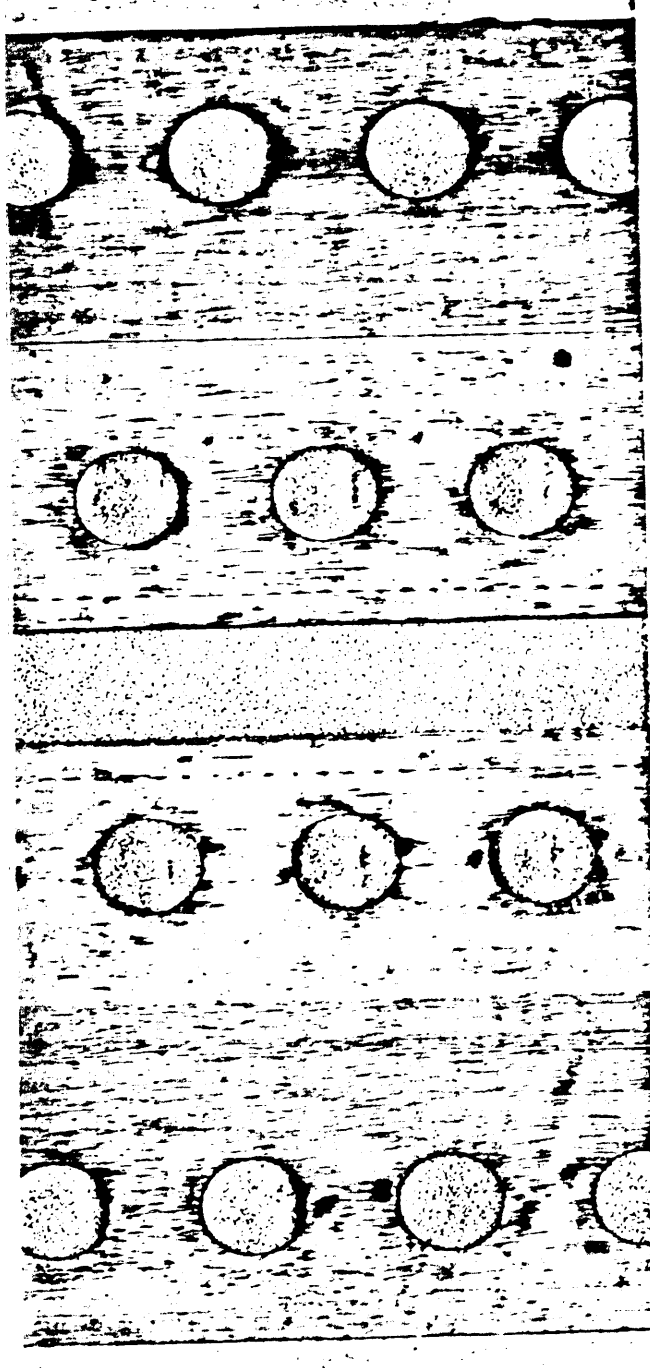
Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

I agree.
J. E. H.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 4, 1935.

Re: Telegram to Chicago office re person to testify as to the March issue of the Master Detective magazine.

Mr. Tamm asked that this wire be returned to him. He will get the facts and send it in in the morning.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Tracy

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIS KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1216, et al;
Edward George O'Brener, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau's file fails to disclose any photograph of Joseph Ed Adams. It is desired that you make immediate arrangements to obtain such a photograph if it is available and forward same to the Bureau immediately.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Director.

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
Cincinnati

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 19, 1935 in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

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

A. Writing on stationery of the Stineway Drug Company beginning "Jimmie connect with****.
B. Writing on a prescription blank of Dr. Joseph P. Moran beginning "Call 400****.
C. Writing on a prescription blank of Dr. Joseph P. Moran beginning "Paddy Dugan****.
D. Card of O'Donnell & Platka containing writing on reverse side beginning "Johnny Murphy****.
E. Writing on torn card beginning "Land 7038****.
F. Card of Nora Palace Cafe and Restaurant containing writing on reverse side beginning "Bart Golden****.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Cincinnati

Chicago, Ill. November 30, 1935.

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

I have in my possession a 20 Dollar Note, # L04919773A, Federal Reserve Bank, San Fransisco, Calif.

During the last four months I have been watching this party's place, from whom I received this note and it locks very suspicious to me, a number of new automobiles are always around the place. I think they have connection with the Karpis gang.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, you may send a man from your Chicago office.

Yours very truly

Morgan McBoyle

3224 Carroll Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Edward H° Brown

I have Lc. No. Date.time. of 10 df.automobiles. ther have been around this place.

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cc Connally "Inc
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Mr. Morgan M. Borglum,
3224 Carroll Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 30, 1935, and I desire to inform you that the serial number appearing on the Federal Reserve Bank note issued by the Federal Reserve District of San Francisco, California, which was mentioned in your letter, has been checked with the serial numbers on all ransom lists issued by this Bureau, but has not been found to be identical with any of the ransom money in such cases which have been handled by this Bureau.

Please be advised that the information contained in your letter pertaining to Alvin Karpis is being furnished to Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, who it is anticipated will have an Agent interview you in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc St. Paul
Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago (Enc copies of incoming letter)

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

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

December 6, 1935

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover four .45 caliber copper alloy jacketed bullets, appropriately packed for shipment, to be submitted to the Technical Laboratory for ballistic examination.

These four bullets were marked with an "X" by Deputy Sheriff Clarence Marsh of the office of the Sheriff, Arnold Esch, Wood County, Bowling Green, Ohio. These bullets were recovered from the car of Deputy Sheriff Marsh, who advised that at about 5:30 P. M. on November 25, 1935 four men occupying a 1934 model Ford V8 sedan, while approaching a barracade at the intersections of highways 64 and 65 near Bowling Green, Ohio, at which point Deputy Sheriff Marsh and Constable Cole were searching automobiles for illegal possession of game, drove up to this point and suddenly backed their car at a high rate of speed to a point where they could turn around, and fled in a northerly direction. Deputy Sheriff Marsh and Constable Cole immediately followed this car, and at a point some distance away, at which time the officers were about to overtake this car, some one broke out the rear window of the fleeing Ford sedan and fired at the officers car, puncturing the radiator and left rear tire. The officers believed the fire to have originated from a machine gun.

Witnesses to the incident said that the men occupying this car appeared to be individuals approximately thirty years of age. However, no identification of the wanted fugitives in the above captioned case could be made due to the failure of any of the witnesses to closely scrutinize the men.

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These bullets should be compared with the bullets of this type already on file at the Bureau and may be retained for future comparison.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

RDB/EJB
CC - Chicago
- Cincinnati
- St. Paul

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December 6, 1935.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Special Agent in Charge,
Louisville, Kentucky.

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Dear Sir:

RE: BUCKID

Upon receipt of your telegram on December 5, 1935, advising that [redacted]ad failed to arrive at Lexington, Kentucky as was planned, Special Agent J. W. Coulter of this office ascertained that [redacted]had found it necessary to postpone his trip to Lexington, and that he does not at the present time know what day he will be able to make the proposed trip.

When a definite date is determined, you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

RCS:JMS

CC Bureau
St.Paul
Cincinnati

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December 5, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 7003 , in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

7-576-8144:

A. One page of letter beginning "Dear Mrs_ Karpis_ I am a".

B. One page of letter beginning "I would like to here from you".

C. One envelope addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, postmarked "Los Angeles, California, 15, October 8, 1935, 8 P. M.".

D. One plain white envelope addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, containing no postmark.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - St. Paul
Cincinnati
Chicago

Enclosure #77755.

STANDARD FORM No. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1928

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
769 STARKS BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

TELEGRAM

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DECEMBER 5, 1935.
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D.M. LADD
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID [redacted] FAILED TO ARRIVE LEXINGTON TODAY

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
December 6, 1935

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

AIR MAIL

12-13-N.

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Referring to Bureau teletype dated December 6, 1935, requesting disposition of case of William Elmer Meade arrested by Denver Police Department on July 9, 1912, please be advised that the data in instant teletype is incorrect according to records at the Bureau of Identification, Denver Police Department.

Sergeant George Beckvermit, in charge of the Bureau of Identification, was interviewed by Special Agent R. H. Groff this date and ascertained that Meade's arrest record in this city is as follows:

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[redacted]

It will be noted that, according to the Denver Police Department records, Meade's arrest number as of July 9, 1912 was #G-1578, and that his arrest number as of August 24, 1922, is #8390. There is not a record at this Department that he has ever been charged with grand larceny and shop-lifting [redacted]

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Special Agent A. R. Gere is making a further investigation at the Colorado State Penitentiary, the results of which will be transmitted to the Bureau immediately.

Disposition sheet of the arrest of July 9, 1912, is submitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

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

RHG:RM
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Enc.

cc Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

769 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

December 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BARKER

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from the Bureau, dated December 4, 1935, addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelly, Chicago, Ill., in the above entitled case, with carbon copies indicated for St. Paul, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Louisville.

As two copies of this letter were received in this Louisville Office on this date, and one of the copies has the pencil notation "Cleveland" on same, it is presumed that this copy was intended for the Cleveland Office.

Very truly yours,

O. C. DENEY
Special Agent in Charge

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RAA:MFS

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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December 7, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BRYAN.

The postmaster at Sarasota, Florida, has forwarded to the Jacksonville Office the enclosed mail trappings, which were obtained as a result of the cover placed on the mail of Ida and Ruth Potts, and Mrs. E. A. Mead, Sarasota, Florida, and which are as follows:

(1) Letter addressed to Ruth Jane Potts, 145 West 5th Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, postmarked East Chicago, Ind. on Dec. 2, 1935, at 3:30 P. M., with return address of Inland Steel Company, East Chicago, Ind., Wm. A. Perry.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. E. A. Mead, Louise Apartments, Laurel St., Sarasota, Florida, postmarked Chicago, Ill., Morgan Park Sta., Dec. 2, 1935, 11:30 A. M., with return address of R. C. Mead, 11810 S. Hale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

(3) Letter addressed to Miss Ruth Potts, 143 E. 5th St., Sarasota, Florida, postmarked New York N.Y., Sta. M., Dec. 4, 1935, 4-PM, with return address of Miss L. Swanson, Commander Hotel, 240 West 73 St., New York, N.Y.

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R. A. ALT,
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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE;
I. O. #1218, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING - HARBORING A FUGITIVE - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NAT'L FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: William Weaver, using the name of J. A. Orhood, purchased a 1934 model Chevrolet Sedan from the Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Company, Des Moines, Iowa, March 23, 1934. Weaver introduced to George Shane, salesman, by Gail Johnson, now imprisoned at the Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, dated 11/4/35.

DETAILS: At Des Moines, Iowa

John Van Gorkam, Credit Manager of the Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Co., advised upon examination of the sales records of this Company that a 1934 model Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4135550, serial #1DA03-13359, was purchased from this Company by a Mr. J. A. Orhood, March 23, 1934. Van Gorkam advised that this auto was paid for in one cash payment upon its delivery to Orhood. Van Gorkam said he had not seen this individual, but Orhood had dealt with Vance Kinsey, and George Shane in buying the auto.

Vance Kinsey was shown a photograph of William Weaver, and he identified same as the individual using the name of J. A. Orhood, who had purchased a Chevrolet car March 23, 1934. Kinsey said Weaver had been very mysterious about the purchase of this car, not having even taken time to examine it thoroughly. He said Weaver appeared to be anxious to get the car and finish the transaction as soon as possible.

The license plates for this automobile were purchased by

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the Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Co. Kinsey said George Shane, a salesman who really completed the sale of this car was now employed by the Goodman Motor Co., Des Moines, Iowa.

George Shane, Goodman Motor Co., recognized and identified a photograph of William Weaver as the man who purchased a 1934 Chevrolet sedan through him in March 1934. Mr. Shane said Weaver seemed very anxious to get this automobile with the least possible amount of trouble. Shane said one, Gail Johnson, had introduced Weaver to him as J. A. Orhood. Shane said Gail Johnson is a known criminal and that he is now serving a long sentence at Fort Madison, Iowa, for having robbed a store at Burlington, Iowa, during which robbery a policeman was killed. Shane said Johnson and Weaver appeared to be well acquainted. Shane said Weaver gave his address as 317 E. Fifth St., Des Moines, Iowa.

At 317 E. Fifth St., Agent found a second-hand goods store run by David Altman. Altman was questioned thoroughly regarding any knowledge as to Weaver and also shown pictures of Weaver, but he stated he had never seen this man. Altman appeared to be honest and reliable and it would appear that the address given by Weaver at the time of his purchase of the car was entirely fictitious. There were no apartments or rooms above 317 E. Fifth Street.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE: At the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, will interview Gail Johnson, who was incarcerated in that institution recently for the shooting of a policeman while engaged in a robbery. Johnson should be closely questioned as to his connection with William Weaver. All information possible as to the hideouts and contacts of Weaver and Karpis, etc., should be fully developed.

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St. Louis, Missouri	12/6/35	11/30/35	HAYNE A. THOMPSON HAT:C

TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: John Contos presently residing at 247 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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REFERENCE: Letter from New York City Office directed to the Bureau, dated October 29, 1935.
Letter from Chicago Office, dated November 19, 1935.

DETAILS: At St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. M. Smith, owner of the Monticello Apartments, located at 4535 Lindell Boulevard, informed agent that John Contos had moved to 247 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio about November 21, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE at Columbus, Ohio, will interview John Contos, as suggested in reference letter from the Chicago Office, dated November 19, 1935.

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December 2, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

In regard to arranging for the witnesses in Cuba to be present in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, I called Mr. Parrish of the Department, and he stated that since he knew nothing about the matter, he would have Mr. Fisher call me. Mr. Fisher did call later and advised that he is today writing a letter to the State Department to arrange for the removal of the witnesses in Cuba so that they will be in a position to testify at St. Paul. He stated that there was no way in which they might be induced to come to the mainland and then be served with subpoenaes by Special Agents. I asked him what arrangements were usually made by the State Department in such instances. He said that it was somewhat on a contract basis; that the State Department would offer to pay the traveling expenses and each person $5.00 per diem. I asked him what is done in the event they will not come under those conditions.

Mr. Fisher then stated that the State Department will then offer other pecuniary inducements which may induce them to proceed to St. Paul.

It is therefore apparent at this writing that no action has been taken looking toward their removal, and that no action will be taken until the State Department has received the letter which is being directed to it today by Mr. Fisher.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BRYKID.

Please be advised that on December 5, 1935, Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, resident agent at Miami, while in conversation with J. W. Maesner, Ponce de Leon Hotel, concerning this matter, was informed by Maesner that in a previous interview with Special Agent in Charge C. D. McKean of the Boston office, Maesner had understood that the Bureau was interested in the location of one "Kokomo Joe", an employee of dog race tracks. However, at that time Maesner knew nothing of the whereabouts of "Kokomo Joe", who is now in Miami and has been seen on several occasions by Maesner at the Biscayne Kennel Club, now operating under the management of Joe Adams, a subject in this matter.

Inasmuch as the Jacksonville office is not in possession of information to indicate the possible connection of "Kokomo Joe" in this matter it will be appreciated if you will furnish this office with sufficient data to enable an intelligent questioning of "Kokomo Joe", provided, of course, he has not been previously interviewed.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ANTHONY VAITKEVICIUS alias Anthony V. Vaitkus	INVESTIGATION OF CHARACTER & REPUTATION OF INTERPRETER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation of Vaitkus discloses education limited to one year high school, speaks and understands Lithuanian language fluently, is of good character and reputation, and formerly worked as dental laboratory assistant. His family enjoys an excellent reputation in community. Father employed with Illinois Central Railroad twenty-five years. References advise Vaitkus is reliable, dependable and of good moral habits and health. Recommend him very highly for the assignment sought. Vaitkus is an officer of Knights of Lithuania Fraternity and member of All Saints Catholic Church choir. Previous employers advise he is reticent, honest and trustworthy, but resents overtime work, particularly without pay, but in interview with him Vaitkus appeared willing to work on a twenty-four hour basis. No police or credit record.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from the Bureau dated 12/5/35 in case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218, ET AL.

DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agent W. J. White and the writer.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

In an effort to locate an interpreter who can speak and understand the Lithuanian language fluently for use in connection

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with the surveillance of the telephone of John Karpavicz, Chicago, Illinois, the father of Alvin Karpis, Agent called upon the Reverend Victor Cernauskas, Junior Pastor of the All Saints Lithuanian Catholic Church, located at 108th Street and Wabash Avenue. In this connection Agent explained to the father the type of individual desired by the Bureau, and the nature of the work, and that it was for temporary employment of possibly one month's duration. Reverend Cernauskas immediately mentioned the name Anthony Vaitkus, stating that this individual has been known to him for approximately four years, and that he is entirely trustworthy and dependable. He further stated that Vaitkus is the treasurer of the Knights of Lithuania, a young men's social organization, and that there is entrusted to him considerable money. He advised that Vaitkus is very active in connection with the various church activities, and is well thought of by everyone who knows him. Reverend Cernauskas further stated that Vaitkus is twenty-six years of age, was born in Chicago, Illinois, and comes from a very substantial family; that his father is employed as a laborer with the Illinois Central Railroad, which position he has held for approximately twenty-five years; that the entire family, which consists of two sisters and a younger brother, are good church members, and that at no time did he, the priest, ever hear any scandal or gossip involving this family. He advised that Vaitkus, to his knowledge, does not indulge in intoxicating liquors, has good moral habits and occasionally places bets on horse races; that he is very close-mouthed and can be depended upon to treat any information which might come into his possession as a result of an assignment very confidentially; that he considers this young man "head and shoulders" above all other young men within the church and its affiliates.

Reverend Cernauskas further advanced the information that he is the spiritual director of the Knights of Lithuania Fraternity, and that as a result is in frequent contact with numerous boys and girls; that he has noticed that Vaitkus is very popular among his fellow associates, and that on several occasions Vaitkus has appeared in plays and sketches sponsored by this organization; that only recently Vaitkus appeared over a radio broadcasting station, WIND, Gary, Indiana, in a Lithuanian sketch, which to his mind, was very well produced. The priest further stated that the Bureau cannot go wrong on Vaitkus, and that he is positive the young man will perform any duties given him to the best of his ability.

While Agent was interviewing Reverend Cernauskas the Senior Pastor of the All Saints Lithuanian Catholic Church, the Reverend Paskaukas entered the office, at which time the character of Vaitkus was discussed with him. He briefly stated that he has known Vaitkus for nine or ten years, and that he comes from a very good family; that the church has always found him entirely reliable and trustworthy, and that his integrity is above reproach; that whenever the church sponsors a social activity it always delegates Vaitkus to handle the funds of these affairs. He remarked that he will stake his life on Vaitkus.

Agent asked Reverend Cernauskas to contact Anthony Vaitkus and inform him that this Office desired to interview him relative to a possible temporary position as a Lithuanian interpreter. Anthony Vaitkus appeared at the Chicago Bureau Office on the evening of December 5, 1935, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd and the writer. At the outset of the interview with Vaitkus Agent explained to him in a general way the nature of the work expected from him, and the fact that it would be necessary sometimes to remain on an assignment for a period of twenty-four hours per day. He stated that he would be willing to work on that basis. It might also be stated that Vaitkus was likewise advised at this time that the instant interview should not be considered by him as an assurance for employment at this time, but that he is merely being considered for availability in the event his services will be needed in the future.

Vaitkus stated that he was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 26, 1909, and that he presently resides at 10713 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, telephone - Pullman 5465; that he is single and resides at the above address with his parents and two sisters and a brother; that his father, Martin Vaitkus, was born in Lithuania and has been employed with the Illinois Central Railroad as an oiler for the past twenty-five years; that he expects to be pensioned in the next year. Vaitkus further advised that his older sister, Frances, is employed as clerk with the Federal Electric Company, 87th and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois, and that his younger sister, Elizabeth, is at home helping his mother with the housework; that his brother, Adolph, age sixteen, is a student of the Fenger High School, Chicago.

Vaitkus further stated that he graduated from the All Saints Lithuanian School, Chicago, in 1924, and that he thereafter

attended Tilden Technical High School in Chicago for one year; that he was forced to leave school on account of his father being ill, and because he therefore had to find employment. He stated that he went to work with the American Dental Company, 5 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, in 1925, as an errand boy; that he later worked himself into the laboratory where he did the work of an assistant laboratory man until 1929, at which time he resigned for the reason that he did not enjoy this type of work; that while with the American Dental Company he worked directly under the supervision of John Erlenborn, Foreman of the Bridge Department; that his salary was $22.50 per week at the time of his severance with that company. He further stated that he worked at various odd jobs from 1929 to the latter part of 1934, working as a grocery store clerk, caddy, newsboy, and at sundry other positions; that he went to work with the Monroe Dental Laboratory, 185 North Wabash Avenue, in the early part of 1935; that his salary at this place was $6.00 per week, but that he did not stay here very long because the company refused him an increase in salary. He further stated that while with the Monroe Dental Laboratory, Mr. Schroll, President of the American Dental Laboratory where he had previously worked, had him sign a complaint against the Monroe Dental Company for violation of the code of the NRA in that the Monroe Dental Company were paying him a salary which was under the limit provided by the provisions of the code. He stated that he signed this complaint against the Monroe Dental Laboratory Company, and as a reward the American Dental Laboratory rehired him to work in their laboratory; that at this time he remained with them for approximately three months at a salary of $16.00 per week; that he resigned this position to accept employment with the J. E. Kennedy Company, Dental Laboratory, located at 69th and Halsted Streets, Chicago; that he worked at the latter place for only a few weeks inasmuch as he lacked the experience desired of him. He further stated that he has been steadily unemployed since June, 1935, but has made numerous contacts, and calls, in an effort to obtain another position.

Anthony Vaitkus further stated that he occasionally takes a drink of beer but does not drink to excess; that he is a member of the All Saints Church choir, and treasurer of the Roseland Knights of Lithuania Fraternity; that he partakes in various athletic activities, particularly bowling, billiards, baseball and ping pong; that he liked to read and attend movies.

Anthony Vaitkus furnished the following names of persons who will vouch for his character and integrity:

Father Victor Cernauskas, Junior Pastor, All Saints Church, residence - 108th and State Streets, Chicago;

Father George Paskaukas, Senior Pastor, All Saints Church, residence - 108th and State Streets, Chicago;

James Rakauskas, Organist in All Saints Church, residence - 10850 State Street, Chicago;

Dr. A. Jacobs, Dentist, office - 10758 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago;

Peter Gravenits, owner of confectionery store at 10800 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Agent contacted and interviewed Dr. A. W. Jacobs, Dentist, at his office 10758 South Michigan Avenue. He stated that he has known Vaitkus for a period of approximately eight years, mainly through contacts and associates with him in connection with the various social activities sponsored by the All Saints Lithuanian Catholic Church; that Vaitkus is treasurer of the Knights of Lithuania Fraternity, of which Dr. Jacobs is also a member, and that considerable money is entrusted to Vaitkus' care as a result of holding this position. Dr. Jacobs further stated that he considers Vaitkus entirely dependable, trustworthy and that his character is above reproach; that he does not drink in excess, and that as far as he knows Vaitkus' habits are good. In this connection he stated that the intersection of 108th Street and Michigan Avenue is more or less of a hangout for the boys of the neighborhood, but that to his recollection he never observed Vaitkus among them; that he is very active in connection with the various social activities of the church and is popular among his fellow associates. Dr. Jacobs advised that he himself is of Lithuanian extraction, and is well acquainted with the language; that he has often heard Vaitkus speak Lithuanian and take part in Lithuanian plays, and that in his opinion Vaitkus has a good command of this language.

Dr. Jacobs further stated that Vaitkus went to elementary school with his wife, and that they very often discussed him among themselves; that both he and his wife think very highly of

Vaitkus, and to his knowledge he has never been arrested or involved in any kind of trouble. He further stated that he, Dr. Jacobs, never did any dental work for Vaitkus or his family, and therefore is unable to comment on his ability to pay his debts; that he knows the family very slightly and from what he has heard they are good, honest, working people. Dr. Jacobs recommended Vaitkus very highly for any assignment or position, stating that he can be depended upon to keep to himself any confidential information.

At this time Dr. Jacobs introduced Agent to Dr. I. K. Maker, a physician who maintains an office immediately across the hall from Dr. Jacobs. With reference to Vaitkus Agent was advised by Dr. Maker that he has known the young man for approximately three years, having come in contact with him in connection with the social activities of the church; that it is his opinion that Vaitkus has a good command of the Lithuanian language, and speaks it more fluently than probably the average Lithuanian boy of his age; that as far as he knows Vaitkus' habits are good and he has never known him to have been involved in any trouble. He further stated that he knows the Vaitkus family only slightly but has never given them any medical attention. He further stated that Vaitkus is very much reserved and does not have much to say, and he is of the opinion that he will keep any information of a confidential nature to himself.

Agent next interviewed James Rakauskas at his home, 10850 South State Street, Chicago. He advised that he has been employed as an organist in the All Saints Lithuanian Catholic Church for approximately ten years, and is well acquainted with virtually all of the members of the parish. He stated that his best friend in the parish is Anthony Vaitkus, whom he has known for nine years; that he has always found Vaitkus to be a true friend, companion and one who has always given him a hand when he needed it; that Vaitkus, as well as he, is a member of the choir of All Saints Church, and they likewise are executive officers of the Knights of Lithuania Fraternity; that Vaitkus' family is of a good industrial class, and that its reputation is above reproach; that the father is employed as a laborer or mechanic with the Pullman shops, although he is not certain as to this, where he works nights; that Vaitkus' two sisters are good and intelligent girls as far as he knows, and he has never heard of them to be involved in any kind of trouble, gossip or scandal. He further stated that Vaitkus occasionally indulges in a drink of beer, but not to excess; that he can be entirely trusted with

money, and in this connection stated that when the church sponsors a social function the pastors always entrust Vaitkus with the funds; that Vaitkus has handled money for the church for about five years now, and he has always accounted for every cent. Mr. Rakauskas further advised Agent that Vaitkus from time to time worked with several dental companies but is not very adept at this type of employment, and therefore never remained with one company for a long period of time. He stated that Vaitkus' habits are very good, and that he does a great deal of reading; that if any work is requested of him and he feels that he cannot do it, he will tell the person so; that he is very frank and close-mouthed; that he has always been well thought of for his integrity and truthfulness.

Mr. Rakauskas further stated that Vaitkus has a good command of the Lithuanian language, and that he has in the past taken parts in several Lithuanian plays which were sponsored by the church. He stated that to his knowledge Vaitkus is not connected with any newspaper, although he has in the past written small articles with respect to the activities of the Knights of Lithuania Club for publication in the Lithuanian weekly paper the "Draugas."

Inasmuch as the first interview with Reverend Paskaukas was very brief, he was again contacted at his home 108th and State Streets, Chicago. Agent was advised that Vaitkus is a good church member, and is very active in the Knights of Lithuania Fraternity, which is a young men's order organized for the purpose of developing goodfellowship and goodwill among the Lithuanian boys living on the south side of Chicago; that Vaitkus is treasurer of this organization, and as a result of that position large quantities of money are entrusted to his care; that he recalls no instance where Vaitkus was short any money, and that in view of this he, Reverend Paskaukas, and Reverend Cernauskas always placed him "head and shoulders" above the others.

Reverend Paskaukas further advised that Vaitkus' family are good, hardworking Lithuanian people and excellent church members; that he never heard anything derogatory against the family as a whole, and that the senior Vaitkus bears a good reputation among the church members; that the father has worked hard all of his life and has raised a good family; that the two daughters are fine girls and have always been working; that the younger boy is presently attending high school, and during the summer months

he works as a caddy on golf courses. He further stated that young Vaitkus speaks the Lithuanian language very fluently and understands it well; that the mother tongue is spoken in his home, and that while Vaitkus went through elementary school he was given extra instructions in the rhetoric of the Lithuanian language for a half-hour every day; that he has noted Vaitkus in several Lithuanian plays which were sponsored by the church, and he feels that he is therefore qualified to comment on Vaitkus' ability to speak that language.

Reverend Paskaukas further advised that he does not know exactly where the senior Vaitkus is employed, but knows that he has been connected with this company for many, many years; that he recently heard that he will be pensioned within the next year. He further stated that young Vaitkus could be trusted with highly confidential information, and especially finances; that he has proven this fact to them, and he is certain that same could be proven to others; that Vaitkus is very popular among those people who know him, and that he was always active in connection with the Church's activities; that his integrity and moral character are above reproach, and he had never heard anything derogatory said against Vaitkus. The priest stated that to his knowledge Vaitkus formerly worked in the dentists' laboratory in downtown Chicago, and resigned his position for the reason that the department in which he was working was discontinued; that he was unable to perform any other type of work within this laboratory and therefore was dismissed. He also advised that he does not believe that young Vaitkus is or has been connected with any newspaper except that he occasionally wrote short articles which the church placed in the weekly Lithuanian publication.

Agent questioned Reverend Paskaukas as to whether he has knowledge of any relatives of the Vaitkus' family, and he advised that Mrs. Vaitkus' sister, whose name is Mrs. A. Janaush, resides at 10625 Lafeyette Street, Chicago; that her husband, Stanley Janaush, died about four years ago, and since that time she has been living at the above address with her youngest son, who last summer was employed as a lifeguard in Lincoln Park. He advised that Mrs. Janaush has four other children all of whom are married and live in various parts of the city; that he does not know what any of these children and their respective families do, or with whom they are connected; that Mrs. Janaush has always been a good church member and has never been involved in any trouble, scandal or gossip, and that her husband, prior to his death, was a trustee of the church. He stated that these are the only

relatives of the Vaitkus' family known to him. In conclusion Reverend Paskaukas stated that he recommends young Vaitkus very highly for the assignment in question, and that he is positive that the Government will find the young man willing and a capable worker.

Agent again contacted the Reverend Cernauskas with reference to the scholastic record of Vaitkus while he attended the All Saints elementary school the priest produced this record, and on examination of same it was disclosed that Vaitkus' correct name is Anthony Vaitkevicius, and that he was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 26, 1909; that his father's name is Martin Vaitkevicius, and that at the time Vaitkus attended school there he resided at 155 East 107th Street, Chicago; that he graduated in June, 1924. No scholastic marks were observed on this card, and in this connection Reverend Cernauskas stated that he does not believe that this record could be located as they usually are destroyed when they are more than ten years old. With respect to the difference in the name of the young man as noted above, Reverend Cernauskas advised that it is not unusual for Lithuanian people to shorten their names to make them easier to pronounce; that this shortening of a name is legal, and is very commonly done by people who have names which are difficult to pronounce.

At this time Reverend Cernauskas permitted Agent to examine his Baptismal Record Book, and it was noted therein that Vaitkus under the name of Anthony Vaitkevicius was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 26, 1909.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

Agent endeavored to interview the neighbors living on either side of Vaitkus' residence, but observed that they were very illiterate and could not speak the English language; therefore, no mention was made to them of the instant investigation.

At 10731 Wabash Avenue, which is approximately five doors from the Vaitkus' residence, Agent interviewed Mrs. Stanley Zilis, who advised that her husband is employed with the city of Chicago in the Water Department. Mr. Zilis was absent from home, and therefore Mrs. Zilis was interviewed in connection with this matter. She stated that they have lived in the community for approxi-

mately ten years, and that she and her husband have known the Vaitkus' family since that time; that Mr. Vaitkus apparently works for some mechanical shop as she sees him every morning coming home from work garbed in a mechanic's clothes carrying a lunch box; that she is personally acquainted with Mr. Vaitkus' two daughters, the oldest of whom is a member of the same bridge club to which she belongs; that the youngest of the family is presently going to high school and works on the golf course during the summer. Mrs. Zilis further stated that she is only acquainted with young Vaitkus through contacts made with him in connection with their church activities, and that she has always found him to be a gentleman and a boy of good personal habits; that she has never heard any gossip or scandal involving the Vaitkus' family, and that they bear an excellent reputation within the neighborhood; that Mr. and Mrs. Vaitkus are old-fashioned and typically foreign people, and that they are very quiet and keep to themselves; that not one of them are "social hounds." She further stated that as far as she knows none of the Vaitkus' family were ever arrested or involved in any trouble whatever; that the senior Vaitkus is not communistic in any way, which is very typical of foreign people. Mrs. Zilis could furnish nothing concerning young Vaitkus except from her observations. She said that he is industrious as she sees him very frequently working about the house.

It might be stated that Mr. and Mrs. Zilis are of Lithuanian nativity. Agent asked Mrs. Zilis whether any persons living in her block are not of Lithuanian nativity, and she referred Agent to Mr. Swart and Mrs. Peterson, who reside at 10721 and 10723 Wabash Avenue respectively.

Mr. Al Swart was interviewed in his home, and he advised that he is a carpenter by trade, but has been unemployed for several years. He stated that he has known the Vaitkus' family for over twelve years, and that he has always considered them as good neighbors; that they are not boisterous, destructive or rude in any way, and that both Mr. and Mrs. Vaitkus appear to be hardworking people. He further stated that he has never heard anyone mention anything against these people, and that to his knowledge they have never been the subjects of any gossip or scandal, or involved in any trouble whatever; that Mr. Vaitkus is employed with the Illinois Central Railroad Company as a repairman, and that he recently has been working nights; that the two daughters have been living at home, and that they are likewise good, respect-

able girls. Mr. Swart further stated thatthe senior Vaitkus never has much to say, and that he keeps to himself most of the time; that he does not speak English very well, and on occasions when he talks with him he, Mr. Swart, has difficulty in understanding him. He also advised that he has never heard Vaitkus make any comments indicating that he has communistic ideas.

With reference to Anthony Vaitkus Mr. Swart advised that he does not know much about him except that he has seen him around the house making repairs or working in the yard; that he has never heard anything against the boy, and as far as he knows young Vaitkus has good personal habits; that it is his understanding that Vaitkus at one time worked for a dental laboratory downtown in Chicago, but he could not furnish any information concerning the young man.

Agent called on Mrs. Peterson, who lives on the second floor at 10723 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, and she advised that she has known of the Vaitkus family for many years, and that they always kept out of trouble, which is more than she can say about other families living in the neighborhood. She does not know young Vaitkus personally, but has observed him several times working in the yard in the rear of his home.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. J. White on December 6, 1935, and same was dictated by him:

Mrs. J. English, Registrar's Office, Tilden Technical High School, 4747 South Union Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Anthony V. Vaitkus enrolled at that school on September 2, 1924, and discontinued his studies in June, 1925. He was registered in a four-year technical course, and received an average grade of "Good" in his studies. The school records did not indicate any further information on Vaitkus with the exception of his birth date which is recorded as September 6, 1910.

Mr. W. H. Schroll, President of the American Dental Company located at 5 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Vaitkus was employed by his firm in September, 1925, as an errand boy, and that he remained with that firm until May 16, 1931, at which time he was engaged in technical dental work in the Bridge Department. Vaitkus' salary was increased from $10.00 per week in 1925 to $24.00 per week in 1931. Mr. Schroll stated that some time in April or May, 1931, Vaitkus received a $2.00 per week increase in pay, and that upon receiving notice of this increase, he, Vaitkus, immediately went to Mr. Schroll and informed him that he was not satisfied with a $2.00 increase, and believed that he should have received at least a $5.00 per week raise. Mr. Schroll did not grant Vaitkus' request for a $5.00 increase, and from that time until May 16, 1931, Vaitkus' attitude towards his work changed considerably, and he was always surly and apperently greatly dissatisfied. On May 16, 1931, he was discharged by Mr. Schroll because of his changed attitude towards his work. During March, 1935, Vaitkus again applied to Mr. Schroll for employment, stating that he had been out of work for several months, and that he needed work very badly. He advised Mr. Schroll that if he would reemploy him he would never leave his service again. On March 15, 1935, he was reemployed in their Plate Department at a salary of $16.00 per week, and on May 24, 1935, he left that firm without giving any notice. Mr. Schroll stated that he knows little or nothing about Vaitkus' personal habits; however, he knew him to be a rather reticent type of individual, and believed him to be trustworthy, but he did not consider him a dependable employee due mainly to the manner in which he left their employ on both occasions. Mr. Schroll

stated that he would not on any condition reemploy Vaitkus and did not feel that he could recommend him for employment with anyone.

Mr. Schroll also stated that from February 19, 1933, to about April, 1935, he acted as NRA Code Authority at Large for the dental laboratory industry. He recalled that some time during July or August, 1934, Vaitkus came to him and advised that he had been employed by the American Dental Company and that he received less pay than the minimum required by the dental laboratory. He advised that Vaitkus filed a formal complaint with the local board, and he recalled that the president of the American Dental Company was called in for an explanation, and denied Vaitkus' charges. Mr. Schroll stated that the case had been continued for several months, and that it was finally dropped shortly before the NRA's codes became ineffective.

Mr. John Erlenborn, Foreman of the Bridge Department of the American Dental Company, advised Agent White that Vaitkus worked under his direct supervision from April, 1927, until May, 1931; that in April, 1927, he was promoted from an errand boy's position to that of an apprentice in their laboratory. He advised that Vaitkus' work was entirely satisfactory, and believed him to be honest and trustworthy, and also advised that Vaitkus was very quiet and impressed him as a type of person who could be trusted with any confidential information. He also stated that it is his recollection that Vaitkus left their employ voluntarily, and that the reason he did so was due to the fact that he had been transferred from the Bridge Department to the Plate Department, and that he did not like that type of work. He stated that he knew little or nothing of Vaitkus' personal habits with the exception that he seemed to be greatly interested in bowling and golf. Mr. Erlenborn stated that he would reemploy Vaitkus again, and that he would recommend him for a position with the Government.

Mr. Albert Hirsch, President of the Monroe Dental Company, 55 East Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised Agent White that Vaitkus was employed by his firm for four or five days during July, 1934; that Vaitkus came to their firm in answer to an advertisement which had been placed in a Chicago newspaper for a technical apprentice in dental work. He stated that he does

not have any record of Vaitkus' salary; however, he believed that it was $14.00 or $16.00 per week. Mr. Hirsch also stated that their usual working hours are from 8:30 in the morning until 5:30 at night. However, it was necessary that Vaitkus remain until 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening, and that when Vaitkus received his first pay check he came to Mr. Hirsch and asked him if they did not pay for overtime. Vaitkus stated that he had worked every night since he had been there, and he felt that he was entitled to some compensation for his extra hours of work. He also told Mr. Hirsch that inasmuch as he lived so far away from their office he did not care to work overtime, and that if this position required him to stay that late every evening and not to receive any overtime, he would resign. Mr. Hirsch stated that Vaitkus left his employ, and that Vaitkus filed a complaint with the local NRA board alleging that he was not paid the basic salary required by the dental industry code. Mr. Hirsch advised that the only basis he had for this claim was the fact that he did work more than the ordinary working hours. He advised that no action was ever taken by the code authority on Vaitkus' complaint.

Miss N. Bartlett, of Hills Reports, Inc., 209 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, advised that their files do not contain any credit information on Vaitkus or his family.

Mr. H. T. Hancock, Bureau of Criminal Information & Statistics, Chicago Police Department, advised that they had no criminal or traffic records on Anthony Vaitkus, Martin Vaitkus, his father, or for his brother Adolph Vaitkus.

A summary of the foregoing investigation was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype under date of December 6, 1935, under the caption ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218, ET AL, Chicago file 7-82.

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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone conversation between Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau and myself on December 5, 1935 in which Mr. Tamm suggested that this office immediately arrange to secure a confidential informant who can fluently speak and understand the Lithuanian language for temporary assignment in connection with the telephone surveillance now in existence on the Karpavicz family in Chicago, Illinois.

In connection with the above Special Agent John L. Madala contacted Mr. Walter Buginnis, who is of Lithuanian nativity and with whom this Agent attended high school in Chicago, Illinois, for assistance in locating a reliable and dependable person for the contemplated assignment. It might be stated that Mr. Buginnis is very prominent and active among the various Lithuanian orders and movements on the south side of Chicago. Mr. Buginnis advised Agent Madala that he did not know of anyone personally who, in his opinion, would ably serve the Bureau for the assignment sought, and referred the Agent to the Junior Pastor of the All Saints Lithuanian Catholic Church located at 108th and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that this Pastor is the spiritual adviser of the Knights of Lithuania Fraternity which is a young mens organization with membership limited only to persons of Lithuanian nativity and that the Junior Pastor is in a better position than he to refer Agent to a reliable person.

Agent Madala called upon the Junior Pastor at the All Saints Church, the Reverend Victor Zernauskes, and explained to him the type of individual desired by the Bureau and the nature of the contemplated work. He immediately suggested Anthony Vaitkus, stating that this boy is very reliable and can be depended upon to keep any information which he might secure as a result of his assignment in strict confidence and also that he comes from a very substantial family.

At this time Agent Madala also discussed this matter with the Senior Pastor, Reverend George Paskaukas, and he likewise highly recommended the Vaitkus boy.

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The Bureau was advised of the recommendations of Anthony Vaitkus, as stated above, on December 5, 1935, with the request that he be employed as a Lithuanian interpretor for one month at the rate of $5.00 per day. The Bureau granted the above request on the same date by teletype message, instructing that an investigation be immediately instituted reletive to the background and character of this individual.

The results of the above requested investigation are covered in the attached report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois on December 7, 1935. It will be noted that Vaitkus speaks and understands the Lithuanian language very fluently, is of good character and reputation and is recommended very highly by the various persons interviewed for the assignment of an interpretor.

The Bureau was advised on December 6, 1935 that unless this office received instructions to the contrary, Anthony Vaitkus would be established at the Karpavicz plant immediately.

Please be advised that in the absence of any contrary Bureau instructions, Anthony Vaitkus was placed, this morning, on the plant in question, which is presently being maintained by Special Agents V. E. Criss, J. M. Jones, R. P. Shanahan and R. A. Guerin.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
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Edward George Bremer, Victim

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Summary of information furnished by Bessie Skinner with aliases, during various interviews had with her concerning the activities of the Karpis-Barker and Dillinger gangs incorporated herein.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated November 19, 1935.

DETAILS:

This report is submitted for the purpose of summarizing information contained in the Chicago Bureau office files as furnished by Mrs. BESSIE SKINNER with aliases: Mrs.T. J.Randall, Mrs.D.A.Stevens, Mrs. Edward Green, Bessie Walsh, Bessie Moore, Bessie Randall, Bessie Green; Elizabeth Kline, and Esther Hines, at various interviews, which information has previously been reported from time to time in connection with the instant case, as well as the Jodil, and Kansas City massacre cases. The information is set forth in some detail in this report, in order that the same may be available for ready reference, and its complete value utilized in future investigations conducted in instant case.

Mrs.Bessie Skinner with aliases was taken into custody by Bureau Agents on the evening of April 3, 1934 at St.Paul, Minnesota. She was indicted on April 28, 1934 by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on a charge of conspiracy to harbor John Dillinger, a fugitive from justice.. Indicted at the same time as co-conspirators were Evelyn Frechette, Doctor Clayton E.May, Mrs.Augusta Salt, Homer Van Meter, John Hamilton and Pat Riley. On May 5, 1934 Mrs. Skinner entered plea of guilty and on May 23, 1934 she was sentenced to serve a period of fifteen months

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in the Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia. Mrs. Skinner is presently on parole from that institution.

After the apprehension of this woman on April 3, 1934 she was interviewed on numerous occasions by Inspector H. H. Clegg, and Mrs. Skinner from time to time furnished Mr. Clegg with information concerning the activities of the Dillinger mob, and also of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Mrs. Skinner stated that she was born in Linton, North Dakota and that her maiden name was Bessie Hines. She stated she married a man named Skinner on June 13, 1914 at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada, and that she is the mother of one child Leonard Skinner, who is now 19 years of age. She states that she is divorced from her husband and has not been in contact with him for a number of years. During the course of time since her divorce she has lived with the following individuals: Bob Walsh; Ray Moore; T. J. Randall alias Eddie Green, without having been married to any of them. She at one time was a waitress and later hostess at a notorious night club called the Hollywood in St.Paul, owned and operated by one Danny Hogan who was later slain in gangland fashion in St.Paul, Minnesota. Mrs.Skinner further advised that she once operated a place herself in St.Paul, known as the Alamo, and she there entertained on various occasions a number of notorious hoodlums such as Vera Miller, Frank Nash and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

BARKER-KARPIS GANG

When interviewed by Inspector Clegg in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, Bessie Skinner stated that on Christmas day 1933, Fred Barker was at "outs" with Doc Barker, and Fred and his mother Kate Barker departed from the Twin Cities and went to Chicago and remained in Chicago through Christmas, while Doc remained in the Twin Cities. On Christmas day the mob had dinner with Harry Sawyer at Sawyer's farm. Included among those present were Doc Barker, Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Paula Harmon, Volney Davis and his girl Grace. She described Grace as a platinum blonde who was short and husky, and who had been Davis' sweetheart for a long time. Mrs.Skinner later admitted that this woman's true name was Edna Murray who had a son sixteen or seventeen years old, whose first name was Preston. Mrs.Skinner stated that Eddie Green told her that Volney Davis and Grace occupied an apartment at the corner of Lexington and Osceola St. in St. Paul for some time.

Concerning the actual kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, Bessie Skinner advised Inspector Clegg that from the rumors she had heard, she would not be surprised if Harry Sawyer had planned this matter, but that however, Fred Barker and Ray Karpis were the "brains" in making the actual snatch. She stated she is also of the opinion that Doc Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, as well as Bill Weaver, were in on the actual kidnaping, and holding of Mr. Bremer. Mrs. Skinner furnished this information to Mr. Clegg during the various interviews had with her from the period April 5 to 12, 1934. Mrs. Skinner claimed that Bill Weaver was from the south, perhaps Arkansas or the Ozark mountains region; that he was slow and easy going; that his girl friend was Myrtle Eaton, who for a number of years occupied an apartment at 565 Portland Avenue, St.Paul, Minnesota. She stated that Myrtle disliked Weaver very much, but that Weaver would on occasions kidnap her and force her to accompany him on trips at the point of a gun. She stated that he had even held her up in her bathroom, at the point of a gun, and had wrapped her in clothing and carried her away, and that she believed that Myrtle Eaton would welcome Bill Weaver's apprehension because she was in desperate fear of him.

During an interview with Bessie Skinner on April 12, 1934 she advised Mr. Clegg that Volney Davis and Bill Weaver had stopped at the apartment occupied by herself and Eddie Green on one night, and that she was better acquainted with them than she had previously admitted. Mrs. Skinner advised that Harry Campbell has never been seen by her although she did know Harry's girl who is a Cherokee Indian, about 18 or 19 years of age, and that her name is Wynona or Naomi, Mrs. Skinner not being certain of this name. Mrs. Skinner also furnished the name of Paula Harmon as being the girl friend of Fred Barker. She claimed that she had never seen the girl friend of Doc Barker, although she understood that Doc's girl was a daughter of a banker in Reno, Nev. and that this girl is a widow. She furnished the further information that the girl of Ray Karpis was named Dolores and that she resided in Chicago. Mrs. Skinner stated that she saw this woman in Chicago in the Spring of 1932, and was informed that Karpis kept the girl in Chicago at all times where she maintained an apartment. Further concerning the Barker-Karpis gang and the Bremer kidnaping, Mrs. Skinner stated that she was in Topeka, Kansas when she read in the papers that Bremer had been kidnaped, and that the place where she was residing was an apartment building consisting of three wings, which building is owned by Senator Capper, and that the three wings were known as the Capper, the Curtis and the Senate Apartments. She stated that she resided in the

wing known as the Senate wing, for a period of about two weeks with Eddie Green. She stated that from the information that Eddie Green had picked up in conversation with the Barker-Karpis gang, and later relayed to her, it was Green's opinion that the Barker-Karpis gang had been in Reno,Nev. prior to the latter part of November, 1932, and that one of the Barker boys was supposed to have lost quite a bit of money at the Bank Club in Reno; that the gang drove from Reno to the Twin Cities by automobile,and while en route to the Twin Cities through the mountains Volney Davis' car turned over three times and his girl friend Edna Murray was injured;that when Edna arrived in St.Paul her eyes were black and she had an injured hip. Bessie Skinner fixed the time of this return as the latter part of November, 1932. She stated that the girl members of the mob had told her from time to time that they spent most of their daylight hours at the Bank Club in Reno, and Bessie described these women as individuals who drank heavily and liked the wild excitement of night life. According to further information Bessie obtained from Eddie Green, the $200,000 that was paid as ransom for the return of Bremer would not be available for the gang for a period of 90 days from the time they received it, as the money according to her understanding was "hot", and they had to turn it over to someone to exchange it for "clean" money. It was her understanding that Eddie Green had learned that Jack Pfeiffer and Harry Sawyer received this money from the gang and were going to negotiate the exchange of the money for a cut in the total amount, and she was of the opinion that the Gleckmans would handle the transaction for them, but that the exchange would probably not take place in St.Paul or Minneapolis as the towns were too small and the amount of money would cause comment. She stated that it was her opinion that Chicago would be a much better "bet" than the Twin Cities, but that she actually believed that the exchange would be made in New York. Bessie Skinner claimed to have nothing to base this on except various comments made by Eddie Green. She advised that it was her opinion that if the trail of these individuals were picked up, and it was found that they were pretty well in hiding and leading a quiet life, this would indicate that they were still "broke" because if they had money they spent it freely in gambling and night life.

With further reference to the Barker-Karpis crowd Bessie Skinner stated that some time during the years 1932 and 1933 this crowd was living in a house which they had rented at Grays Lake, Illinois and that the crowd had at various times been associated with Doc Stacey at Chicago and Joe Bergyl of Cicero,Illinois. With regard to Reno, Nevada she stated that it was her understanding that the outfit was closely associated with the

political boss there who arranged for their accomodations upon their arrival at Reno. Bessie Skinner stated that the mob had connections in Kansas City; that she recalled them referring to Tony's place at 12th and Main Streets in Kansas City, and that the Barkers were very close friends of Johnnie Lazia. She also advised that Tony's place was a contact place in Kansas City, serving a purpose similar to that of Louis' Place north of Chicago. She stated that the gang had a close connection with someone in Leavenworth, Kansas who is known as the "fixer" there, but she was unable to give further details as to this individual's identity. She stated that Herbert and Esther Farmer of Joplin who figured in the Kansas City massacre were not only well known to the Barkers, but a couple of years ago visited the Alamo, operated by Mrs.Skinner at that time, at which time they were accompanied by Harry Sawyer. Bessie Skinner furnished the further information that Big Homer, later identified as Homer Wilson,and Dutch, later identified as C. D. Harris, DesMoines Iowa Police number 9024, were members of the Barker-Karpis gang and were probably affiliated with them at the time of the kidnaping. She stated that she knew Dutch and Big Homer well and had been out on parties with them, but that she did not know Big Homer's correct name. She stated that Big Homer hung around Cicero,Illinois and was also a friend of Jack Pfeiffer of the Twin Cities. According to Bessie Skinner, a woman by the name of Frances was last known to be the woman associate of Dutch.

CHICAGO ADDRESSES AND CONTACTS OF BARKER-KARPIS GANG

On May 26 and 27, 1934 Mrs.Skinner accompanied by Inspector H. H. Clegg, Special Agent Newby and Special Agent McIntire, drove about the city of Chicago, and pointed out to the Agents various addresses known to her to be in some way connected with the gang. Mrs. Skinner pointed out an apartment house at 217-222 Kedzie Avenue, Chicago,Illinois as the place where she and Eddie Green lived in an apartment on the second floor front in the Spring of 1933. In this same building Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Kate Barker lived during the Winter of 1932, and she knew that they were there in December, 1932. At that particular time one of the stores in front of the building was occupied by a tailor, on the 217 Kedzie Avenue side of the building, and the tailor rented these apartments. She stated that the tailor was known as a "right guy" and she advised that Doc Stacey of Chicago directed Eddie Green and herself to this building, and she believed he had directed others to the same address.

Mrs. Skinner subsequently pointed out the establishment of the Bates Motor Company, dealers in Hudson and Essex automobiles, at 4600 Washington Boulevard, Chicago. It was at this place according to Mrs.Skinner that she and Eddie Green bought their Terraplane automobile and she understood that a good many of the gangsters, including Dillinger and the Karpis mob, got their cars from this establishment, as well as from Joe Bergyl, a dealer in Cicero,Illinois. Mrs.Skinner stated that on one occasion when she drove into the garage Mr. Bates came up to her and although she had never seen him before he recognized the car and gave her the certificate of title to it. She also pointed out to the Agents the Home Apartment Hotel, 112-114 Oak Street, Oak Park,Illinois as the address where Doc Barker and Kate Barker had lived under the alias of Davis. She further stated that a woman known to her as Helen Ferguson also had lived in an apartment in this building, directly behind the Barkers, and that Helen lived with a girl named Nina from St.Louis. Helen Ferguson according to Mrs.Skinner had been the girl friend of an individual named Earl, who with Eddie Green, Frank Nash, Vern Miller, Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis robbed the bank at Fairbury,Nebraska at which time Earl was shot; that the mob brought him to Kansas City and kept him in a bungalow which Miller had used on many occasions and which had been described by her and identified by her as the bungalow which Bureau Agents at Kansas City had located as one of the hideouts of the Kansas City massacre mob. She stated that Eddie Green remained in Kansas City helping to care for Earl; that later Earl's condition grew more serious and they moved him to some place in the country, the location of which is not known to her, where Earl died, and was buried by members of the mob in an unidentified grave.

Bessie pointed out an apartment building at 219 North 2nd Ave. Maywood,Illinois, the second floor rear apartment, as the place where Volney Davis and his girl friend Grace, later identified as Edna Murray, lived in June, 1933. She stated that Ray Karpis had lived at this same address before Volney Davis occupied it. She stated that after the Kansas City massacre she recalled that Miller came to this apartment and stopped off there while Vi Miller proceeded to the Twin Cities to make arrangements about their daughter. It was from this apartment that Volney Davis departed for the Kentucky Derby in 1933.

She also pointed out a residence at 607 South 7th St.Maywood, Illinois as that of Doc Stacey. She also stated that there was an out of town eating place north of Chicago where Ray Karpis and Dolores Delaney

frequently took their meals, and that she and Eddie Green had dinner with them there on one occasion. This place she pointed out on a rural highway at 7825 North Avenue, and stated it is known as Buckley's Eating Place.

She also pointed out a two story building on the corner south and west of the Edward Hines ,Jr.Veterans Hospital near the flying field. This place she stated has old-fashioned booths and she stated that a man known as Buck, who usually worked behind the bar, operated this place. The sign on the outside of this place indicates that it is the Riverside Inn. It was at this place Mrs. Skinner stated that Dutch alias C. D. Harris alias Clyde Nimerick alias James A. Woodruff, and also Homer Wilson alias Big Homer alias the Big Boy frequently hung out. She advised that members of both the Karpis gang and the Dillinger mob had patronized the Chicago and Twin Cities stores of Maurice L. Rothchild.

In connection with the renting of various apartments by the Barker-Karpis gang Mrs. Skinner advised that they usually stopped at apartment houses were the manager or owner was considered friendly to the gangsters and their interests.

HARRY SAWYER

Bessie Skinner advised that Harry Sawyer's real name is Sandlovich and that he formerly resided in Lincoln, Nebraska; that Sawyer has one brother who is a butcher and another brother in the automobile sales business. One brother's name is Sam while another brother is named Ray, and the latter's wife's first name is Margaret, although she did not know which of these individuals is in the butcher business and which is in the automobile business. She stated that Sawyer's mother likewise lives in Lincoln, as well as a sister named Bessie. She stated that Sawyer's father died in Lincoln seven or eight years ago; that Harry Sawyer as well as his wife Gladys are very heavy drinkers; that Mrs. Sawyer has a sister who studied at a business college six or seven years ago, and included in her studies was shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping, and that this sister is supposed to reside somewhere in California. Mrs.Skinner stated that Harry Sawyer at one time operated an automobile repair place and garage in St.Paul with a young man who was practically forced out of business; that working in this garage was a mechanic whose first name was Eddie; that after the dissolution of the partnership between Sawyer and the young man,Fred

Barker purchased a garage in St.Paul and this Eddie was at the time of this interview with Bessie Skinner operating the garage for Fred Barker. Mrs. Skinner pointed out a garage located at 93 E. Annapolis Street, St.Paul, Minnesota as being the garage in question. Special Agents T. J. Dowd and G. F. Hurley ascertained that this garage is the business of the Westlund Auto Paint Company and the Traefald and Antl Auto Repairs. Mrs.Skinner was of the opinion that it was in this garage that the numbers of the automobile license plates were changed, and that the usual method was to change naughts on the license plates to the figure 8. Mrs. Skinner further advised that after the robbery of the Fairbury Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska the money was returned to St.Paul and turned over to Harry Sawyer who disposed of it through Sam Terrin, the latter individual accomplishing the exchange in Chicago,Illinois.

At the time of these various interviews with Bessie Skinner the Bureau was making an effort to locate Harry Sawyer. In this connection she stated that Sawyer knows of a place in Wisconsin which is something in the nature of a hospital; that when "heat" is on Sawyer he usually gets sick and goes to this hospital or sanitarium, just outside of Hudson or Taylor Falls, Wisconsin. She stated that she believed however, it is near Hudson. Bessie Skinner stated that this place has the appearance of a private residence and is privately owned. It is used quite a bit for mental cases, and Sawyer used it as a place to "cool off" and likewise as a place to sober up, and from the kidding which she had heard the "boys" give Sawyer she believed that some of the windows of this building had iron bars for the purpose of keeping secure the insane patients who might go there.

HAMM KIDNAPING

Mrs. Skinner advised that the persons responsible for the kidnaping of Mr.Hamm were Vern Miller, Frank Nash, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis. She stated that Davis was cut out of this job because the snatch was pulled off while he was out of town; that Tommy Gannon was invited to participate in this kidnaping but got drunk and was unable to go ahead with it. She stated that the ransom money was split twelve ways. W. W. Dunn employed in the Hamm brewery getting one share, being the first person who received word from the kidnapers. She stated that this information was given to Eddie Green by Volney Davis who felt badly about being cut out from participating in this kidnaping. She stated that the fact that Volney Davis and Bill Weaver were not in on the kidnaping was confirmed in part by the fact that Davis and Weaver were living on borrowed money before the kidnaping of Bremer.

TOM BROWN

Review of the file at the Chicago office indicates that the only information Mrs. Skinner furnished concerning Tom Brown of the St. Paul Police Department is to the effect that Brown was planning to run for Sheriff of Ramsey County, and that Eddie Green, John Hamilton, John Dillinger, Homer Van Meter, Baby Face Nelson and Tommie Carroll each contributed equal parts to make up a total of $1500.00 which was delivered personally in cash to Tom Filben of - St.Paul, Minnesota for the purpose of defraying expenses of Brown's campaign.

JOHN DILLINGER MOB

During the initial interviews with Mrs.Skinner had by Inspector Clegg, she furnished information to the effect that on the evening of Saturday March 31, 1934, there called at the home of Eddie Green's mother in St.Paul, an individual whom she described as small, with reddish hair, who inquired for Eddie Green. She claimed this individual was unknown to her. She stated he was advised by Eddie Green's mother that Eddie was not at home, whereupon he requested that just as soon as Eddie returned he should be informed that he was wanted at the boathouse just as quickly as he could get there. Eddie Green did not arrive home in the meantime, and about one half hour later a big fellow who looked like a prize fighter, wearing a dark heavy sweater with turtle neck, called at Mrs. Green's residence and inquired for Eddie. He left a similar message to the effect that Eddie should immediately proceed to the boathouse. Mrs. Skinner advised Mr.Clegg that she did not know, but would assume that there was a likelihood that if Eddie were a friend of or associated with John Dillinger, John Dillinger was at that time in the boathouse, or else a contact was there who would have put Eddie in touch with Dillinger. (The boathouse is believed to be identical with the one referred to by Tom Filben of the Federal Acceptance Corporation, St.Paul, as being the first boathouse to the right of Wabasha Street bridge, St.Paul). Bessie advised during this interview with Mr. Clegg that if she were endeavoring to locate John Dillinger she would get in touch with a man and woman named Goldie and Ida, Ida being Goldie's wife, as they both worked for Harry Sawyer in the Twin Cities and if Harry Sawyer had anything to do with arranging a hideout for Dillinger he would probably turn to Goldie and Ida to effect such an arrangement. She stated further that Ida's mother is supposed to either own or manage an apartment building in Minneapolis, and it would be her guess

that Dillinger might be located in such apartment house. (Ida's mother was later determined to be a Mrs.Bishop who was suffering from cancer).

Bessie expressed the opinion that following the shooting episode on March 31, 1934 Dillinger would remain in the Twin Cities; that information of value concerning the location of hoodlums in the Twin Cities could usually be obtained by making contact at Vick's, which was a well known establishment in the Twin Cities. She further suggested that if it was desired to obtain information as to the possible whereabouts of Dillinger or his hoodlum friends, she would locate a boy named Pat, and she confirmed the information that Pat referred to was none other than Pat Riley, who she stated is commonly known as Harry Sawyer's man "Friday"; that Sawyer undoubtedly confides a great deal in Pat who eventually becomes involved in practically all of Sawyer's transactions. Bessie described the following as members of John Dillinger's Twin City mob: John Dillinger, Tommy Carroll, an individual named Van, whom she later identified as Homer Van Meter; an individual named Jimmie whom she later identified as Baby Face Nelson, and also another individual named Bill whom she subsequently identified as William Weaver, although she later stated that Weaver was not a member of the Dillinger mob but was a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. She stated that she met Baby Face Nelson about one year prior to this interview, through Alvin Karpis.

Mrs. Skinner stated that Homer Van Meter had called at the apartment occupied by her and Eddie Green at 3300Fremont Avenue in Minneapolis on Saturday night March 31, 1934, the day on which the shooting occurred on Lexington Avenue. She stated that Van Meter advised her of the shooting on Lexington Avenue and stated that Dillinger had his girl friend Billie with him, and Mrs.Skinner identified a photograph of Evelyn Frechette as being identical with Billie. She stated that Van Meter told her that Dillinger had been shot in the leg but that the wound was not serious. She stated that Homer Van Meter had been living in the Marshall Avenue Apartments in St.Paul where the negro woman Lucy Jackson had called to obtain whatever could be found in the apartment, in accordance with instructions from Eddie Green. Concerning the machine gun and ammunition found in the apartment occupied by Eddie Green and Bessie Skinner at 3300 Fremont Avenue, Mrs.Skinner stated that she positively did not know that any of this ammunition was in the apartment; that if it had been found there she would guess that Van Meter had brought this equipment to the

apartment on the previous evening, although she claimed to have been out of the apartment a portion of the time while Van Meter was there. According to information Mrs. Skinner received from Van Meter on the day of the shooting on Lexington Avenue, Mrs. Skinner stated about ten or fifteen minutes before the shooting an individual by the name of Red, identified by photographs as John Hamilton, together with two girls known to Bessie Skinner as Pat and Opal, and identified subsequently by her as Patricia Cherrington and Opal Long, had departed from the Dillinger apartment and had gotten into an automobile and driven away, expecting to be gone for but a short time. She also advised that John Hamilton and these two girls subsequently returned to within one block of the apartment; that they saw there was some excitement about the building, and did not come back into the building but left; that Hamilton and the girls then drove to St. Paul, Minnesota to Pat Riley's home, but he was not there; that they then drove to McCormick's restaurant and from theresomeone took them away in a Ford sedan. She claims that she had heard that Harry Sawyer was in the restaurant at the time, and that he had furnished the car, or had instructed someone to procure a car for this get-away; that Hamilton and the two girls then drove to someone's place in the country, which Harry Sawyer knew about, and she stated she believed this place was Harry Sawyer's farm. She advised that she had heard that prior to a raid which she understood was conducted at Sawyer's farm subsequent to the shooting, an individual named McMullen with the St. Paul Police Department had tipped off Harry Sawyer that the raid was about to be conducted, and he escaped the trap, and word was sent out to John Hamilton and the two girls in sufficient time for them to make a get-away. This farm is located near a lake but is fairly near town. Mrs. Skinner stated that Van Meter furnished this information to her when he called at her apartment Saturday night after the shooting had occurred. Mrs. Skinner claimed that when she entered her home after returning from the store she found Van Meter's car parked near the entrance to an alley close to the apartment building in which she was living; that Van Meter then came to her apartment and she and Van Meter had an argument because of the fact that Van Meter was "hot" and his car was parked near the apartment building and would bring the officers in on the Greens. She stated that she expressed herself very vigorously to Van Meter and he took exception to this, and she finally left Green and Van Meter and locked herself in her bedroom and told Van Meter that he was never to return to their house. Mrs. Skinner stated that Billie Frechette told her immediately after the shooting, when Billie came to her home, that John Hamilton, Opal Long and Pat Cherrington had left the Lexington Avenue

apartment about ten minutes before a knock was heard at the door. Hamilton and the two girls were expected back in a few minutes and Billie and John Dillinger had not yet gotten out of bed, and Billie answered the door when the knock came, expecting it to be Hamilton, but when she asked who was there she was informed that it was a peace officer. Mrs. Skinner stated that Billie advised her that she told this officer that she was not dressed; that she slammed the door quickly and attached the chain latch. She then dressed hurriedly and John Dillinger began dressing hurriedly and they began picking up as much as they could take with them. They were according to Billie "stalling for time" expecting the return of Hamilton most any minute; that Billie told her they came directly to her home at 3300 Fremont Avenue. Mrs. Skinner stated that Eddie Green left her apartment with Billie Frechette, and she understood that Green went with Billie and John Dillinger and made a contact with Doctor Clayton E. May, and Doctor May caused Dillinger to be placed in a flat in the building at 1835 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that Doctor May is supposed to have treated Dillinger at this place on Saturday March 31, 1934; that later that night it was desired that Dillinger receive additional medical treatment and there had been some difficulty involved in handling Doctor May's auto as the space left in the garage to the rear of the house was not sufficient to entirely conceal this automobile. Therefore Bessie stated she proceeded to Doctor May's office in the Masonic Temple Building, seventh floor, in Minneapolis, and accompanied Doctor May in the latter's Chevrolet automobile to 1835 Park Avenue. It was found that there was another garage available in the rear of the house and Doctor May's automobile was placed in this garage. She went into the flat with Doctor May and there found that John Dillinger was on a small bed in a small room in the rear of the flat. He did not have his leg in any kind of a harness but was lying flat on the bed, and in the same apartment were Doctor May, Billie Frechette and Eddie Green. She stated that it was obvious that all of those present knew that John Dillinger was there, and that in addition to those she mentioned there was a woman who she understood was in charge of the flat, although she did not know the woman's name.

She stated that she believed John Dillinger remained in this flat from the time of the first treatment after the shooting on March 31st, at 93-95 Lexington Avenue, until the afternoon when Eddie Green was shot, which was Tuesday April 3, 1934; that she felt sure that Dillinger left town Tuesday afternoon April 3, 1934, or that night, because from discussions with Eddie Green she understood that Dillinger, Hamilton and perhaps other members of the mob except Eddie Green were planning to leave St. Paul that night.

Bessie Skinner claimed not to know just when Dillinger first came to the Twin Cities. Her first knowledge of him being in the Twin Cities was when Dillinger and Billie Frechette were occupying an apartment on the corner of 33rd and Gerard Streets in Minneapolis. On many occasions she stated she had driven Eddie Green to the front of the building in which Billie and Dillinger were living, although she denied that she knew all along that they lived there. She stated that she and Eddie had talked the matter over and that Eddie was of the opinion that Dillinger was bringing too much "heat" to the vicinity.

Mrs. Skinner stated that Eddie Green had told her that on a trip to Chicago, Illinois Dillinger and Van Meter and Nelson had stopped at a place 45 miles north of Chicago called Louis' place. While there they had drinks and steak dinners and also two pints of liquor, for which Louis charged them $20.00 each. She stated that Louis was a Bohemian and that the place he operates was an ideal contact place or hideout. She stated that a few years ago anyone desiring to contact any of the mob in Chicago would contact Louis' place, where all of them would call from time to time. She stated that Green had not known Van Meter very long and to her knowledge had met him since January 1, 1934, Harry Sawyer having put Van Meter in touch with Green.

Further concerning this mob she stated that she felt quite certain that those involved in the Mason City, Iowa and Sioux Falls, South Dakota bank robberies were John Dillinger, John Hamilton, Eddie Green, Tommie Carroll, Homer Van Meter and Baby Face Nelson. Mrs. Skinner stated that between the time of Dillinger's escape from Crown Point, and prior to the shooting on March 31st at St. Paul, Minnesota, Dillinger had been hurt, and Van Meter had come to her apartment and instructed Eddie Green to get in touch with Pat Riley to get a doctor; that Riley had obtained the services of Doctor Mortenson, who treated Dillinger for a "shot".

After incarceration of Bessie Skinner in the Woman's Industrial Institution at Alderson, West Virginia, she was interviewed by Special Agent Lee F. Malone and advised Agent Malone that Pat Riley well knew who he was taking to Doctor Mortenson when he took Dillinger, Hamilton and Green there. She stated that Riley had known Eddie Green for years, and on this particular occasion one of the gang had been sent down to the boathouse to get Riley to run them to doctors. She stated that Riley knew Green well enough to know the phone number of the mother of Green, and to come out and do errands for Eddie and also to leave messages at mother Green's house. She stated also

that Riley knew the gang well enough so that after the trouble on Lexington Avenue on March 31,1934 Hamilton and the girls drove to Riley's place and there changed cars, and Riley found another place for them to stay. She stated that this same information was known to Tommie Gannon and Evelyn Frechette.

Mrs. Skinner further advised that she had been talking to Jean Crompton after her incarceration in the institution at Alderson, and that Jean had told her that two days before Carroll was killed, she had seen John Dillinger in Chicago, and that he was alive and well, and had had an operation performed on his face which changed it somewhat.

P E N D I N G

R.A:MFS

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

RE: CONFISCATED FORD SEDAN,
Motor Number 18-1190708.

The above described automobile was purchased by Harry Campbell, under the name of G. F. Summers at Gainesville, Florida, and Florida certificate of title number 982564 was issued in the name of G. F. Summers for this car.

During investigation of the Palmer case at Gainesville, Florida, it was ascertained that Wynona Burdette delivered title to this Ford Sedan to Duke Randall, who gave the car and certificate of title to Gregory I. Codomo, from whose possession it was recovered in Miami, Florida, by Bureau Agents during January, 1935. Title later was registered in the name of the Bureau by the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida.

Efforts to dispose of this car have not been successful thus far. The Federal Court has refused to assume jurisdiction of this car. Gregory I. Codomo, the last owner, has refused to accept same, and the Department has advised that a transfer of this car to another Government Agency cannot be effected.

The Bureau in its letter of December 3, 1935, instructed that Duke Randall, who formerly owned the car, be contacted to determine if he will accept it. Further instructing that in the event Randall refused to take possession of it, the relatives of Harry Campbell should be contacted for the purpose of determining if they will accept it.

Duke Randall, whose true name is Henry Stern, is presently residing in Miami, Florida. In reply to a communication from the Jacksonville Office, by letter dated December 6, 1935, Bart A. Riley, Attorney at Miami, Florida, representing Randall, advised that Randall does not care to accept the car, and instructed his attorney to say that he waives all right, title and claim to it.

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TO SAC OKLAHOMA CITY,
12-7-55.

Since a number of Campbell's closest relatives reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma, it is suggested that pursuant to the Bureau's instructions they be contacted to ascertain if they will accept the car.

It is presently stored in our contract garage here, is in excellent mechanical condition, and all tires are in first class shape.

Please advise the result of your inquiry as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau

Jax 66-258-
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent Muzzey, who is the only Agent in the Bureau speaking Lithuanian, has been covering the telephone tap upon the residence of the parents of Alvin Karpis. A majority of the conversations heard upon this tap is in Lithuanian. I feel that the maintenance of this tap is very desirable at this time, and of course, the tap necessarily must be maintained by someone with a speaking knowledge of Lithuanian. If you approve this procedure, I will call Mr. Ladd and instruct him to make immediate arrangements for the purpose of securing the services of a thoroughly reliable man with a speaking knowledge of Lithuanian to be employed for the duration of this tap. If this is done, the tap will be arranged in such a manner that two head sets will be available in order that we will have a check by an Agent upon all conversations going over the telephone.

I have talked with Mr. Connelley this morning about this matter, and he agrees that this procedure is probably the Bureau's best approach to the situation at this time. In addition, Mr. Connelley suggests that if the person employed indicates an aptitude for our work, we might endeavor, when the opportunity presents itself and after the termination of the telephone tap, to have him take up a residence in the apartment house where Karpis' father is employed as a janitor, and, without disclosing to the senior Karpavicz that the informant speaks Lithuanian, attempt to work himself into the confidence of the family.

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Respectfully,
E. A. TAMM.

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Muzzey is being dropped because of inefficiency. Let's have your other recommendation.
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See memo to call to Ladd
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska
Dec. 6, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:-

I have at hand a copy of the Bureau's letter to the Kansas City Office, dated December 3, 1935, in which it seeks a determination concerning the purchase of the underwear, shirt and socks given to Victim to wear in place of his own clothes, immediately preceding his departure from the hideout at Bensonville, Illinois.

I note that the Bureau offices having jurisdiction over the territories in which Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, Volney Davis and Wynona Burdette are now located, are requested to immediately arrange interviews with these persons in the hope of determining where the purchases were made.

I respectfully invite your attention to my letter of December 3rd, which had to do with an interview with Jess Doyle, for the purpose of learning the identity and location of a certain Mexican doctor. In that letter, I suggested that Agent D. P. Sullivan, of the Chicago Office, make that inquiry when he interviews Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and I suggest, at this time, that Agent Sullivan also make inquiry of Jess Doyle at that time, as it relates to any information Doyle might have concerning the source of the purchase of wearing apparel mentioned in your letter of December 3rd to the Kansas City Office.

Will the Bureau be kind enough to advise me if it agrees that the interview with Jess Doyle should be conducted by Agent Sullivan; if not, I will arrange to have both interviews expedited?

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Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Chicago

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December 12, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 6, 1935, with regard to the interview of Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, please be informed that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan will proceed to Omaha, Nebraska, in the very near future for the purpose of conducting a complete interview with Jess Doyle.

For this reason, it will not be necessary for you to assign an Agent of your office to conduct such interview.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

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PHONE. BRKKID. REFERENCE BUREAU LETTER DECEMBER SECOND. FLORIDA TIMES UNION JANUARY TWENTY FIFTH LAST CARRIED BRIEF STORY REPORTING TWENTY TWO PERSONS INDICTED IN THIS CASE BUT NAMES NOT GIVEN. ISSUES OF APRIL FIFTEENTH AND MAY EIGHTEENTH LAST CARRIED STORY LISTING BOTH WEAVER AND EATON AS WANTED THIS CASE. ADRIAN DAGLEY, ADDRESS PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA, DELIVERED THESE PAPERS TO WEAVER. DAYTONA BEACH SUN RECORD CARRIED SHORT ARTICLES ABOUT ST. PAUL TRIALS BUT WEAVER AND EATON NOT MENTIONED AS WANTED. DAYTONA BEACH NEWS JOURNAL OF JANUARY TWENTY FOURTH LAST CARRIED A P STORY REPORTING INDICTMENTS AND LISTING ALL DEFENDANTS INCLUDING WEAVER AND EATON. SEE ALSO JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE DECEMBER FOURTH RE THIS PAPER. MILFORD V. CLIFTON GOOD WITNESS HAVING TAKEN SUBSCRIPTION AND DELIVERED ALL PAPERS FROM LATE DECEMBER TO JUNE FIRST LAST.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 7, 1935

Warden F. G. Zerbst,
United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Attention — E. H. Eckholdt

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters you have forwarded this office relative to the mail of Elmer Farmer, your #47103 —

Letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated 11-13-35.
Letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff, dated 11-16-35.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Farmer, dated 11-15-35.
Letter from Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated 11-19-35.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated 11-18-35.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Farmer, dated 11-22-35.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated 11-23-35.
Letter from Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated 11-24-35.
Letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff, dated 11-24-35.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated 11-26-35.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Farmer, dated 11-29-35.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated 11-30-35.
Letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff, dated 12-1-35.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1935.

Time - 10:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Myrtle Eaton.

Judge Jones of the Criminal Division telephoned me relative to the above named person. You will recall that Mr. Holtzoff telephoned me the other day requesting that information and data contained in the files of the Bureau be furnished the Criminal Division so that they might intelligently advise the United States Attorney in Florida as to strengthening the indictment which is now pending against Myrtle Eaton in that district. He said that they have not received this information as yet, so he just wanted to call to advise that he is particularly interested in the reports of Special Agents Meekins, Jacksonville, September 9, 1935, Suran, St. Paul, September 7, and Connelley, Chicago, September 7, 1935.

I explained to Judge Jones that each of the reports which he has named contains approximately a hundred pages, much of which does not pertain to the particular thing in which he is interested. To this end, I informed him that the Bureau Supervisor handling this matter is at this time making a digest of all the information contained in these and other reports which pertains to the activities of Myrtle Eaton in this case. I told him that this is quite a job, but as soon as the information is ready, the same would be immediately furnished to him.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 7, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, Et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BRITTEN - Victim
KIDNAPING, ETC.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Kansas City Office, dated November 27, 1935, in the above captioned matter, there is transmitted herewith one copy of the receipt obtained from Mrs. Rodney Davis for the money and property of Volney Davis, which, in accordance with instructions, was turned over to Mrs. Davis.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
Cincinnati

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 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 BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING, ETC.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a 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 to each of the offices designated below copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 13, 1935.

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff, dated November 16, 1935, at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 15, 1935.

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated November 19, 1935, at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 18, 1935.

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, postmarked Elmhurst, Illinois, November 22, 1935.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 23, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103; postmarked Chicago, Ill., Nov. 13, 1935.

Chicago, Wednesday Afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your letter a few minutes ago and so as I was waiting to hear from you thought I would answer immediately. I am so sorry you are locked up almost all day. Wish I could do something to help you. I know that sounds silly as it is impossible but I mean it. I told you I was going to school at Fields and I did yesterday and Monday, so hope to hear from them within a few days, at least thats what they told me last night. If I do not hear from them I think I will answer some of the "ads" in the paper for housework after all. Why not? I can do it for the winter anyway.

Nick is just about the same, but I think he is getting weaker. The Doctor is going to stop in tonight to see him. He is just as he told you in the letter and he cannot eat anything and if he does, he cannot keep it down so thats the way it is. I feel sorry for him too. He looks for your letters every week just as I do, then after I read them I tell him what is in them that I think he would like to hear.

I do not know what to think about those agents coming to see you. After having you in St. Paul and not being very successful I should think they would leave you alone. After all they have not been so very nice. Sullivan did not even bother to acknowledge my letter, so why dont you just refuse to answer their questions and perhaps they will stop annoying you? You really must be a very important witness to them or I do not think they would bother with you so much. Really, this will surprise you. Albert went downtown to the W. P. A. and applied for a job. You know that is for people who are unable to get a job and are willing to work on government projects, you know like the people did who were on relief in Bensenville. I suppose he is hoping he does not get anything. I suppose you were surprised to hear I had to go to school to work at Fields? A lot of Hooey, but quite tiresome. I went to school from 9 to 1 and from 1.40 to 5.30 and learned a lot of things but you had to learn so much in such a short time that I am afraid I will forget part of it if I do not go right to work, so heres hoping I do. I suppose you look just about the same but honestly honey, it really is terrible for you not to get outside oftener. How about Harold? I thought they could not differentiate between you?

I am going over to Martha's house after while for supper she always asks for you and tells me to say "hello". Have not heard from anyone in Bensenville so cannot tell you very much about them. Will you like going back to St. Paul if they should send you? Its too cold up there for me.

Well, dearest, I guess this is just about all for this time, news is rather scarce. I did give you all the news Sunday when I wrote to you so will close and hope you are well and until I hear from you which I hope will be soon with lots of love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

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COPY.

Letter to Helen Conliff, written by Elmer Farmer #47103.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Nov. 16, 1935

Dear Helen:

I will write my usual Sunday letter. I received three letters from you last week. So Nick is not any better I am sorry to hear that and hope when he gets to the hospital he will get better soon. So you should be working by now any way lets hope so. Things are about the same for me down here and from the looks of things in here I dont think they will give me any work, but will transfer me to some other place maybe Alcatraz Island, thats where most of them are sent to from here. so you were out to Bensenville last week thats nice about all the board asking about me and sending these regards, say hello to them for me when you see them agin, also to Lonard Dules. Jacobsons must have that place fixed up quite nice now, and I suppose will do good business any way I hope so, as they didnt do very good where thay were at. You also seen Chub and Pete and thay were going along in goos shape. Chub is not doing much business out there now just about getting by and I dont suppose he will until next year. Was there any thing in the old place where I had the tavern, that dont sond so good for smoke. did you see J. P. Lynch. Harold is getting along alright and is working most of the time. he must have all his teeth out by now I dont get to see him. I was out in the yard one afternoon last week we were cleaning up around it. that was the first time I was out in some time. Its been trying to snow for the last few days but so far very little has fallen it looks dark out side to day so it may snow any time now. it dont look very bright for Albert getting any work from the Government when thay wont give me any. I am not looking to go back to St. Paul and hope thay dont send me up there. I sure cant help there case any and will do more good for those on trial thay anything. Monte is in bad shape up there. he is locked up all the time and is a very sick man. I cant see what good all this will ever do him. the government will have to send him some place to do his time, thay cant let him go as he is wanted for other things in Chicago and will be sent there if he ever gets out of this. I am felling fine and getting along good this sure is some rest for me but I wish it would let up soon and I would go to work. I will be going to dinner soon now so will mail this letter on my way over you should get this letter about the same time as last week. best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer

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Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103, postmarked Elmhurst, Ill. Nov. 15, 1935.

November 15, 1935

Dear Elmer,

I received your letter last night, we were in Chicago as Gifford was finishing up at the dentist and your letter was here when we came home. Last week I wrote your letter and intended to mail it from Chi but went away and forgot it, so I mailed it from here that same day but the mail must be very slow going out. Its now 6:30, we just finished dinner. Gifford is home as he hasn't any work now, but maybe things will pick up. It's quite cold here today but we had a week of rather warm raining weather and no sun, suppose you read about the dark days we had here in Chicago.

Am glad you were out working one day and hope you can soon be given something steady. Gifford will surely talk to Reed the first chance he gets, his brother-in-law said he hasn't seen him since he came back from his vacation.

Chub was over the other day, he is well and sends best regards. He says they are going to pave Green Street so that will make it much better, the government is giving the money to be used in relief work. I thought it was paved. I suppose the work wont start until spring.

Thats about all the news. We are well and glad to know you are feeling so well too.

We will take a walk now and mail this letter, its pretty windy so dont think we will walk very far.

Will look for your letter next week - Gifford says "hello" and best regards.

Lovingly your sister
Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave
Elmhurst, Illinois.

COPY

Letter written by Elmer Farmer #47103 to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Nov. 19, 1935.

Dear Blanche: -

Received your letter last night so will try and get this one out the first thing in the morning. I see in the paper how dark it was in Chicago one day last week. so Gifford business is slow now I hope he gets some place for him self soon then it will be much better for him. why dont he try and open up some place in Bensenville that would be a good place now and when thay start paving the street there things should be good for some time. so Chub finley got over to see you he must be a busy man that cant get over to see you often. do you ever hear Chub say how J. P. Lynch is getting along I often think about him he would be so sick one week and alright the next but I suppose he is going along the same way he always did. I was fun to see him play the horses each day and if he didnt come out alright for the day he would talk about it until he went home that night. I suppose he is saving his money now. I dont think Reed will be around until after the first of the year them Gifford will see him and he can talk to him. Election is about the onley time you can find him out there now. He is in Washington most of the time but I think he still lives in Du Page county. How is things at Elmhurst. Is Wiley doing any thing other than running a tavern on York street. you told me and befor he closed up the place facing the railroad track there in Elmhurst. You had about the same kind of weather we had down here. I was onley out to work half day last monday. its raining here now and as long as we have this kind of weather I dont get out to work so wish it would let up soon. I was in hope thay would put me to work steady but so far havent heard anything and it may be that I will be transfered to some other place any way thats what I am told by the other men in here they say you are keep in here until thay find some other place to sent you to. so if that the case I hope thay find some place soon it would be much better for me if I was working every day. the time would pass much faster. I am getting along fine and in the best of health so thats the main thing. thay have some fine apples in the store down here so I bought some last week and eat one each night before I go to bed. thats about all the fruit you can get in here now. thay have orange most of the time but none of late. best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

COPY.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, postmarked Chicago, Ill., November 18, 1935.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:-

I was thinking about you as usual so thought I would write to you. How have you been getting along? Have you been assigned to any work? I certainly hope so. Its another long gloomy Sunday. So dark and rainy.

Have you heard from the priest as yet? You know he was here yesterday to see my uncle, just a friendly call and he is coming back tomorrow to give him the sacraments. Nick is a lot worse than he was a few days ago. He is in bed all the time now and he does not eat anything at all. You will be very surprised when I tell you his mind wanders a whole lot. He talks about you a great deal and he has a picture I gave him of you which he has on the table along side of the bed.

I never knew there was an odor from anyone who had cancer before, but now there is a very bad one from him and no matter what we do, it stays in the house. There is not much more to tell you about him.

I know it will make you feel bad and it does me too. I certainly wish you were here with me now.

Have those agents been bothering you any more? I received a letter from Mr. Sullivan last Friday in which he said he was glad to hear from me but he could not help me get a pass to see you but referred me to the Warden at Leavenworth and told me to write to him and tell him he had suggested my writing to him and perhaps he would help me. He also thanked me for writing and told me if there was anything he could do to help me to to write to him again. He received the letter on Oct. 7th and finally got around to replying.

I am still waiting to hear from Fields so hope to soon. My aunt does not want me to go to work, she wants me to stay home and help her with Nick, but tho I would like to, I need so many things, I want to go to work soon, so I will be able to get them. Last night Martha and Les drove me out to Bensenville to George Boldebucks to get some wine he had of my uncle's so I stopped in to see my mother. Everyone is fine and they all asked for you and said to say "hello". I did not see Jim at all. Did you read in the paper about four men robbing the "White Pines"? The Club is closed but the caretakers are there and these men forced them to cook for them and then they took a lot of golf equipment they had stored there and cigarettes and before they left they started a fire in the dining room and got away.

You know out at Jacobsons in their dining room they have a dance floor that is very slippery so my mother was hurrying across the floor and slipped and fell and broke a rib. Not very nice to do, was it? Have not done much of anything this week to tell you about. Stayed home quite a bit since my uncle has been so sick.

My mother was telling me Gifford had some plans to help you which he thought looked very promising. You know honey, how anxious I am to have you back here with me again (I hope) so if you know of anything about it the next time you write tell me what they are. I think you should tell me or if you do not care to write it in your letter suggest to B lanche when you write to her that Gifford write and tell me what his plans are.

In my last letter to you I told you Albert had gone downtown to apply for a job with the W. P. A. Well, anyway that was last Tuesday and he brought the application home to fill out which he could have done right there and that is almost a week ago and so far the application is not filled out. He is afraid if he fills it out he will get a job I think. Well, dearest, I hope you were not locked up all day to-day. I think about you so often and miss you just as much now as I did last January. I feel so blue whenever I go to Bensenville for you, so no one hopes that things turn out O. K. for you anymore than I do. Have you still got the picture of me? Well, honey, I guess this is just about all for the time so hoping you are well and that you write to me real soon will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave. Chicago, Ill.

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Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked, Elmhurst, Ill., Nov. 22, 1935.

November 21, 1935.

Dear Elmer,

I received your letter this afternoon, its now 6:30 P. M. We have dinner early about 5:30 so when I finish your letter we will take a walk and mail it.

Its very cold here and we had snow for the first time this year. We had eleven sunless days, but to-day the sun was shining. Am glad you got out a half day to work, but dont suppose you will be out in the winter months, will you.

Wiley just has his tavern on York Street. He was on North Ave for a while, but he's not there now, he sold his place on First St quite a while ago.

J. P. Lynch was very sick some time ago but he recovered and seems to be going along about the same as when you were here, he must have an iron constitution.

I have'nt seen Chub but Gifford saw him Sunday when he went over there. He asked us out for Thanksgiving dinner. I suppose we may as well go. I dont care for the holidays and will be glad when they are over. Yes, I wish Gifford was permanently located, but may be business will pick up, he's not doing anything now.

We are well and glad to know you are feeling so well too Its nice that you can buy fruit, I hope you have a nice Thanksgiving.

Much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave.
Elmhurst, Ill.

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23, 1935.

Wednesday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Just received your very nice letter so thought I would answer it immediately. I am glad you are feeling well, but I do wish you could get out in the yard a little more often than you do, but perhaps they will let you pretty soon.

Honey, they will not transfer you to Alcatraz, you know you thought that over before and I wrote to McKeekin and he asked Sullivan and he said that they had no intention of doing that and it was very unlikely that they would ever do that to you, so please dont worry and if you still feel doubtful when you write next week, tell me if you would like to have me write to Sullivan or McKeekin, perhaps both of them will answer more promptly than before. That place you had your tavern in was all dark and as yet no one has rented it.

That old Smoke had a lot of nerve talking the way he did out in West Chicago and if I ever see him I intend to tell him so, although I dont suppose I ever will, as they have not found him. Poor old J. P. was arrested by the "G" men also Mr. Rapin for bootlegging out in B. I dont know much about it but will give you more information in my next letter, as I will try and find out so I can tell you as I know you will be interested. I am not sorry for Monte and tho' it is not very nice of me to say it, I am glad he is not getting along so very good. I wonder if they will deduct all the time off for him that he is sitting up there? I hope they do not take you up to St. Paul again. I certainly would like to see you and talk to you. It certainly has been a long time since we had a chance to talk. I am still waiting to hear from Fields and you know I became acquainted with a girl while going to school and she called me up and told me she was still waiting too, so I guess I am not the only one. My mother asked me if I would like to work Thanksgiving Eve out there at Jacobsons and I think I will for the one night anyway, if I am not working at Fields.

Nick is growing weaker all the time, I guess I told you all about it in my last letter. I read part of your letter to him, he is always glad when I do that. Albert is still waiting for a job to come to him. Well, honey, this is about all for this time I guess, not much news to tell you about. Martha wants me to go to the Walkathan at the Arcadia on the northside tonight, so if I go I will tell you all about it in my next letter to you, so dearest, hope you are still feeling well and until I hear from you will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

COPY

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Nov. 24, 1935.

Dear Blanche.

Thought I would write to you tonight as this being Sunday and not much to do. I didnt recive your letter this week yet but look for it to-morrow night. I am getting along alright and feeling fine. was out to work two half days this week thats about all the nice weather we had down here this week. I dont suppose Gifford is doing anything yet. why dont thay give him some steady work and not a day now and then. so thay are going to pave Green St that should make it much better down in that part of town. also help buisness down there. you should be getting money from Chub every month and see him about it. you can have my part of the place down there and if he dont want to give you any thing then sell the property that mabey is the best thing to do any way. Chub will always tell you about bills as he dont beleave in paying any. I had that to do when I was there so what he is doing with the money now its hard to tell. any way you be sure and get what comming to you. Thanksgiving will soon be here now onley a few days off suppose you are having turkey for dinner I think we will have the same down here. also a show that day and I hope thay let me out to see it. last year every one went to the show that day and thay look for the same thing this year. It wont be long now befor cold weather sets in but you have all your winter coal in. how is the ford going along these days. it soon will be to cold to ride very far in it that little car was sure a dandy it held up fine and will run for some time to come yet. Gifford many times made the trip to Bensenville in the snow when I didnt think he ever would make it. I see in the paper where the white pines had closed for the season but some one set the place on fire last week. it didnt say if the club burned down or not, I suppose it did though as there is not much water around there to put the fire out. I suppose Chub has all his boxes in from the clubs by now except the Mohack I always left them there in the winter thay took care of them and keep what ever thay made. thay always tryed to buy the boxes from me but I never would sell them. thay cost me about five hundred and if I sold them would loose the club for the next year and that was the best paying place I had. I well close for now best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

COPY

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103 to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth, Kansas, November 24, 1935.

Dear Helen.

Received your letter Wensday eavning and was glad to hear from you. I feel so sorry about Nick and hope there is some thing can be done that will help him to get well. I suppose you and May have your hands full now, as it takes lots of work when some one is sick in the house. I suppose there is friends of his come to see him also I didn't hear from the Priest yet. so he was to see Nick Sunday thats nice of him, Nick was always good to him out there and he dont forget that. those agents have not been back to see me any more and hope thay dont. so you heard from Sullivan last week and he told you to write down here I dont think that would do any good so just let that go for now. so you are not working yet, but expect to any day. I am in the same boat down here I was out two half days this last week so things are picking up. we onley had two nice days last week the rest of the time it was raining yesterday and today were both nice days. I suppose you have about the same kind of weather there as we have down here. I didnt se anything in the paper about the White pines, but that was sure strange what thay did. I dont know anything about anyone doing anything for me in my case so cant tell you any thing about it. but I know thay will when the right time comes but that wont be for some time to come and then I will know about it and let you know right now I am sure nothing is beaing done, but I suppose he is making some arrangement for it, but just what thay are I dont know and woodnt ask about it now. I dont think the law I was sent here on will hold up in the higher courts I see some thing in the papers about it so if it dont I will be turned out. so I have some hope of that also. I suppose you will have Turkey for Thanksgiven day with May I dont know what thay will seve down here we get chicken quite often so thay might seve Turkey that day any way I hope so as I like that the best. thay have a good dinner every Sunday and all through the week its fair. give my regards to Nick and tell him I think about him often and hope he gets well soon also give my regards to May.

Elmer Farmer

COPY.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked Chicago, Ill. November 26, 1935.

Dearest Elmer:

I am sorry I neglected to write you, I had planned on writing to you yesterday, but George Boldebuck and his wife and the children were in here to visit Nick, so just could not do it, but anyway hoeny, I have not forgotten you. I am working at Fields now and I certainly am glad and I know you will be too.

I went to work last Thursday and am still at it. I am in the stationary and they have promised to try and make it permanent, thst is, to keep me after Christmas. I like it very much and the girls I am working with are just grand to me, so of course, that helps me a great deal. Have you been assigned to any work as yet. Can you imagine this? George was telling me that the Federal men were out there and you know how the firemen and the business men always sold him at their picnics. Well, they are going to fire everyone that sold it over the bar as they did not have a license to do so for the past three years and George said, didnt they (the firemen) have been running picnics for the last forty-one years and this is the first time they were ever bothered. He said they were going to fine everyone who had anything to do with the beer $50.- per piece for each year. He said that they all thought Max Finsky had something to do with it, may be he did. I got my first check Saturday and I was going to get you a box of candy, but was not sure if I could or not. Anyway let me know when you write again. I had a terrible time with my feet and they are sore tonight from wearing high heels but I unearthed an old pair of low heels I had, so hope I can wear them tomorrow. Well, honey, it will be Thanksgiving by the time you receive this from me and I hope your Thanksgiving is nice and I certainly hope that you will not be away from me for many Thanksgiving days, I really miss you. Nick is very sick and he seems to be worse tonight, more so than usual. I am going to go out to Mary's tonight, though there is nothing I could do here for him. Have not been out to Bensenville since the last time I told you about, so no news from there. I wrote Ann a letter and mailed it the same time I mailed your last letter, so should hear from her soon, and when I do will let you know. I guess this is just about all for tonight, so dearest I guess I will close and I will try and write to you again in a few days. Meanwhile here is hoping you are well and that you are working so until I hear from you, which I hope is tomorrow, with lots of love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave
Chicago, Ill.

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Letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, received from Blanche Brabant. Postmarked, Elmhurst, Illinois, November 29, 1935.

Thursday, Nov. 28, 1935

Dear Elmer: -

I received your letter written Sunday yesterday afternoon. You have my other letter by now as I mailed it last Thursday. I was glad to hear from you. Today is Thanksgiving, but we didn't go out, I haven't seen Chub for several weeks, he didn't come over at all, it's just as well as we would not have gone out any way, he sent over a live turkey a few days ago, but Gifford took it back as he did not want to kill it, and its too hard to pick and clean, it only weighed eight pounds with the feathers on, so a turkey that small isn't very good. I suppose he won it and wanted to get rid of it.

We are having pretty cold weather here and its snowing today. We had dinner about two o'clock, we thought about you and missed you very much. I hope you had a nice dinner and they let you go to the show. We didn't have turkey as that's too much for just ourselves, but we had a nice dinner. Gifford isn't feeling very well, he hurt his arm and he hasn't been able to sleep the last few nights, he was working around here putting up the storm sash and I think he strained a muscle in his arm. I think he will be alright in a few days. I'll see Chub soon if he dont come over. I'll send for him and tell him what you said. He sold the machines at the Mohawk and White Pines for $300.- they told him they are going to have their own. Thats what he paid the taxes with.

Gifford has been over there a couple of times but he is never in. I'm going to tell him he will have to give me your share right along. I didn't know the White Pines burned down again, thats the second time its burned.

Well Elmer we will go out and mail your letter now and you'll receive it Monday. I am enclosing your ten dollars. I would like to come and visit you and when Gifford again, may be I can do so. I am well and glad you are feeling so well too. Gifford sends best regards. Good-bye for this time.

Lovingly your sister
Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave.,
Elmhurst, Illinois.

COPY

Letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Helen Conliff. Postmarked, Chicago, Ill, Nov. 30, 1935.

Friday Evening

Dearest Elmer:

Received your very nice letter that I was looking for and as usual was very glad to hear from you. Sorry, honey, I did not write to you yesterday but I went to Bensenville and had dinner with my mother and Irene and honestly I was so tired did not write last night.

I felt lonesome for you yesterday out there, gosh, I did not know I would feel so blue after all it is a long time since you went away. I am still working and though it is very hard I like it very much. I have had a lot of trouble with my feet but now I am feeling better. I have my own bank, that is I carry my own cash and have my own cash register drawer, quite an honor after being there just a few days and after Dec 4th I am supposed to go in regular and order my own stock. I am a little thrilled about it all and am in hopes of being kept on after Christmas. I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving dinner and enjoyed it a lot. I suppose you are wondering how Nick is getting along. Well, honey, he is just about the same. He is quite bad tonight and he looks terrible. He asked me to enclose his picture for you in this letter so I am. He had one that he wanted to send you, how the man was trying to push him up on the horse, but he could not find it, so he sent the one that was taken after he got on the horse. It was taken when he was up north a long time ago. He looks a whole lot different now, than he did when the picture was taken. I hope you are right about that law not holding in the higher courts.

If I hold my job I will be able to get enough money together and come to see you soon.

I am sure I will be able to get a pass later on if I write to the Warden there. I get the bus at Wabash & Washington every night and there is a Mrs Snyder's candy shop on the corner, which reminds me of you and the way you liked that candy, so when you write and tell me I can, I will send you some. I go to work at 8:30 and get through at 5:30, but by the time I bank my money it is 6:PM, so I do not get home here until 6:45 PM and plenty tired.

Its quite busy on account of Christmas coming soon. Well, ol dear, I gave my uncle a haircut and shave yesterday, such as it was after I got through. I dread doing it, he is so terribly thin and it is very hard to shave him, his face and neck are so sunken. Scottie is laying right at my feet while I am writing this to you, he is still here with me. I guess, honey, this is about all and I will write to your Sunday so hoping you are well and getting along O. K. and that you are able to get out a little oftener so until I write Sunday will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff,
4143 West End Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

I gave Nick a small snapshot of you he wanted and thats why he sent this one to you.

COPY

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Dec. 1, 1935.

Dear Helen

Received your two letters last week one Tuesday and the other one on Thursday it was nice to learn you are working and hope thay keep you on staedy. things should go along much smoother for you from now on. I am not working yet so still taking life easy. I received a letter from the Classification Committee in here last week saying that my case was up before them Nov. 20, 1935 and thay decided not to make any change in my case at the present time. so this is about the third time my case has been before them, so I think if thay were going to place me to work thay would have done so one of the times my case was before them. now the onley thing thay can do is send me to some other place, it may not be Alcatraz anyway I hope not as thay have many other place. McKeekin or Sullivan cant do me any good so dont write to them about it I know thay wont keep me locked up like this much longer thay soon will do some thing with me. I hope I dont have to go back up to St. Paul and the way it looks now I dont think I will, but if thay get the others in the case that thay are looking for them thay will take me and Harold up there then. I dont think thay will do much with Monte but will keep him some place until thay get every one thats in the case and send them to prison then thay will let him go. thats about all thay can do with him. so J. P. Lynch and Rapin are not doing so good these days its sure to bad for them as thay didnt bother any one out there and the little thay did make just about keep them living. the firemen and biusness men also are getting a pretty raw deal from them, I dont suppose thay can do anything about it, so will have to pay it. I was sorry to hear Nick is not feeling any better and hope he is soon. its nice of George and his famley to come and see Nick also the others that have come from Bensonville to see him. How is scotty getting along now is he in good standing. you cant send me any candy down here now but I under stand some time during the middle of this month you can send a two pund box of candy to me after Dec 15 and not later then Dec 31. I am still feeling fine and going along in good shape. say Hello to May and Nick for me, thats about all for now.

Elmer Farmer

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218:
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232:
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... VICTIM

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Jimmy Dickerson, bootlegger, Des Moines, Ia., believed to be contact mentioned in reference teletype. Reputation, business and relatives of Dickerson checked and cover maintained on his tavern, 11/21,22,23/35, without results. Charles Sheriff, arrested by Cedar Rapids, Ia., Police, claimed he saw ALVIN KARPIS and THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., in Omaha on 11/16/35 at a dine and dance place; also, saw KARPIS at the Plaza Hotel, Omaha. Sheriff interviewed at Cedar Rapids and subsequent checking at Omaha, Nebr., of information obtained from him, proved the information to be unreliable.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from the Chicago Office, dated Nov. 21, 1935.

DETAILS:

The following teletype was received by the Omaha Office from the Chicago Office on November 21, 1935:-

PHONE. BREKID CAPTAIN GILBERT INVESTIGATOR COOK COUNTY STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE ADVISED TODAY AN INFORMANT WHOSE NAME HE WONT REVEAL ADVISED ONE JIMMY DICKER, DES MOINES, CASHING BONDS AND BIG BILLS FOR KARPIS AND CAMPBELL. BONDS AND BILLS SUPPOSED TO BE PLANTED ON FARM, LOCATION AND OWNERSHIP NOT KNOWN. ALLEGES FUGITIVES MAY CONTACT JIMMY DICKER 22nd or 23rd INSTANT. OMAHA CHECK IDENTITY REPUTATION DICKER AND ARRANGE TO SUITABLY COVER.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: John L. Bowen SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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This Agent, upon advice by the Omaha Office, consulted City Telephone Directory, Des Moines, Iowa, and Post Office officials at Des Des to determine whether a Jimmy Dicker was a resident of that city. The name "Jimmy Dicner" was also checked with all these agencies, but no person by that name was found. A further search of the Des Moines City Directory disclosed that a "Jimmy Dickerson" was living in Des Moines and operating The Valley Drive Tavern, which is a small tavern on the outskirts of Des Moines.

Upon the possibility that Jimmy Dickerson might be the man named by reference teletype, Agent made discreet inquiry of A. H. Pederson, Chief of Detectives at Des Moines, Iowa, to determine the character and reputation of Dickerson. Pederson advised that Dickerson was a well known bootlegger of Des Moines but that Dickerson had been very hard pressed for money since the Repeal. Pederson said Dickerson had been arrested numerous times by the Des Moines Police Department on liquor violations and that he was definitely a police character. Pederson further stated that Dickerson had two brothers, Ray Dickerson, who was on relief and Al Dickerson, who operated the Cozy Corner Buffet, 1000 Locust Street, Des Moines. Pederson described Dickerson as about fifty years of age, weighing 140 pounds and standing five feet seven inches in height.

At the Identification Division of the Des Moines Police Department, Agent secured a photograph of Jimmy Dickerson, but found that his fingerprints had never been submitted to the Bureau by this agency and that there was, therefore, no complete criminal record available. It was believed, however, that Dickerson had served a one-year sentence at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The remainder of this investigation was made by Special Agent J. L. Flood and this Agent, upon the possibility that Jimmy Dickerson or his brother, Al Dickerson, was the party mentioned as possible contact for KARPIS and CAMPBELL. Surveillance was maintained upon the Valley Drive Tavern at the corner of Valley Drive and Fleur Drive, Des Moines, from noon November 21st until midnight, November 23rd. This surveillance was accomplished by driving past the Valley Drive Tavern frequently and at night parking nearby the place. It was impracticable to remain at all times within sight of the tavern during the daytime, because all traffic on the road had been shut off by the building of a bridge, which had detoured the traffic on the road to another road. During this surveillance, no suspicious actions on the part of the occupants of this tavern were observed, and there were no indications that KARPIS and CAMPBELL attempted to contact Dickerson. The Valley Drive Tavern was virtually closed as the traffic on the road passing it would only allow about two customers a day.

Investigation was conducted to determine whether Dickerson was the owner of any farm property.

Allen Munn, Treasurer of Polk County, Des Moines, Iowa, was interviewed regarding the taxes paid by Dickerson. It was found that Dickerson had paid no real property tax in 1934. County Assessor C. C. Cook was also interviewed with the idea of determining whether Dickerson paid any taxes or owned any farm property and it was found that he owned no farm property and had not been assessed on any real property.

It was found at the office of the County Treasurer, however, that Dickerson was indebted to the Central National Bank of Des Moines in the amount of $3,000.00. It was thought that this bank may have been the one with which Dickerson did his banking, and that inquiry should be made there to determine whether Dickerson had deposited any large amounts of money in the past months. A. T. Dunhoowe, Vice President of the Central National Bank, after consulting the records of the bank, advised that Dickerson had no account with this bank but that the Central National Bank had been trustee on a mortgage which Dickerson had executed on his house. It was found that H. A. Vanier, 207 Crocker Building, Des Moines, Iowa had taken over this mortgage.

R. A. Vanier, 207 Crocker Building, advised that he had held a $3,000.00 mortgage on Jimmy Dickerson's home at 709 32nd Street, Des Moines, but that this mortgage had recently been foreclosed and that Dickerson had been evicted. He said Dickerson had resisted the eviction, but that the eviction order was obtained in March, 1935.

In order to determine where Dickerson was living at the present time, further inquiry was made at the Des Moines Post Office, and the address 1411 Locust Street was secured.

The address 1411 Locust Street turned out to be the Hanwood Apartments. Mr. W. P. Hanson, Custodian of these apartments, was interviewed and he stated that Jimmy Dickerson had been living at these apartments for about two months, prior to November 13, 1935, when he moved to the Valley Drive Tavern to live. Mr. Hanson said he had never seen any suspicious characters at the Dickerson apartment during the time Dickerson resided there. He said Dickerson did not drive a car and that Dickerson had told him that his driver's license had been revoked.

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[redacted] was interviewed regarding Dickerson [redacted]

The mail carrier covering the route in which the Valley Drive Tavern was located, was found to be a Mr. F. E. Hyde. Mr. Hyde advised that Dickerson had been running the Valley Drive Tavern for about two and a half years, but that he had never received any mail there. Mr. Hyde further advised that Dickerson had been living at the Valley Drive Tavern for about a month but that he had never delivered mail to him at this address.

An examination of the neighborhood of the Valley Drive Tavern indicated that this tavern was approximately three miles from the business district of Des Moines, but was within the Des Moines City Limits. It is located at the intersection of Valley Drive and Fleur Drive, which drives are southwest of Des Moines. On this intersection, there is also located a Standard Oil Filling Station, which station is on the northeast side of the intersection. South, about one hundred yards from the Valley Drive Tavern, a small grocery store is located. This grocery store is operated by M. J. Gibbons, who is apparently a reliable individual. Mr. Gibbons was interviewed under pretext of Agent Flood's being a soup salesman and he advised that Dickerson had been in business at the Valley Drive Tavern for about two years. He stated that one Danny Farrell had formerly been a partner of Dickerson's, but had recently left the partnership. Mr. Gibbons said Dickerson had, therefore, been unable to sell beer at the tavern, because the beer permit was in Farrell's name. Mr. Gibbons stated that Farrell had been a former railroad man.

About a quarter of a mile south of the Valley Drive Tavern, the Airway Inn, another tavern, is located, and inquiry was made several times under pretext at this tavern, regarding Dickerson. No information was obtained, however, other than the fact that Dickerson was now living at the Valley Drive Tavern with a woman believed to be his wife, and that Dickerson was in bad shape financially, as his business had practically disappeared.

Another tavern, Red's Barbecue, is located about a half mile south of the Valley Drive Tavern. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Canfield were found to be proprietors of this tavern and they were questioned under pretext of being soup salesmen, regarding Dickerson but no further information was gathered.

It was also found that the Des Moines Municipal Airport is located about two miles south of the Valley Drive Tavern and surveillance was also maintained at this place upon the possibility that KARPIS and CAMPBELL might arrive in an airplane.

Special Agent Flood and this Agent both entered, upon different occasions, the Valley Drive Tavern and purchased articles in the hope of

getting change for large bills. It was found that Dickerson was living in the tavern with his wife, but that he was apparently doing very little business. Upon the occasion of attempting to change large bills with Dickerson, he stated that he could not break these bills. Dickerson said he could not change a ten-dollar bill.

Surveillance was maintained to some extent also on the Cozy Corner Buffet, 1000 Locust Street, operated by Al Dickerson, Jimmy Dickerson's brother. However, no persons resembling KARPIS or CAMPBELL were observed in this connection.

Ray Dickerson was found by a check to be on relief and the possibility seemed slight that he would be a contact for KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

A photograph of James Dickerson taken by the Des Moines Police Department in 1929 is being forwarded to the Chicago Office with copies of this report for possible use in connection with identifying him as a contact of KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

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At Omaha, Nebraska

On November 22, 1935, at 1:30 A.M., Earl Stanley, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, telephoned Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd at his home and informed that he had arrested one Charles Sheriff, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa on that date for sticking up a grocery store and that during the questioning of Sheriff, he informed Mr. Stanley that he, Sheriff, had recently seen ALVIN KARPIS at Omaha, Nebraska; that Sheriff claimed that on Saturday Night, November 16, 1935, he saw a man he believes to be KARPIS, at Mae's Dine & Dance Place, opposite the Station and that on the following Sunday Night, he saw the same man at the Plaza Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, on which night he saw this man approach the hotel desk and secure a room key. He stated that this man had blonde hair and a blonde moustache. He stated he personally knew KARPIS but that he had never been associated with him and also stated he, Sheriff, stopped at The Plaza Hotel at the time the man, he thought to be Karpis, stopped there; that he, Sheriff, registered at the Plaza Hotel under the name of Robert Monroe.

Mr. Stanley further informed that photographs, including one of KARPIS, were shown Sheriff and Sheriff immediately selected the photograph of KARPIS therefrom. Mr. Stanley requested that an agent of this office report to him at Cedar Rapids for further inquiry in the matter.

Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd immediately contacted Agent E. E. Bundy, of the Omaha Bureau Office, who was then at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and instructed Agent Bundy to proceed to police headquarters there, contact Mr. Stanley and interview Sheriff for the purpose of determining if his information could be considered reliable.

Immediately after contacting Agent Bundy, Agent in Charge Dowd, accompanied by Special Agent J. B. Culbertson of the Omaha Bureau Office, met at the Omaha Bureau Office and after suitably preparing themselves, proceeded to the vicinity of the Union Station and the Burlington Station, both adjacent to each other, but were unable to find any place known as "Mae's Dine & Dance Place". These Agents then proceeded to the Plaza Hotel and conducted a thorough and discreet inquiry, contacting Dave Bolker, the clerk. Photographs, which included a photograph of Alvin Karpis, were exhibited to Mr. Bolker but he failed to identify any of them as a photograph of any man who stopped at the hotel. He permitted Agents to examine his hotel register for the entire month of November, 1935, but the name of ALVIN KARPIS, or any of his known aliases, appeared on this register, nor did any handwriting appear thereon which, in the opinion of agents, resembled that of ALVIN KARPIS. The name Robert Monroe appeared on the register as of November 16, 1935, showing this man to have registered from the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. In this connection, it is to be noted that the Edgewater Beach Hotel is a high class hostelry, while the Plaza Hotel in Omaha might be termed a fourth rate hotel. Mr. Bolker stated that a man, who might answer the description of the man Monroe alias Sheriff claims he saw at the Plaza Hotel and who,he believed was Karpis, was taken from the hotel by Detective W. E. Connolley, of the Omaha Police Department, on or about that time, as a suspect in a stickup job. This man was light complexioned, tall and slender but not any of the photographs which Agents exhibited to him, Bolker, resembled the photograph of the man he referred to, and who he knew as J. O. Williams. In this connection, Mr. Bolker pointed out the use of the letters, "D.S.", which appear after the registration of J. O. Williams. Mr. Bolker explained these initials meant "Didnot Stay" and in this connection, Mr. Bolker informed Agents that Williams, although he had registered, had not occupied his room, because he was taken from the hotel before spending any time in it.

Agents returned to the Omaha Bureau Office, where Special Agent in Charge Dowd again telephoned Special Agent E. E. Bundy at Cedar Rapids conveying to him the fact that "Mae's Dine & Dance Place" could not be located and that it appeared no person resembling ALVIN KARPIS was in the Hotel Plaza. Agent Bundy then informed that Sheriff stated "Mae's Dine & Dance Place" occupied the second floor of premises situated opposite the Union Bus Station on 16th Street in Omaha. Special Agent

in Charge Dowd then voiced the opinion to Agent Bundy that "Mae's Dine and Dance Place" was probably a house of prostitution, to which Agent Bundy replied that it was and further informed Mr. Dowd that Sheriff stated he not only saw ALVIN KARPIS at Mae's Dine & Dance Place on the date referred to, but also saw THOMAS ROBINSON, JR., the Subject of the Stollnap Kidnaping Cases at that place.

Notwithstanding the fact that this information would indicate that Sheriff was probably unreliable, Agent Kenneth Logan of the Omaha Bureau Office made an investigation at Mae's Dine & Dance Place, 613½ South 16th Street, on November 27, 1935 and found it to be a house of prostitution but that it includes a small space where dancing could be engaged in; that the only music available was produced by a phonograph. The place is operated by Mae Hogan and she maintains from six to ten girls at this house. Photographs, including photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr., William Dainard, Clarence Stevens, Charles Fitzgerald (Old Fitz), Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William Weaver and others were exhibited to the colored maid employed at the place, who refused to furnish her name or address. She selected the photograph of KARPIS as resembling a man who had visited at this house several weeks previous and that she did not know the name under which he was known. She stated she could not waken Mae Hogan, who was at that time asleep. This necessitated Agent Logan returning to that place later. He visited the place shortly after midnight and exhibited the photographs above mentioned, to Mae Hogan, who at once selected the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS and in connection with her selection stated, "Is that the one the maid selected earlier in the day?" Upon being advised it was, she then stated the photograph resembled a man known to her as JIMMIE DARROW, an Italian and that Darrow is a regular customer of her's and has been for sometime, but that he has not been at her place for over three weeks. She stated she did not know where he could be located, or what he was doing, but she stated that she personally knew him as being a long time resident of Omaha. Mae Hogan exhibited the photograph of KARPIS to the girl inmates and a girl named Jean Harris stated the photograph of KARPIS resembled in features only, a man who had been in the place on the night of November 25, 1935, and that this man had visited the house with another man, who remained for a while but neither of them spent any money; that the man resembling the photograph of KARPIS stated he got out of jail a short time previous and that he had been an inmate of practically all the jails in the country during the last two years. Jean stated this same man used to come to the place quite regularly and about a year ago he was in the bootleg and slot machine racket in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Neither Mae Hogan, Jean Harris, or the colored

maid could select any other photographs as photographs resembling men who had visited the place. They were very emphatic in stating that no person resembling the photograph of KARPIS was in the place on the night of November 16 or 17, 1935.

Detective W. E. Connolly, of the Omaha Department of Police, informed that during the course of an investigation he was handling, he came across J. O. Williams at the Plaza Hotel on the night of November 15, 1935, and that he questioned Williams because Williams looked something like a man he, Connolly, was looking for. Connolly stated Williams was not taken away from the hotel and was not arrested. He described Williams as 38-40 years of age; 6 feet; blonde hair; blue eyes; a farmer; and that Williams wore a grey suit and overcoat and a large sized Stetson hat.

The following memorandum, reflective of the inquiry made by Special Agent E. E. Bundy, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was submitted by Agent Bundy:-

"Following receipt in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 22, 1935, of a long distance telephone call from Special Agent in Charge of the Omaha Office, advising that Karl Stanley, Chief of Detectives, Cedar Rapids Police Department had advised that he held under arrest a certain man named Sheriff, who claimed he had recently seen ALVIN KARPIS in Omaha, Nebraska, the writer immediately proceeded to the Police Station, Cedar Rapids.

"Mr. Stanley stated that Charles Sheriff had been arrested that evening in an attempted robbery and in the course of questioning by Mr. Stanley, Sheriff stated he had seen ALVIN KARPIS in Omaha, Nebraska on both November 16 and 17 and on one of these occasions, he was accompanied by 'Tony' Robinson, Subject in the case of "Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1233 - Kidnaping - Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Victim".

"Charles Sheriff stated that he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aden Sheriff, 423 2nd Street, S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; that he was employed by the Oregon Journal, a daily newspaper, Portland, Oregon, in its circulation department, the most of the time that he lived in Portland, Oregon, which was from late in 1930 to sometime in 1934, with the exception of four or five months in 1933, when he was visiting his parents, who then lived in Norfolk, Nebraska; that when living in Portland, Oregon, his last addresses were the Chandler Apartment, 11th and Columbia Streets, and the Cordova Annex, 12th and Jefferson Streets; that in Portland, he was acquainted with a certain

Joseph Ryan, who, in the Spring of 1935, was working for Robert (Bob) Evans, boss of rackets in Portland, in the latter's effort to secure removal petitions against Mayor Baker; that early in May, 1935, he accompanied this Joseph Ryan to a gambling joint, located on Washington Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets on the second floor of a building on the north side of the street, about two doors east of Rich's cigar stand; that at this joint, there was a man gambling, who Ryan stated was ALVIN KARPIS; that thereafter, he, Sheriff, read through newspapers for descriptions and photographs of Karpis and was convinced that the man pointed out to him was actually KARPIS but he never discussed this matter with anyone because he did not want to take a chance on getting himself in bad with persons in Portland, who could assist him, because he wished to live there; that at the time he observed the man indicated as KARPIS, this man wore no mustache and his hair was brown, rather than a light brown or blonde.

"Sheriff then continued that on November 16, 1935, he went by himself to 'Mae's Dine & Dance " joint, which is on the second floor of a building on the east side of 16th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, just across the street from the Union Bus Depot, entrance to the same being by a flight of stairs from the street, this place being known to hackmen and shop keepers in its neighborhood; that there he saw the same man who was pointed out to him in Portland, Oregon as ALVIN KARPIS, although this man now had a light colored mustache and also blonde hair, apparently bleached, this being between 10:30 and 11:15 P.M. on the date mentioned; that with this man was another, who he believed to be Thomas (Tony) Robinson, Subject in the Stollnap Case, his recognition being based on published photographs of Robinson, which he had observed.

"On the following day, Sunday, November 17, 1935, Sheriff stated that about 4:30 P.M., he was turning in his key at the desk of the Plaza Hotel, where he had registered early that same date, when he observed the same man seen at Mae's place the evening before, this time alone, come to the desk and ask for his key, although Sheriff did not hear the number of the room asked for; that he did not see this man or the one believed to be Robinson anymore, and did not talk with anyone about his observations, until after his instant arrest, when he talked with Chief of Detectives Stanley.

"At the Plaza Hotel, Sheriff advised that he, himself, registered under the name of Robert Monroe, but that his only purpose in using an alias was to avoid a possible identification of himself with his family at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as his family are respectable and he does not want to have himself known as connected with them.

"Descriptions as given by Sheriff are as follows:-

	"Karpis"	"Robinson"
Name:		
Age:	29 years	27 years
Height:	5 ft. 9 in.	5' 9"
Weight:	137 pounds	140 pounds
Build:	Slender	Slender
Eyes:	-	-
Hair:	Blonde	Dark brown
Complexion:	Medium Fair	Fair, touch of red
Scars & Marks:	-	-
Peculiarities:	-	Effeminate; carried long black cigarette holder; talked in manner of "sissy"
Hands:	-	Fine tapered fingers, with nails tapered and well manicured.
Mustache:	Blonde, shaved up at corners but not curled.	None
Dress:	Dark suit, possibly Oxford Grey	Well and neatly dressed; brown suit with bright red threads. "

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
December 7, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir: BREKID

In response to a request contained in your letter of December 4, 1935, I am enclosing copy of photo of Harry Sawyer taken in the Ramsey County Jail, St.Paul, August 21, 1935, and copy of photo of the same individual which was taken at the New Orleans Federal Jail May 4, 1935.

Very truly yours,

E. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. E.J.Connelley, Chicago
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

10:45 A.M.

December 6, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Cash McDonald.

Mr. Walter Barlow called and stated, upon being told you were busy on another wire, that he had gone to Miami and fought the motion of McDonald to secure the return of his $10,000, and that he, Barlow, had been successful, McDonald's motion having been denied. I thanked him and advised that you would be given his message.

Respectfully,

T. A. McCarthy.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boughman
Chief Clerk
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December 7, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 4, 1935, requesting that the Bureau be advised of the results of Bruno Austin's motion for a new trial.

Please be advised that Mr. A. Niemy of the States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois advised Special Agent John L. Madala that the said motion for new trial had been denied Bruno Austin on October 25, 1935, and that he is now serving a life sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, having been transferred to that institution from the Cook County Jail on November 5, 1935.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Director
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: J. H. FARLEY, SPECIAL AGENT
M. J. CONROY, SPECIAL AGENT

This is to advise that the above-named agents left Albany, New York at 11:37 A.M. on December 4th, 1935 to conduct an investigation in connection with the "Brekid" case at Poughkeepsie, New York. These agents returned to Albany, New York at 4:32 P.M. on the same day.

Very truly yours

G. V. Doherty

G. V. Doherty
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Special Agent Paul Hansen, in connection with his activities in this case, found, at the Sheriff's Office, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, a negative, made there of subject Harry Campbell in 1932, and from it had some photographs made of this individual, which are said to be a good likeness of him. Agent Hansen asked for the negative but the Sheriff's Office is reluctant to part with it, even for a short time.

It has occurred to me that perhaps the Bureau may be able to reproduce some larger and better pictures of Campbell from the photograph which is enclosed.

The offices indicated are being furnished copies of this photograph.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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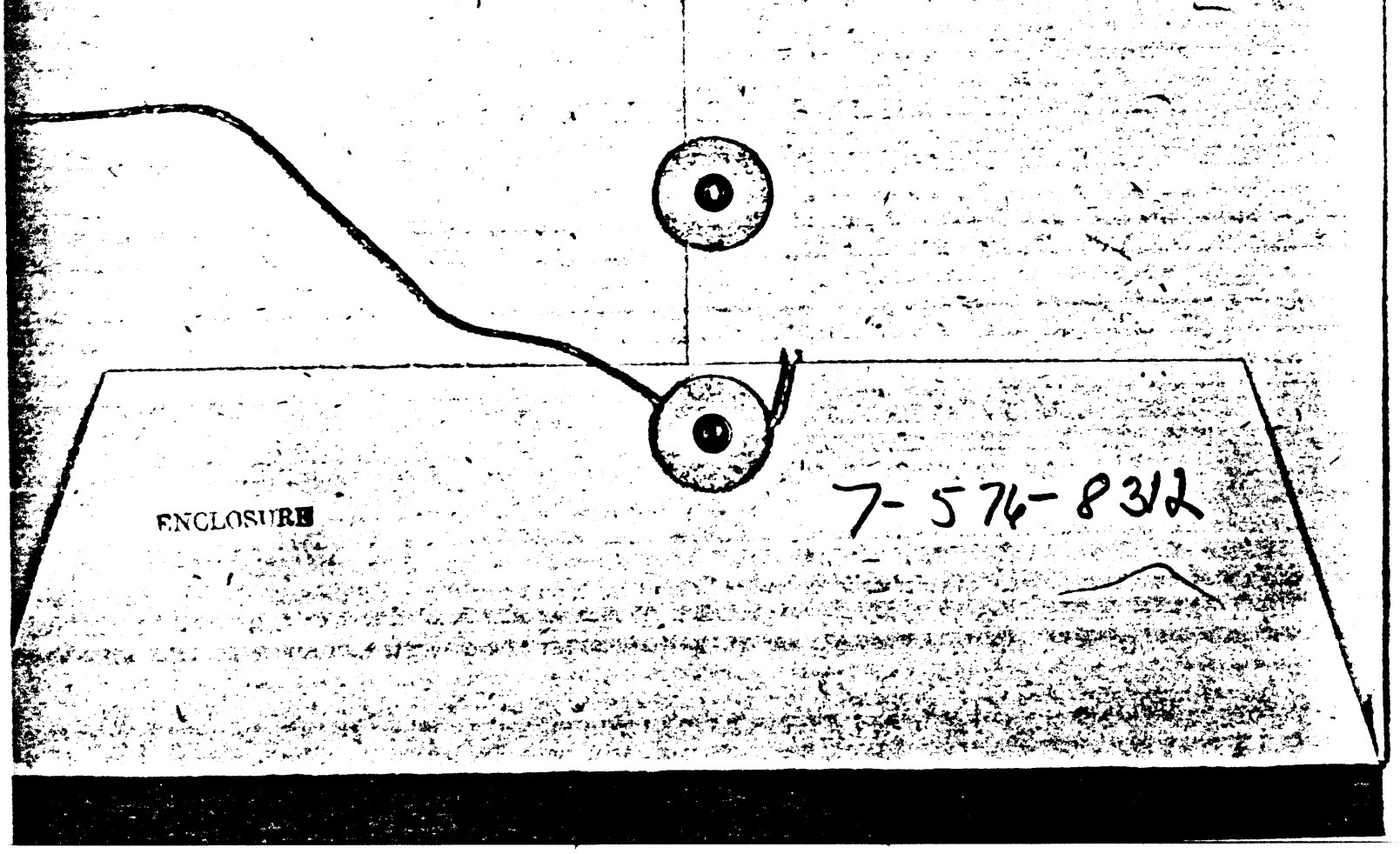
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
POSITIVE, I. Q. FILES, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith, and to each office receiving a copy of this letter, two recent photographs of Harry Sawyer, one of Sawyer and the other of Sawyer and his wife, Gladys Sawyer.

It is anticipated that these photographs may be of some assistance in conducting further investigation in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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