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December 9, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telephonic request made upon your office on December 6, 1935 by Mr. E. R. McIntire of the Bureau, at which time you were requested to obtain and furnish the Bureau with a copy of the March, 1935 issue of the Master Detective Magazine and a copy of the September, 1935 issue of the Startling Detective Magazine.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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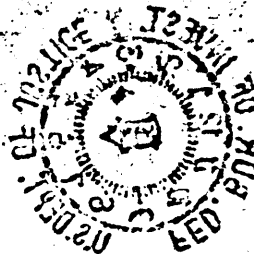
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December 7, 1935

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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: SPECIAL AGENT (A) G. A. PAULSON

Reference is made to my letter of November 15, 1935 regarding the time when Agent Paulson will be available for accounting service.

Please be advised that on December 7, 1935 the Bureau by letter dated December 4, 1935 authorized the discontinuance of the telephone tap and surveillance on Belle Born at Mankato in connection with the Brekid case.

Hence, Agent Paulson can now respond to any orders from you without interfering with any arrangements in this office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen  
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H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mankato office



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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 9, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I have been advised by Special Agent R. D. Brown that our informant Helen Ferguson, who is presently residing in Toledo, Ohio, has expressed some concern over her personal safety if she remains in Toledo and she is of the opinion that her residence at Toledo was occasioned by suggestion of Bureau Agents, which, of course as is known to you, Helen Ferguson proceeded to Toledo, Ohio to act as an informant at the instance of Bureau Agents. Helen Ferguson advised that she is without funds to leave Toledo, Ohio and has suggested that she be given the sum of \$200.00 or that her Buick automobile, now in the possession of the Bureau, be returned to her.

I am of the opinion that it would be desirable for the Bureau to take steps to assist Mrs. Ferguson in leaving Toledo as it is definitely known that the contacts of the Barker-Karpis gang have the information that Mrs. Ferguson is acting as an informant for the Bureau.

Concerning the car referred to by Mrs. Ferguson, this is the 1933 Buick coupe, motor number 2845179, which was last in the possession of Thomas Leonard Carroll. It was acquired by the Bureau on April 22, 1934 at the Little Bohemia Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin. A court order was entered at Chicago, Illinois on August 7, 1934 and the above described automobile was turned over to the Chicago office of this Bureau for official use.

When Helen Ferguson was first interviewed at the Chicago Bureau office she furnished the information that she purchased the Buick car from the Bergle Chevrolet Company, Cicero, Illinois, on or about June 10, 1933; that the car was taken by her to the place operated by Louis Cernocky in Fox River Grove, Illinois when she, Mrs. Ferguson, learned that this Bureau had made inquiries concerning the car. She claims that the car was turned over to Thomas

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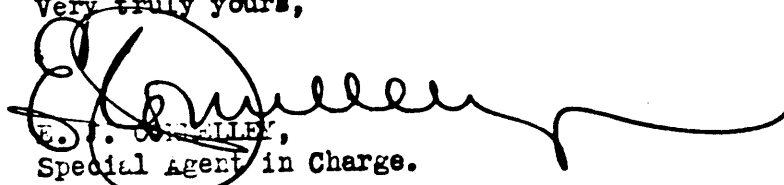
Leonard Carroll by Louis Cernocky without permission or knowledge on her part.

Past investigation has revealed that 1933 Buick coupe, motor number 2845179 was registered in the name of Helen Ferguson and she has been the only registered owner of this car.

In view of the above the Bureau's advice is requested as to the desirability of returning this Buick car to Helen Ferguson and this procedure is recommended by me. Inasmuch as this car was turned over to the Bureau by court order it appears that it will be necessary for a court order to be entered before the car can be returned to Mrs. Ferguson, and because of the fact that Helen Ferguson has co-operated with the Bureau it is believed that it would be desirable to request the United States Attorney at Chicago to file the necessary petition on behalf of Mrs. Ferguson.

It is believed that this matter should be expedited in order that Helen Ferguson might leave Toledo, Ohio at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 9, 1935,  
which indicates that Helen Ferguson is in fear of bodily harm if  
she remains longer in Toledo, Ohio, and that she requests that the  
Bureau furnish her with either \$200.00 or her Buick automobile  
which was confiscated by the Bureau and the ownership of which was  
placed in the Bureau as the result of a Court order issued in  
Chicago, Illinois.

The Bureau feels that immediate steps should be taken to  
insure the return of the Buick automobile to Helen Ferguson at an  
early date. To this end you should arrange with the United States  
Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, to file the necessary petition on  
behalf of Helen Ferguson so that her automobile may be returned to  
her.

When the Buick automobile is delivered to Helen Ferguson,  
a receipt should be obtained from her to the effect that she has  
received the automobile.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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December 9, 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 letter written by Special Agent in Charge R. Whitley, New York City, under date of November 27, 1935 to you, in which information was transmitted covering an interview with one R. V. Waters, President of the Electrical Equipment Company, Havana, Cuba, to the effect that certain individuals in Havana were thought to be identical with subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

This is to advise that Special Agent S. K. McKee is leaving Chicago, Illinois on the night of December 10, 1935 for Havana, Cuba, where he will conduct investigation relative to the data furnished by Mr. Waters. While in Havana Agent McKee will also endeavor to ascertain the purpose of the recent visit in Havana of Mrs. Cassius McDonald. He will also contact the various witnesses in Havana whom it is anticipated will be used in the approaching trial in this case in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6, 1936.

Agent McKee will in all probability proceed to Havana from Miami, Florida via Pan-American Airways, on the morning of December 13, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
E. J. SONNELLLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Advised by Special Agent McKee*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 5, 1935.

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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 11:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Pursuant to your authorization, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Ladd at the Chicago Office with reference to the telephone tap on the parents of Alvin Karpis, and told him the Bureau desires him to institute at once an inquiry to determine if a thoroughly reliable person with a speaking knowledge of Lithuanian can be obtained to operate this tap. I pointed out to Mr. Ladd that this is a situation which is very, very delicate, and one which will have to be covered by a person of unquestionable honesty and integrity, not only for the duration of the telephone tap, but after the assignment is over, pointing out to him that we absolutely cannot afford to have publicity emanate from such a situation either during or after the duration of the tap. I further pointed out to him that the tap should be installed in such a manner that there should be two headphones in use, in order that an Agent could check on the interpreter. With reference to compensation for such a person, I told Mr. Ladd that we would, of course, pay any reasonable compensation.

Mr. Ladd said that he has been thinking about this, and had intended to talk to Mr. Connelley relative to the situation before calling the Bureau, whereupon I informed him that I had discussed this matter with Mr. Connelley on a previous occasion, and he was in favor of the plan outlined above.

Mr. Ladd said that he would start this rolling at once, and would keep the Bureau advised in the premises as the situation takes form.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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PHONE. BREKID THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SURVEILLANCES AT CLEVELAND AND CHICAGO. AGENT E J WYNN PROCEEDED CLEVELAND UPON RELEASE AS WITNESS AT INDIANAPOLIS LAST NIGHT IN ORDER TO RELIEVE AGENT R D BROWN WHO IS PROCEEDING CHICAGO TODAY.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-59**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-9-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-5-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. DILILLO</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVE DESTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Railway mail service clerks STEVEN WARREN and ORLIN WORKMAN cannot identify photographs of RUSSELL VINTOUR SYRACUSE, JOHN MIRABELLA, and ERNIE LASALLE as persons involved in mail train robbery, at Garrettsville, Ohio. 11-7-35. Workman alleged that Mirabella has the general appearance of the man who kept him covered with machine gun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, November 27, 1935.			
DETAILS: <b>AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.</b> <p>Subsequent to arrangements made, Railway Mail Service Clerks, STEVEN WARREN, 212 Devilliers Street, Pittsburgh, telephone number Grant 2550, and ORLIN WORKMAN of 331 Bailey Avenue, Pittsburgh, telephone number Everglade 0263, appeared at the Pittsburgh Bureau Office on December 3, 1935 when there were exhibited to them the photographs of Ted Bentz, Ed Bentz, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, the Barker Brothers, Ernie LaSalle, Russell Vintour Syracuse, John Mirabella, and other photographs having no bearing on this case, with suggestion that they pick out, if possible, the photograph of the persons whom they observed during the perpetration of the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.</p>			
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STEVEN WARREN, colored, having made a diligent view of the photographs exhibited, stated that he could not identify any of them. He alleged, however, that VOLNEY DAVIS though not being the man who participated in the said robbery, answered favorably to the general appearance of one of the robbers, who was in the vicinity of the automobile in which the robbers made their get-away.

ORLIN WORKMAN could not identify the photographs exhibited to him but picked the photograph of JOHN MIRABELLA stating that Mirabella's features are almost identical with the features of the man who held him at bay with a machine gun while three pouches of registered mail from the Federal Reserve Bank were taken away from the mail car. Workman stated that though Mirabella looks like the man he, Workman, could not make a positive identification by means of the photographs.

As suggested in the report of reference the photographs of Mirabella, LaSalle and Syracuse are being returned to the Cleveland Office.

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December 6, 1935

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. C. C. Berry,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
769 Starke Building,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

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

Dear Sir:

For your personal and confidential information, the Bureau has learned from various sources during the past year and one-half that Tom Brown, now an officer of the St. Paul Police Department and formerly Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, was actively interested in the Bremer case; that he acted as an informant, keeping the gang advised as to the movements of officers of the St. Paul Police Department, and as to the movements and intentions of members of the Bremer family in its efforts to pay the ransom and obtain the return of the victim.

Various informants have advised the Bureau that Brown was to receive from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for his participation in this matter. The Bureau has learned that he actually received no compensation, because members of the gang were exposed to him by virtue of his participation in the slaying of Boomer Van Meter in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the summer of 1934.

The Bureau has also learned that Billy Crabbey, formerly Inspector of Detectives, and of the St. Paul Police Department, now retired, participated in graft, and was an informant for members of this gang and other underworld characters in St. Paul.

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The Bureau is, of course, advised as you know of the participation of Harry Sawyer in this matter. Numerous items of information have been received indicating that Harry Sawyer had direct contact with members of the St. Paul Police Department by virtue of which he was able to advise members of the Barker - Karpis gang of anticipated police raids and was able to effect the return of any property which had been confiscated by members of the St. Paul Police Department.

The Bureau has a direct statement from Gladys Sawyer to the effect that she on one occasion tipped off members of this gang to an anticipated police raid. I also observe that Mrs. Gus Winkler has previously furnished information of value.

Specific reference is made to the letter of the Indianapolis Office to the Bureau in the Billinger case dated January 30, 1935, to which was attached a memorandum submitted by Special Agent F. E. Hurley covering an interview with Mrs. Gus Winkler. The following language was used therein: "By talking to Mrs. Coets, Mrs. Winkler claims that she can find out who is the actual ring leader of the St. Paul - Minneapolis underworld; that so far as she knows the police or the Government do not know him. She described the man as being 67 inches tall, 40 years of age, 195 pounds, a pleasant laughing chap most of the time. He runs a very select restaurant in St. Paul. She claims that he had all of the bonds known as the Eddie Libenburger bonds at the time Gus was alive; that this man came to the Winkler home in St. Paul and later in Chicago with them."

The above described individual is probably identical with Harry Sawyer. A copy of the most recent photograph of Harry Sawyer is being transmitted to you herewith with the request that it be presented to Mrs. Gus Winkler to determine whether this person is identical with the party she had in mind. There is also submitted a copy of the photograph of Sawyer which was taken several years ago, which may be of some assistance in this matter. It is desired that Mrs. Winkler be thoroughly interviewed with regard to this matter.

Further information has come to the Bureau to the effect that one Ray Steger was a contact for the gang in St. Paul, Minnesota, during 1933. At that time the said gang was living at 1283 and 1293 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Steger then being employed as a personnel

Mr. O. C. Darcy

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Investigator for the Minnesota Highway Department, attached to the Office of the Attorney General. Sawyer is also a former bartender for the late Danny Hogan who was a beer baron in St. Paul and who was succeeded by Harry Sawyer after his, Hogan's, gangland murder.

I have a very personal interest in this matter and desire to develop all possible information that Mrs. Winkeler may have with regard to the St. Paul situation as outlined above. The information noted above is for your assistance and should be treated as strictly confidential. It is not desired that it be imparted to Mrs. Winkeler. The information is furnished to you merely to enable you to interview Mrs. Winkeler more intelligently. Please arrange to have this interview conducted immediately and a complete report submitted within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #879446  
cc Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul

*att. call to dictator  
Re: 2 letters addressed to  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago & Cin.*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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December 9, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in a teletype message from the Bureau office in Trenton, New Jersey, to this office dated December 9, 1935, we are forwarding herewith two copies of the March 1935 issue of the *Master Detective Magazine* and two copies of the September 1935 issue of *Startling Detective Adventures*.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

*Case. G. O'Brien*

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir;

Reference is made to your letter dated November 1, 1935 transmitting to this office extracted teeth taken from an unidentified corpse which had been washed on the shores of Crystal Beach, Ontario from Lake Erie.

Please be advised that investigation at Spring Valley and Maywood, Illinois has revealed that these teeth are not those of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, the details of which investigation will be subsequently reported.

The extracted teeth are being returned to you by registered mail under separate cover in order that the same may be returned to Constable Frank Feaveley, Edgeway, Ontario Canada, from whom your office received the same.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-25

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/9/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/18, 21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>L. G. HUNSEY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>GHJ</b></span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>No record of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston at the Michigan State College, Lansing, Michigan, or at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* P *</p> <p>Report of SAC Werner Hanni dated November 9, 1935 at Aberdeen, South Dakota.</p> <p><b>AT EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN.</b></p> <p>Miss Ferle of the Record Room of the Michigan State College advised that there is no medical school connected with that institution, but that for the last ten years they had given a pre-medical course. She searched the records of all the schools connected with the Michigan State College for the name of Robert Carville Ormiston but was unable to find that he had ever attended that institution.</p> <p><b>AT ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.</b></p> <p>Miss Cummings, Record Office, University of Michigan Medical School, searched the records in that office but failed to find that Robert Carville Ormiston had ever attended there. She telephonically contacted the University Alumni Catalogue Office and they also failed to find any record that he ever attended any department of that University. Miss Cummings further advised that she had a recollection that quite some time ago they had received some inquiries regarding this man but was unable to state where they had come from. She was unable to locate these letters because of the fact that they are filed according to the person sending them and to locate them would necessitate going through the entire correspondence file in that office.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 11 1935</b>
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Post Office Box 612  
Chicago Illinois

December 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of November 16, 1935 wherein reference is made to the suggestion on the part of Mrs. Walter Marsh, former wife of Gus Winkler, that she would communicate by letter with Lillian Holden in an effort to obtain information concerning members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Will you please advise me whether any steps have been taken by Mrs. Marsh to communicate with Lillian Holden.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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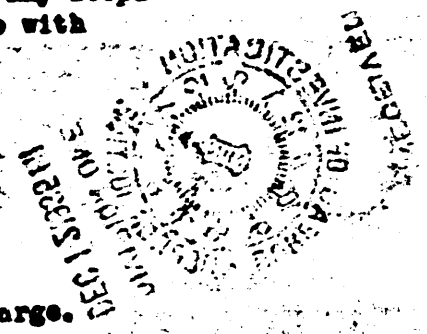
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT <b>Denver, Colorado</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-9-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-7-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. R. GERE</b> <span style="float: right;">EM</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Names and addresses of wife and father of Subject William E. Mead obtained, together with those of other correspondents while he was confined in the Colo. State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo., from 6-3-23 to 9-14-25.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Bureau to Jacksonville Office, 11-1-35; Bureau telegram 12-4-35; Bureau teletype message 12-6-35; and Denver Office letter to Bureau 12-6-35.

**DETAILS:**

From Miss Catherine Roche, Secretary to the Warden of the State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, it was ascertained that Subject William E. Mead (true name), under the name of John H. Foster, #12127, was received at the penitentiary on June 3, 1923, upon conviction on the charge of conspiracy to steal, one count, and confidence game, two counts, sentences to run concurrently, under sentence of from three to ten years, from Denver County; that his nearest relatives were his father, Thomas Mead, Los Angeles, California, and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Mead, Hotel Van, Denver, Colorado; place of birth, Iowa; occupation, bricklayer; age, 48 (1923); paroled September 14, 1925, and discharged from parole on June 4, 1929; that upon his release on parole on September 14, 1925, he was taken into custody by the United States Marshal, Denver, Colorado, being wanted by the Post Office authorities for using the mails to defraud; that while on parole, he reported under his parole from the following addresses:

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October 5, 1925. 111 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois  
October 8, 1925. 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
November 13, 1925. General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida.  
December 1, 1925, to March 15, 1926. Hotel Mason, Jacksonville,  
Florida.  
March 30, 1926, to March 4, 1929. 6139 South Park Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

With the permission of William Thomas, clerk in charge of the correspondence records of prisoners at the State Penitentiary, Agent ascertained that Subject William E. Mead with aliases corresponded with the following persons while in the State Penitentiary from June 3, 1923, to September 14, 1925:

Wife, Mrs. Kate (W. E.) Mead, Little Earhardt Hotel, 1940 Broadway, Denver, Colorado; Hotel Albany, 369 North 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon; 228 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, California; Hotel Van, 1544 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado; 111 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois; in care of Judge Berriman, Chicago, Illinois; (continuous and numerous communications)

Father, A. F. Mead or A. T. Mead or A. S. Mead or A. L. Mead or A. G. Mead (correspondence records illegible), 123 North San Pedro (or Perals, illegible) Street, Los Angeles, California; 228 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, California; (several communications).

Mr. Louis W. Nathan, 600 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Henry C. Smith, Suite 705, Ridge Arcade, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Algie Young, 1503 East Evans Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Mrs. Katie Nyburger, 171 South Hosier Street, Los Angeles, California. (continuous and numerous communications).

G. B. Jenkinson, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

G. Hines, Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Missouri.

Sears, Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois. (over 200 incoming communications, and 34 outgoing letters)

William F. Green, gatekeeper and former Deputy Warden, stated that Subject William E. Mead's alleged wife, Kate Mead, was known as "Klondike Kate" and "California Kate" and that the Denver Police Department made an inquiry concerning her at one time soon after she

and other women had visited Subject William E. Mead and other confidence men confined in the State Penitentiary; that a few months ago he noticed in the paper that the officers were looking for Kate Mead in California; that the following is an approximate description of Kate Mead at the time she visited the State Penitentiary:

Name	KATE MEAD alias "KLONDIKE KATE" alias "CALIFORNIA KATE"
Age	48
Height	5-6 or 7
Weight	155 to 160
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, almost white
Complexion	Blonde
Peculiarities	Good dresser and neat in appearance

The following personal description, with fingerprint classification and criminal record of Subject William E. Mead with aliases John Henry Foster, J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J. W. Parker, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", and E. E. Laird, was obtained from E. J. Hollister, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado:

No. 12127

June 7, 1925

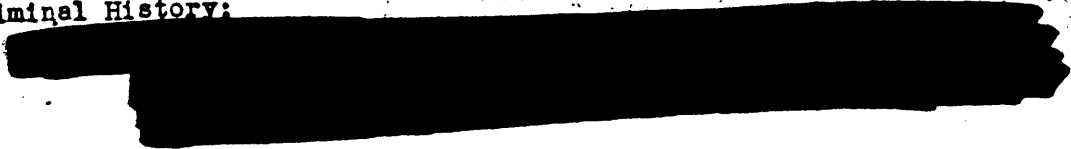
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JOHN H. FOSTER

Aliases: William E. Mead (True Name), J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J. W. Parker, John Henry Foster, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", E. E. Laird.

Received June 3, 1923, from Denver County; sentence, 3 to 10 years; Crime, conspiracy to steal - 1 count, confidence game - 2 counts; to run concurrently. Born Iowa; occupation, bricklayer; age, 48; weight, 140 pounds; height 5 feet 10 inches; medium complexion; brown hair; blue-grey eyes; slender build;  
Date of sentence, June 2, 1923  
Min. term expires December 3, 1925.  
Paroled September 14, 1925. Discharged from parole June 4, 1929

Criminal History:



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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois, will make inquiries at 111 East Ontario Street and 6139 South Park Avenue as to whether Subject William E. Mead is known at those addresses; will interview Judge Beriman as to the present whereabouts of Mrs. Kate Mead; will interview Louis W. Nathan, 600 South Wabash Avenue, as to the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead, and will ascertain from Sears, Roebuck & Company whether Subject, under any of his known names, is at present in communication with them.

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: At Jacksonville, Florida, will ascertain whether the Hotel Mason has a record of the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead.

THE PORTLAND OFFICE: At Portland, Oregon, will ascertain whether Mrs. Kate Mead's present whereabouts is known at the Hotel Albany, 369 North 23rd Street.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE: At Los Angeles, California, will ascertain whether the alleged wife of Subject William E. Mead, that is Kate Mead alias "Klondike Kate" alias "California Kate", and Subject William E. Mead's father, Thomas Mead alias A. T., A. S., A. L., A. P., or A. G. Mead's present whereabouts is known at 228 East 2nd Street or 123 North San Pedro (or Perals) Street, and will ascertain from

Mrs. Katie Nyburger, 171 South Hosier Street, the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE: At Kansas City, Missouri, will ascertain from Henry C. Smith, Suite 705, Ridge Arcade, the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead; at Joplin, Missouri, will ascertain from G. Hines, Great Northern Hotel, similar information.

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Pueblo, Colorado, will ascertain from Mr. Algie Young, 1503 East Evans Avenue, the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead.

At Thermopolis, Wyoming, will interview G. B. Jenkinson for similar information.

At Casper, Wyoming, as indicated in the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey dated November 15, 1935, 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, will interview him concerning Subject Campbell.

At Pueblo, Colorado, as set out in the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 25, 1935, 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 West 7th Street.

At Denver, Colorado, will ascertain at the Little Earhardt Hotel, 1940 Broadway, the Hotel Van, 1544 Welton Street, whether the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead or his alleged wife, Kate Mead, is known, and at the Police Department will ascertain whether Kate Mead alias "Klondike Kate" alias "California Kate" was ever photographed or fingerprinted; at the United States Marshal's office will determine what disposition was made of Mead. If he made bond, will interview bondsman and obtain all other data which may aid in locating him.

PENDING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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December 9, 1935

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Aberdeen file 7-8

Dear Sir:

There is being submitted in connection with the above entitled matter, two invoices of "Ted's Food Market" which have been signed "FERA R. C. Ormiston" which it is being noted are carbon copies and an envelope of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration of North Dakota which contains handwriting on both sides of it which is believed to be the writing of Doctor R. C. Ormiston.

Dr. Ormiston has been identified by several people as Dr. Joseph P. Moran and it is requested that this handwriting be compared with the known handwriting of Dr. Moran. It is also requested that a search be made for latent prints and they also be compared with the prints of Dr. Moran. This is the second specimen of handwriting of Dr. R. C. Ormiston furnished to the Technical Division.

Very truly yours, **RECORDED & INDEXED**

Werner Hanni  
WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Cincinnati  
cc: Technical Laboratory  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number:

Specimens:  
7-576-8327

- A. One invoice dated 8-12-35 at Langdon, N. D.
- B. One invoice dated 8-17-35 of Ted's Food Market
- C. One envelope addressed to R. D. Hoskins, State Fur. Agt.
- F. E. R. A. for North Dakota, Bismarck, N. D. No Postmark

Examination requested by: Aberdeen, N. D.

Date received: 12-12-35

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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Examination by: Blackburn (3)

cc: St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Mr. E. J. Connelley

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Examination requested by: Aberdeen, South Dak.

Date received: 12-12-35 jwp 2:50 PM.

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering (2)

CC: St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Mr. L. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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Result of examination:

Examination by: *Mayer* Appel (1) ✓

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Cincinnati  
Chicago  
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.

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December 9, 1935.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Chief Clerk	
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Mr. Edwards	
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Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Connelley has recently been at the Oklahoma City office and directed a letter to the Bureau reviewing what he considers all the work to be done in the Oklahoma City district. In this letter he names the informants with whom periodic contacts should be kept and suggests that the entire time of one Agent be assigned to this case.

Information has recently been disclosed in Cleveland, Ohio, through representatives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency that one [redacted] receiving his mail at general delivery, was in contact with Alvin Karpis during the summer of 1934. Efforts are now being made to ascertain the whereabouts [redacted] so that he might be interviewed.

The Chicago office has informed that it has now obtained the services of one Anthony Vaitkus, who understands the Lithuanian language. This individual is considered trustworthy and honest and will be employed to listen in on the telephone tap which has been placed on the telephone of John Karpavicz, the father of Alvin Karpis. A surveillance is still being maintained on [redacted]

This surveillance has been considered desirable because it is felt that Edith Barry might at any moment drop in on [redacted] and take him to some unknown point [redacted]

Numerous Agents have now been assigned to Cleveland, Ohio, to observe the registered mail window to determine whether Harry Campbell will forward any more letters to Mrs. Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma.

The surveillance of Belle Born, the paramour of Charles J. Fitzgerald at Mankato, Minnesota, has been discontinued in view of the fact that Belle Born is aware that her telephone is tapped, and that she is being watched by Agents. The St. Paul office has been authorized to interview her openly for such information as is obtainable. It is

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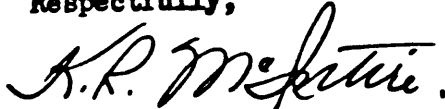
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recalled that she made a statement to her friends that Fitzgerald is dead. Every effort will be made to verify or discredit this statement. Fitzgerald, as you will recall, is a contact for Karpis and Campbell.

[REDACTED] b7c  
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[REDACTED] recently proceeded to Chicago where she visited with Emily Newbold, the sister of Karpis, and with Karpis' parents. She was unable to obtain any information of value and observed that when members of the family mentioned Karpis they spoke in the Lithuanian language. [REDACTED] does not understand that language. She noted also that on numerous occasions they mentioned St. Paul, Minnesota, and Winnipeg. She is of the opinion that the parents have at one time or another been in contact with Karpis since they indicated to her that after Karpis' escape at Atlantic City, New Jersey on January 20, 1935, it was necessary for them to get some money to him. They indicated however that they have not been in touch with him for five or six months.

The Oklahoma City office has now arranged for the renting of a house next door to the home of the parents of Harry Campbell and several Agents are now settled in that home, maintaining the proper surveillance. It is intended that this surveillance will continue through the Christmas and New Year holidays in the belief that Campbell, who is very fond of his parents, may communicate with them in some way.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire



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December 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

It is desired that when an Agent of your office is next in the vicinity of Neosho, Missouri George E. Barker, the father of Fred and "Doc" Barker, be thoroughly interviewed with regard to the family history of all of the Barker brothers. It is desired that a complete family history of Kate Barker and her four sons be obtained, specific reference being had to the dates and places of birth, education, employment and troubles in which the sons were involved before Fred and "Doc" Barker became involved in the Bremer case.

It is noted that the Bureau has very little information with regard to Edward Bremer, who committed suicide at Wichita, Kansas on August 29, 1927, and Lloyd Barker, who is presently serving sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Los Angeles office is likewise requested to interview Mrs. Vosburg, who is the half-sister of Kate Barker, obtaining similar information from her. It is desired that the Los Angeles office obtain complete details as to the visit of Kate Barker and her sons to the home of Mrs. Vosburg during 1933 and such other visits as they may have made which are not known to the Bureau. It is further suggested that, in view of the death of Kate Barker, Mrs. Vosburg may be willing to furnish details which will be of assistance in causing the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis. It is noted that Mrs. Vosburg is living at 2357 Magnolia Street, Long Beach, California.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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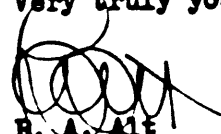
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a negative and one developed photograph of the signature of William Elmer Mead, for such use as it may be to the Bureau in connection with its consideration of issuing an identification order on this subject.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Original photo...*

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Enclosure. <sup>W</sup> <sup>5</sup>

Jax # 7-24.

Cc: Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
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ENCLOSURE

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

Prepared for the purpose of  
*W. E. Brady*  
*add*

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, Okla. City, dated 11-25-35, particularly to page six thereof, wherein there is set out information that a letter addressed to Mrs. George Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Okla., apparently in the handwriting of subject Campbell, bore the postmark of West Middlesex, Pa., November 18, 1935, 5 p.m.

As indicated in the reference report, investigation has established that a person thought to be Harry Campbell has been communicating by registered mail with Maggie Lett, Route No. 2, Wann, Okla., over a period of some months, and the investigation being conducted at the present time in the Cleveland territory is based on the premise that the registered letters were, in fact, sent by subject Campbell. Some of these letters bore return address of Mary Forth, General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, and others G. B. Benton and George Benton, General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio. No registered letter has been sent for the month of November.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish the Cleveland office with the results of the investigation conducted by you at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, and that if you have not done so, you consider the advisability of making inquiry through postal records at West Middlesex, Pa., to determine whether or not any person by the name of Mary Forth, G. B. Benton or George Benton is receiving or sending mail through that office, including in your investigation a check of registered letter records.

Please furnish just as soon as possible the details of the investigation conducted by your office at West Middlesex, pursuant to the teletype requesting same received by you from the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau, St. Paul,  
Chicago, Cincinnati

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*Ed. George Bremer*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY:

December 5, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BRKID.

Enclosed are copies of a letter dated December 2, 1935, from George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minn., with which were transmitted the following 17 subpoenas, requesting that they be served on the persons to whom directed requiring their presence in Federal Court at St. Paul, Minn., on January 9th, 1936, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M.:

1. J. H. Hanson, Special Agent, FBI, U. S. Dept. of Jus. Jax. Fla.
2. R. D. Brown, " " " " " " " " " " " "
3. James Grant, c/o Mary Elizabeth Hotel, 7th St. & Second Ave., N. W. Miami, Florida.
4. Henry Debro, 642 Northwest Second Avenue, Miami, Florida.
5. William Milton Johnson, 350 Northwest Sixth St., Miami, Fla.
6. L. E. Gray, c/o J. H. Gray, Statesville, N.C. or c/o Knott Hotels, New York City, N.Y.
7. Terese Carmichael, Kendall, Florida, or Farmers' Curb Market, Miami, Florida.
8. Roy Stager, c/o McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida.
9. Thiel Efferson, c/o McAllister Hotel, Miami, Fla.
10. Ethel Moore, c/o El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Fla.
11. F. E. Covell, El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Fla.
12. Joseph H. Adams, c/o El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Fla.

Subpoenas duces tecum

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13. R. E. Johnson, Manager, Western Union Telegraph Co., 21 W. Flagler St., Miami, Florida.
14. Jos. H. Wallis, District Director, Immigration & Naturalization Service, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Room 444, U.S. Post Office & Court House Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.

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TAMM LINE

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*Answered 12/10/35*

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*cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago, W. B. ...*

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TO DIRECTOR,  
12-5-35. File 7-24

15. Arthur Sandercock, c/o El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Fla.
16. Palmer Rosemond, Chief Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Miami, Florida.
17. James Tinely, Auditor, McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida.

Subpoenas for Special Agents J. H. Hanson and R. D. Brown are enclosed.

It will be appreciated if the Bureau will advise immediately whether these subpoenas should be served by Agents of this office, or whether they should be handed to the United States Marshal here for service by his Deputies.

Very truly yours,



R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago.  
St. Paul,  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
District of Minnesota

Saint Paul  
December 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
U. S. Post Office and Court House Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, 17 subpoenas issued by the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, running to the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida and/or any special agent of the United States Department of Justice for service upon necessary and essential witnesses for the Government in the federal kidnaping conspiracy case, which has been set down for trial in this district on January 6, 1936. This kidnaping case, as you know, arises out of the seizure and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer, a St. Paul banker.

You will note that some of these subpoenas require the witnesses to produce certain documentary evidence. It may be that some of the documentary evidence thus required is in the possession of your bureau. It is assumed that wherever it may be your bureau will take the necessary steps to locate it and have it produced at the proper time.

You will note that James Tinely, Auditor of the McAllister Hotel in Miami and Roy Stager and Thiel Efferson, clerks at said hotel, have been subpoenaed. It may be that Stager and Efferson both are still in the employ of the McAllister Hotel. If so, and if they will produce the records required to be produced by Tinely, the auditor of the hotel, it will not be necessary for Tinely to appear as a witness inasmuch as he can turn the documentary evidence over to Stager and Efferson, each of whom registered Cassius McDonald into the McAllister Hotel on two occasions in September, 1934.

With reference to the subpoena for the District Director of Immigration at Jacksonville to produce a considerable amount of documentary evidence, it is assumed that the evidence thus required to be produced consists of original records made by the Immigration authorities in pursuance of law and regulations, and consist of



Special Agent in Charge, St. Paul -- Page 2.

official Government records maintained by the Immigration Bureau. If this be not true and should it develop that these records actually were made by other than a Government agency, I should like to be advised at once in that regard in order that we may subpoena the persons who actually made up these records and forwarded them to the Immigration authorities for recording.

You will notice that the subpoenas require these witnesses to appear in St. Paul on January 9, 1936. This trial commences on January 6, 1936. In view of the previous trial it is quite possible that the defense counsel will stipulate that certain facts are true, proof of which consumed considerable time at the previous trial. In view of the order that the proof in this case must necessarily take at the next trial, should defense counsel fail to stipulate as stated, it is altogether probable that these foreign witnesses will not be put on the witness stand on January 9, 1936.

It occurs to me that it may be possible for your bureau to make some arrangement with these witnesses whereunder they will proceed to St. Paul upon telegraphic notice from this office to your bureau, stating the time, as nearly as may be, when they will be required to appear to testify. Such arrangement, of course, would be to their advantage and is suggested merely for their accommodation should they desire the matter arranged that way. This case, on the previous trial, consumed a period of five weeks, and, of course, all these witnesses doubtless would be considerably put out if they appeared here on January 9 to find that their testimony was not required until some time later. Accordingly, in the circumstances of the case, I bring the situation to your attention in order that you may make such arrangements as your best judgment dictates.

Yours very truly,

/s/ George F. Sullivan  
GEORGE F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney.

Encl.

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United States District Court

UNITED STATES SUBPENA

THE UNITED STATES

vs.

ALVIN KARPIS, et al.

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN

U.S. Attorney.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S RETURN

Received this writ at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, I served it on the within-named and on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

and left a true copy thereof, with the person named above.

MARSHAL'S FEES

Travel \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Marshal.  
Service \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

District Court of the United States of America

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, OR ANY OF HIS DEPUTIES, AND/OR TO ANY SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, To UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

R. D. Brown, Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Jacksonville, Florida.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that laying aside all and singular your business and excuses, you be and appear in the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota at the Federal Courts Bldg at the Courthouse, in the city of St. Paul, in said district, on the 9th day of January A.D. 1936, at ten o'clock A.M. of said day, then and there to testify and give evidence on behalf of the United States, and not to depart the Court without leave thereof, or of the District Attorney. Hereof fail not, under penalty of whatever may befall you thereon.

WITNESS, the Honorable MATTHEW M. JOYCE Judge of said District Court of the United States, this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1935, and in the 160th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

MARGARET L. MULLANE

Catherine Murphy Clerk.

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J. H. Hanson, Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Jacksonville, Florida

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WITNESS, the Honorable MATTHEW M. JOYCE

Judge of said District Court of the United States, this 22d day of December, A.D. 1935, and in the 160th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
412 U. S. Court House and P. O. Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

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Dear Sirs

Reference is made to your letter dated December 5, 1935,  
in which it is stated that the United States Attorney at St. Paul,  
Minnesota has forwarded to your office seventeen subpoenas with  
the request that they be served by an Agent of your office.

The Bureau feels that in keeping with the information  
contained in your letter and also in the copy of the letter of the  
United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota to your office dated  
December 2, 1935, that an Agent should serve these subpoenas as  
requested by the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

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FROM: DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #2

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 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Tamm  
 Division Three

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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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December 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

*ALL Field Offices*

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
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December 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Blair

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*J. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Attention: Mr. Foxworth

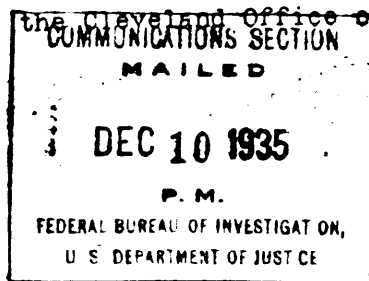
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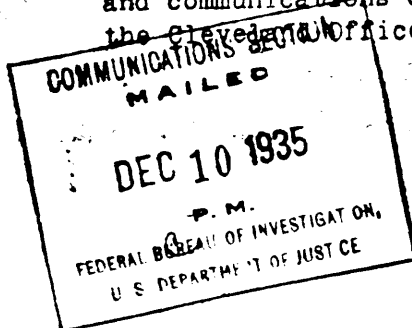
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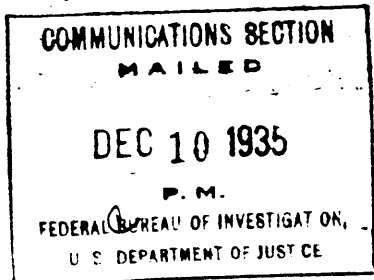
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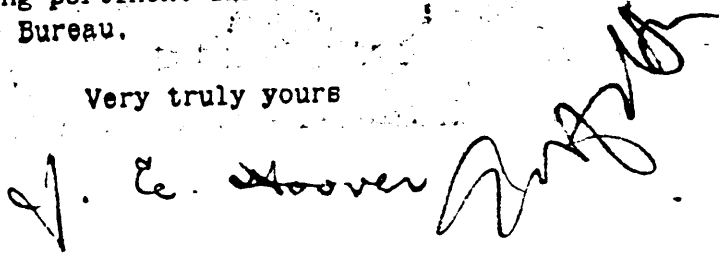
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Director.

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Attention: Mr. Douglas

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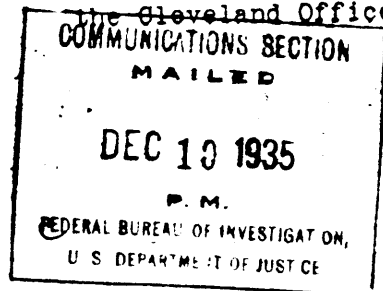
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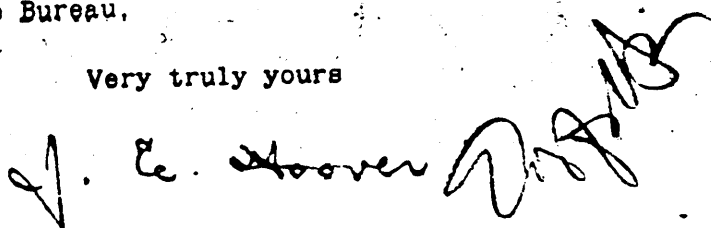
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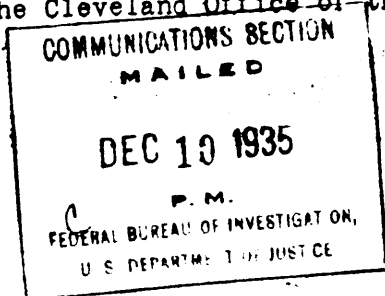
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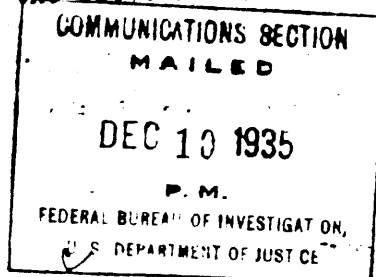
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Attention: Mr. Harbo

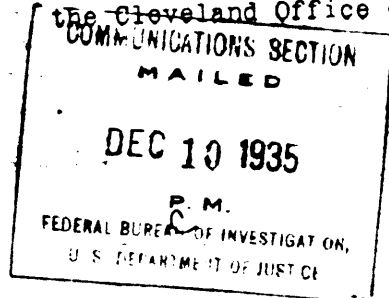
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7-576

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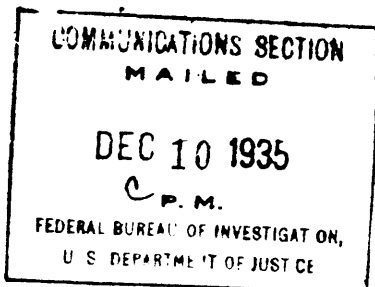
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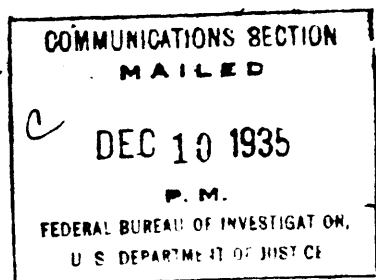
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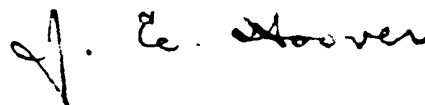
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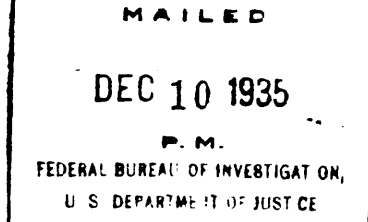
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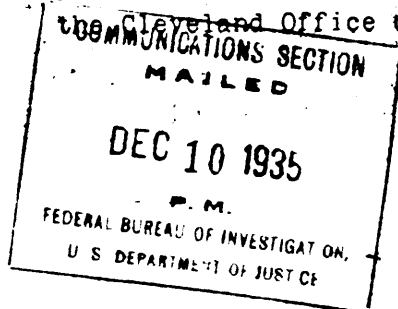
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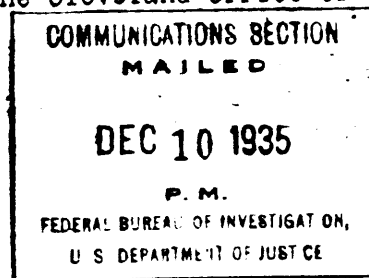
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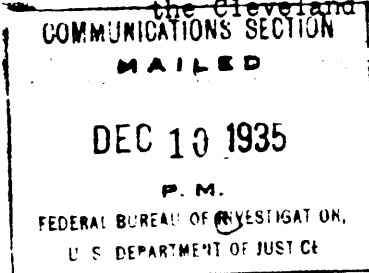
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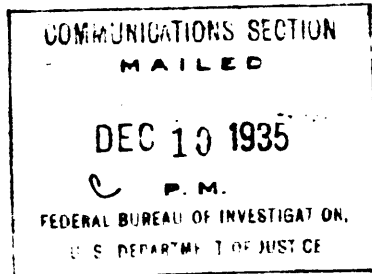
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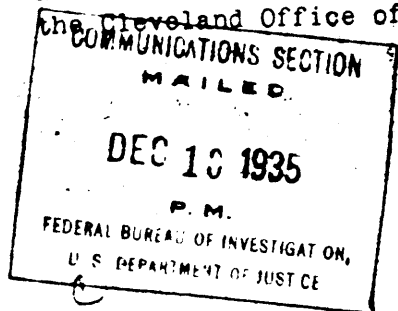
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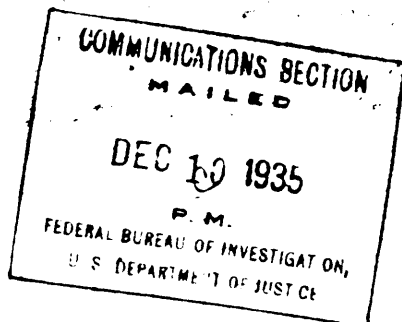
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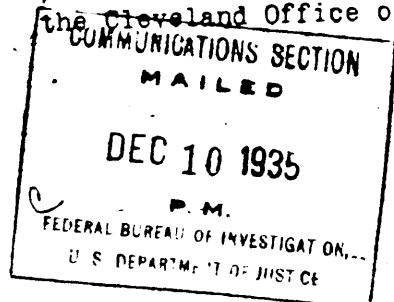
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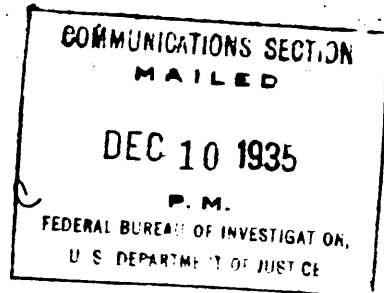
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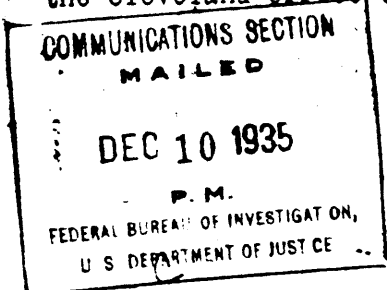
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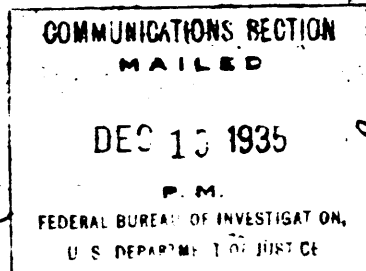
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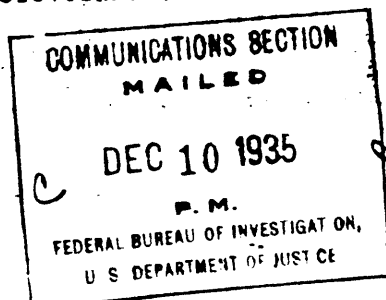
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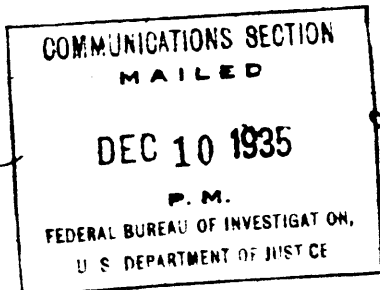
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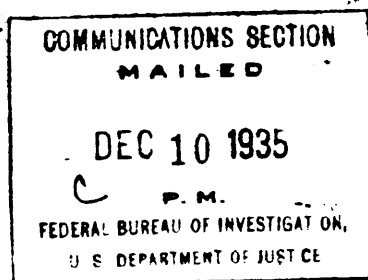
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December 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Tolson.

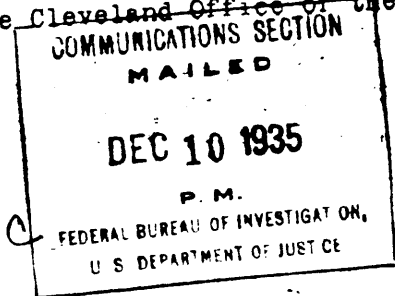
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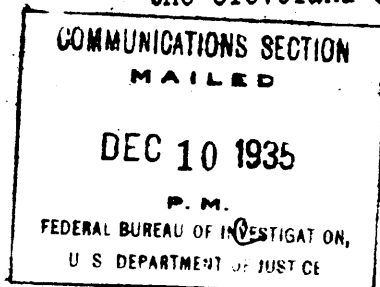
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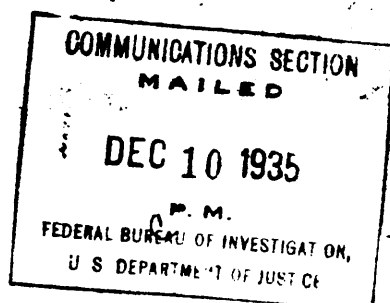
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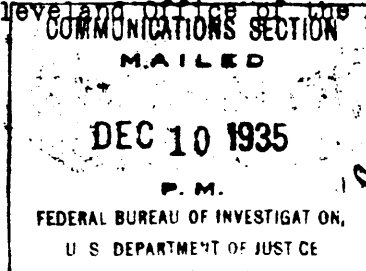
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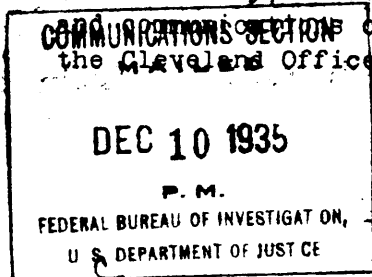
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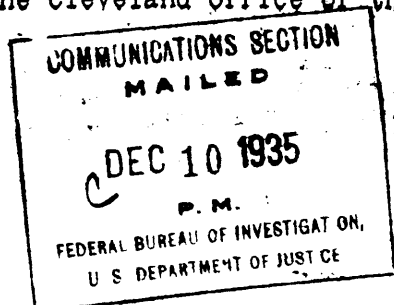
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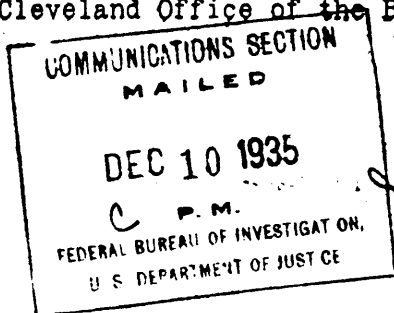
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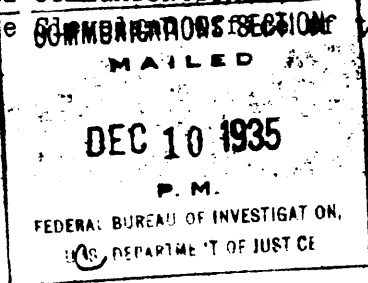
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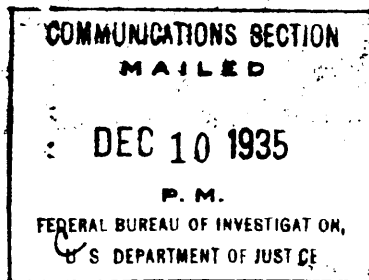
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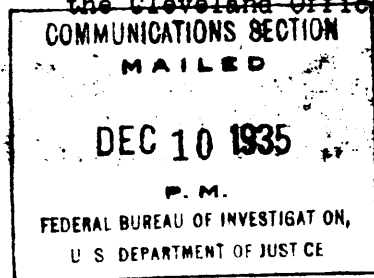
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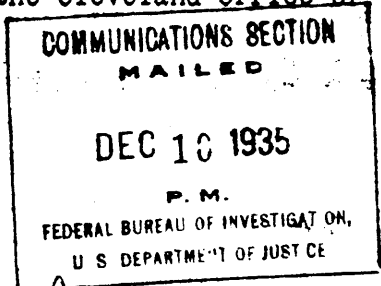
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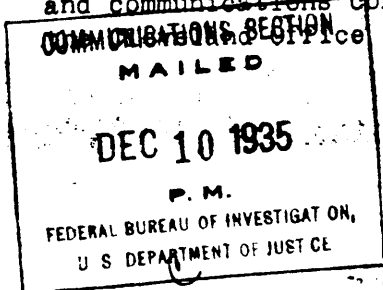
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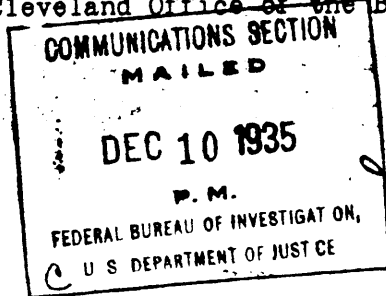
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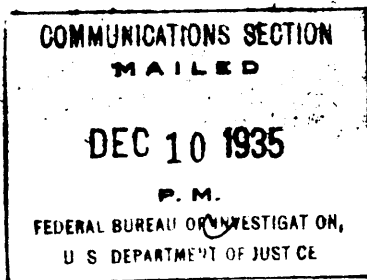
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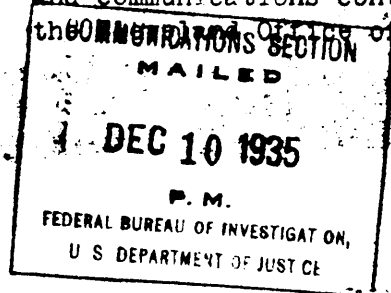
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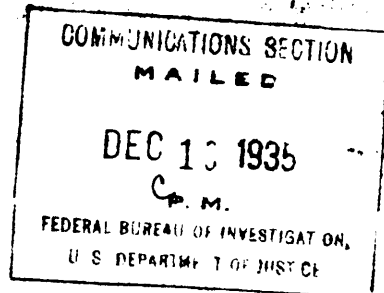
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Very truly yours

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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December 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Quinn

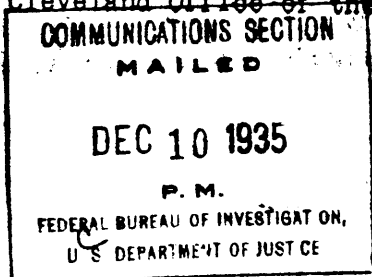
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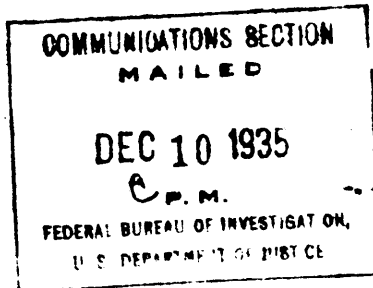
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
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SUMMARY REPORT  
ON  
MYRTLE EATON.

This report is prepared as a summary of all evidence known and collected to date which will tend to prove that Myrtle Eaton, with various aliases, did wilfully and unlawfully conceal and harbor William Weaver, with various aliases, who was a fugitive from the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, Minn.

On January 22, 1935, in the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, Minn., an indictment was returned against William Weaver and other persons, charging a violation of a law of the United States, to-wit: the Act of Congress of June 22, 1932, (Title 18, U.S.C. Sec. 405c). This Act is commonly known as the National Kidnaping Law, and the actual crime committed related to the holding for ransom and reward one Edward Bremer, a person who had been kidnaped at St. Paul, Minn., and transported interstate.

It has been determined from competent witnesses and admissions of Myrtle Eaton that she was intimately acquainted with William Weaver and in fact lived with him in an apartment at 365 Portland Avenue in St. Paul, Minn., prior to the Bremer kidnaping.

After the kidnaping of Bremer the whereabouts of both William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton could not be ascertained until September 1, 1935, when they were located and apprehended at Harbor Oaks, Florida, where they were living in a cottage and posing as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne. The cottage had been purchased in the name of Mrs. Jane Osborne. They also possessed a new Oldsmobile Sedan, which was registered (1935) in the States of Tennessee and Florida, in the name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-8334	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 12 1935
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Other investigation revealed that Myrtle Eaton had continuously lived as the wife of William Weaver here, and generally assisted and concealed him, by changing money for him, purchasing groceries, etc. It is also shown that during the time they lived at Harbor Oaks, Florida, i.e. from October, 1934, to September 1, 1935, Myrtle Eaton had knowledge of the fact that William Weaver was a Fugitive from Federal Court at St. Paul, Minn. She has orally admitted this and a newspaper containing an Associated Press article to this effect was delivered to her and Weaver at Harbor Oaks, Florida, on January 24, 1935, and May 17, 1935.

On October 9, 1935, an indictment was returned and filed at Jacksonville, Florida, against Myrtle Eaton, alias Jane Osborne, alias Mrs. J. W. Osborne and William Weaver, alias J. W. Osborne, containing three counts:

Count I charges in substance that on September 1, 1935, near Allendale in Volusia County, Florida, Myrtle Eaton did unlawfully, willfully, knowingly, fraudently and feloniously harbor and conceal so as to prevent his discovery and arrest, one William Weaver, a person for whose arrest a bench warrant was then outstanding, having been issued on an indictment returned and filed in U. S. District Court on January 22, 1935, at St. Paul, Minn., and charging a violation of Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 408c; further that Myrtle Eaton had notice and knowledge of the pendency of such warrant and indictment; also that she lived with him as his wife and maintained a home for him.

Count II. This count is substantially identical with Count I, except it charges that Myrtle Eaton did, aid, conceal, secret and harbor William Weaver by assisting him in operating a small chicken ranch or farm, by assuming that they were married and from Ohio, and by assuming and pretending to be making a living from the operation of said chicken ranch.

Count III is a conspiracy count and names Myrtle Eaton, William Weaver and other persons, whose names and descriptions are unknown to the Grand Jury. It charges that on February 1, 1935, at Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, did unlawfully, etc., conspire, combine, confederate and agree together to violate Section 141 of the U. S. Criminal Code, by harboring and concealing William Weaver, a person for whose arrest a bench warrant was outstanding, being based on an indictment against him filed at St. Paul, Minn., January 22, 1935, in U. S. District Court, for violation of Title 18, Sec. 408c, U. S.C.)



Three overt acts are alleged, namely:

- (a) That on August 31, 1935, near Allendale in Volusia County, Florida, Myrtle Eaton, did live with William Weaver as his wife and maintained a home for him.
- (b) That on April 1, 1935, at Daytona Beach in Volusia County, Florida, Myrtle Eaton did exchange currency in the sum of \$300.00 at the First National Bank in Daytona Beach, Florida.
- (c) That at a point near Allendale, Florida, and at all times during this conspiracy Myrtle Eaton did maintain a home for the said William Weaver, and did pose and assume to be his wife.

WITNESSES

The United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, has received a certified copy of the indictment and warrant from St. Paul, Minn., dated January 22, 1935, and which names William Weaver. He will introduce same.

FRED O'BOURKE,  
Identification Bureau,  
Police Department,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Subpoena duces tecum to produce the original negatives and printed photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as taken by him in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minn. on September 9, 1935.

BYRON BOLTON,  
Presently confined in  
the U. S. Penitentiary  
at Leavenworth, Kan.

The United States Attorney at Jacksonville will have to arrange for appearance of this witness by issuance of writ of Habeas Corpus ad Testificandum. This witness can identify a photograph of William Weaver and state that he, Bolton, was a witness before the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1935, in the Bremer kidnaping case, at which time he gave testimony concerning William Weaver resulting in an indictment being returned on January 22, 1935, which included Weaver and others.

R. A. ALT, Special Agent in Charge, Jacksonville, Florida. Can testify that for some months prior to January, 1935, the FBI has been engaged in a search for William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. As a result of this search Mr. Alt will testify that on September 1, 1935, a raid was conducted on a cottage two miles South of Allendale, Florida, he being present, at which time William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were apprehended. It was found that they were living together as man and wife. In the house was found considerable money, guns and ammunition. In the garage was found a 1935 Oldsmobile Sedan and as a result of further search there was found in the dash compartment of this car, papers showing purchase of same by Mrs. Jane (J.W.) Osborne of Clyde, Ohio, from the Motor Sales Company of Johnson City, Tennessee, on March 15, 1935. Also that the car had been registered in both Tennessee and Florida. (See Page 7, report M. W. Meekins, dated 9-9-35, at Jacksonville.) Witness will further testify that subsequent official investigation at Johnson City, Tennessee, has resulted in a verification of this ownership. (See report of Agent Truett E. Rowe, Nashville, 10-8-35.) Mr. Alt has retained official custody of registration papers found in the Oldsmobile Sedan and can identify same.

D. P. SULLIVAN, Special Agent, FBI, U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, Jacksonville, Florida. Agent Sullivan will testify that he was present with other Special Agents at Allendale, Florida, on September 1, 1935, when Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were apprehended and recite such other incidents as were observed by him at this time to indicate that Weaver and Eaton were living as man and wife. Witness will testify that between September 1 and 6, 1935, he interviewed Myrtle Eaton several times regarding her association with William Weaver; that she advised she had known and associated with him, William Weaver, since 1931, when she met him at St. Paul, Minn., and has lived with him at various intervals ever since. She also identified for this witness, photographs of the principal characters involved in the kidnaping of Bremer and stated they were all known to her. Witness can further testify that Myrtle Eaton told him that she had no knowledge that she and William Weaver were wanted for the kidnaping at St. Paul until she read of the indictment in the Daytona Beach and Jacksonville papers, during the trial of Doc Barker and other defendants, during last Spring (1935). Also she informed Agent Sullivan that she subsequently saw Weaver's picture in the lineup on the first few pages of a Detective Story Magazine.

Myrtle Eaton also showed this witness a picture of Weaver apparently clipped from the Master Detective Magazine and stated this was the first picture she had seen of Weaver indicating he was a Fugitive on a Federal charge. (Report of R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minn. 9-7-35.)

JOHN E. BRENNAN,  
Special Agent,  
FBI, U.S. Dept. of Jus,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Can testify that he has been continuously engaged in an investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case since a few days after Mr. Bremer was kidnaped in January, 1934, and therefore is quite familiar with most aspects of the case. Agent Brennan can testify that he has had several interviews with William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton since their apprehension, one of which took place at St. Paul, Minn., on 9-27-35. On this occasion the question of knowledge that they were being sought for prosecution at St. Paul was put to both defendants. Myrtle Eaton stated the first she knew that she and Weaver were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping was when she read about it in the newspapers at the time of the trial of Doc Barker and others in St. Paul.

NOTE: This is in agreement with newspaper articles hereinafter enumerated.

MILFORD V. CLIFTON,  
c/o Daytona Beach News  
Journal,  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. Clifton will testify that he is now and for more than one year past has been Assistant Circulation Manager of the aforementioned newspaper, which is issued as an afternoon daily and Sunday paper. He will testify that he solicits for subscriptions, makes deliveries and collections for his paper at Daytona Beach and vicinity including a route from Daytona to New Smyrna, Florida. He recalls distinctly the residence occupied by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, knows when they moved in and called on Weaver about mid December, 1934, to sell him a subscription to the paper. Weaver gave his name as Osborne and finally subscribed for the paper in late December. Witness will testify that he delivered the paper every day from late December to June 1, 1935, when the route was assigned to Ernest Kamiki. Clifton has identified photographs of Weaver and Eaton as being Mr. and Mrs. Osborne. This witness can produce on proper subpoena, copies of the Daytona Beach News Journal, for January 24, 1935, which carries the following pertinent story on Page 2:

"22 INDICTED IN BREMER CASE

Announcement made by Dept. of Justice.  
Washington, Jan. 24 -- (AP) -- Indictment  
of 22 persons in connection with the  
kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer by a federal  
grand jury in St. Paul was announced today  
by Attorney General Cummings.

He made this assertion as search for  
Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Karpis-  
Barker gang named as responsible for the  
abduction, was being pressed without success.

The attorney general said the indictments  
were in two classes.

Those accused of the kidnaping itself  
were named as Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, Volney  
Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, William  
Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison,  
Bryon Bolton, Karpis, Joe Doe, Harold Allderton  
and Richard Doe.

Other indictments charged those named with  
having conspired to carry out the abduction.

Defendants named were: Oliver H. Berg, J.  
Joseph Moran, John Joseph McLaughlin, William  
Edward Vidler, Paul J. Delaney, James J. Wilson,  
Jess Doyle, Erna Murray, Myrtle Eaton, and a per-  
son called "Whitey" whose true name is not known.

Cummings would not disclose the number of  
those indicted who have been actually taken into  
custody. "Doc" Barker for one, however, has been  
captured. His mother and brother, Fred, were  
killed by federal agents in a gun battle at Oklawaha,  
Fla., several days ago. Karpis and Harry Campbell  
escaped a police trap at Atlantic City last week  
end."

Witness can also produce copy of same paper, dated May 17, 1935, which carries the following story anent this case:

BREMER'S KIDNAPERS CONVICTED

St. Paul, May 17 -- (AP)\*-- Arthur "Doc" Barker, was convicted today of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and was immediately sentenced to life imprisonment by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce who imposed a similar sentence upon Oliver A. Berg, Illinois convict codefendant. The charge was conspiracy to kidnap.

Convicted with the gangster, who with Alvin Karpis headed the Barker-Karpis mob were: Harold Albertson of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held prisoner 21 days; Oliver Berg, lifer in the Illinois state prison, John J. McLaughlin, 68, former political leader in Chicago, and James J. Wilson, 27, former Northwestern university medical student.

Freed were William Vidler, Chicago "bookie" and Philip Delaney, former restaurant and tavern proprietor in Chicago and intimate friend of McLaughlin for 25 years.

The government has accounted for 13 of 22 persons indicted in the Bremer case. The 13th is Harry Sawyer, captured recently in Pass Christian, Miss. Still uncaptured are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William J. Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Volney Davis, and two persons whose names are unknown and named in the indictment as "John Doe" and "Richard Roe".

It is the opinion of this Agent that Milford V. Clifton will make an unusually good witness for this particular phase of evidence. He is 24 years of age, very alert and observing and possessed of sound and practical reasoning faculties.

NOTE: Herbert M. Davidson is Editor of the Daytona Beach News-Journal.

ADRIAN DAGLEY, Is 16 years of age and can testify that he delivered the Florida Times Union, a Jacksonville, Florida, morning daily, to persons at Port Orange and vicinity. He also can testify that he delivered the paper to a Mr. Osborne daily from About January 1, 1935, to June 15, 1935. Witness has stated this Mr. Osborne and wife are the same people who were apprehended near Allendale, Florida, by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is somewhat of a shiftless and harem scaram lad and will not be an outstanding witness.

W. M. BALL, Mr. Ball is Editor of the Florida Times Union. He can produce in Court or supply a certified copy of issues of this paper for April, 15, 1935, and May 18, 1935. On Page 11, Column 3, of the April 15, 1935, issue appears an article reporting opening of trials at St. Paul, Minn., of several defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case, and included therein is comment that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton are wanted in this case. In the May 18, 1935, issue, page 2, Column 6, appears an Associated Press Article, reading in part as follows:

"For the kidnaping of Bremer the law still is seeking Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William J. Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, Dr. Moran, Volney Davis and two unidentified persons."

Issues of this paper for Jan. 17, 18 and 21, 1935, carry stories of the shooting of Ma and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, and the escape of Karpis and Campbell at Atlantic City, N.J. The issue of Jan. 25, 1935, carries an Associated Press story from St. Paul, Minn., reporting 22 persons indicted in the Bremer kidnaping case, but mentions none of the names of those indicted.

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MRS. MARION TURNER,  
131 Magnolia Avenue,  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Can testify that during March, 1935, she was engaged in soliciting subscriptions for the Daytona Beach Sun Record and in the latter part of this month called on a Mr. & Mrs. Osborne at Harbor Oaks. She now identifies photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as being this Mr. & Mrs. Osborne. On April 4, 1935, Mrs. Osborne subscribed for the paper. Delivers and collections were then made by Mr. Jack Sweet, until June 8, 1935. He is a proof reader for this paper, but resides at New Smyrna, Florida. E. E. Naugle is managing editor of this paper.

NOTE: An examination of files on this paper for January, February, April and May, 1935, reveals several short stories on the Bremer kidnap trials at St. Paul, but no mention is made of persons then sought or under indictment for the crime. Such articles appear in issues dated April 16, May 17, 18 and June 8, 1935.

H. G. SKILES,  
c/o Peoples Bldg. &  
Loan Ass'n,  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

WILL TESTIFY HE WAS A SALESMAN for this concern during 1934. In November, 1934, one Bill Osborne came to see him about purchasing a place situated on U. S. Highway #1, at Harbor Oaks, Florida. This resulted in Osborne purchasing said place for \$1,600.00 cash. The agreement of sale was dated November 22, 1934, on which date a deed was made out in the name of Jane W. Osborne on instructions of Mr. Osborne. Witness will also state that the property was then insured in the Old Colony Insurance Company of Boston, Mass. This is policy No. 220549, dated 12-5-34, and in the name of Jane W. Osborne. Mr. Skiles has identified photographs of Weaver and Eaton as being identical with Bill and Jane W. Osborne. Subpoena to this witness should direct him to bring all papers pertaining to these transactions.

CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT,  
Volusia County,  
DeLand, Florida.

Subpoena duces tecum to produce record or proper certification showing that certain entry in Book 257, Page 20, of Deeds and Conveyances, reflecting that a warranty deed dated Nov. 22, 1934, to Lot No. 11, Block 13, Harbor Oaks, Florida, Unit No. One, was made to Jane Osborne and signed by the Peoples Building and Loan Association in Daytona Beach, Florida. This record was made Nov. 30, 1934.

CARL HOUSTON,  
Allendale, Fla.

Mr. Houston will testify that he is a carpenter and decorator; that a Mr. Osborne employed him during November and December, 1934, to help decorate the place at Harbor Oaks, just purchased by Osborne. This employment lasted nearly two months, during which time Mr. Houston observed Mr. and Mrs. Osborne. He states that they informed him they were man and wife, and acted as such, Mrs. Osborne keeping house and otherwise acting as a housewife. The Osbornes also gave him to understand they had retired from a grocery business in either Ohio or Indiana. He was always paid in cash. Witness has identified photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as being pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne.

J. R. RITCHIE,  
Teller of the  
FIRST NAT'L BANK,  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Can testify that a woman whom he knew as Jane Osborne had come to the bank on three occasions, as best he could recall, since he had commenced working for the bank on March 15, 1935; and that on each visit Mrs. Osborne changed old dirty money for new money, requesting bills of large denominations. Mr. Ritchie stated that the money had a musty smell which led him to believe that it had been stored in some place for some period of time. Ritchie's recollection was that she had brought about \$300.00 to be changed on one occasion; \$200.00 on another and \$150.00 the third time she had come to the bank. Ritchie further stated that the three occasions mentioned above were the only times he had seen Mrs. Osborne in the bank, and that he was confident she did not have a safety deposit box nor an account of any kind in the bank; that she had informed him reluctantly that she was from Harbor Oaks, where she and her husband operated a small chicken ranch. Mr. Ritchie has identified photograph of Myrtle Eaton as being a likeness of this Jane Osborne

A. T. SMITH,  
Fort Orange, Fla.

Mr. Smith conducts a grocery store here known as the Florida Food Store. He has identified photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as customers who frequented his store several times a week from December, 1934, to September 1, 1935. Witness has stated when first around here Weaver always wore dark glasses but eventually discarded same. He noticed that invariably when making purchases both of these persons would present a \$5.00 bill. The custom finally became quite noticeable, sufficiently so, as to cause him to comment about same to his Clerk.



W. H. THOMPSON,  
c/o R. J. Davis Motor  
Express Co., Inc.  
Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Thompson will testify that in October, 1934,  
he was operating a filling station three miles  
south of Allendale, Florida, on U. S. Highway  
#1, when William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton pur-  
chased a small house about one block from him.

Subsequently he became intimately acquainted with them. He sold them  
gas and oil, visited in their home, ate many meals there and was generally  
very friendly with them. He knew them as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne and was  
told by Weaver that he had formerly lived in Ohio and had conducted a  
grocery store there, but retired from same. Witness will state that  
Weaver finally purchased his business. For numerous other pertinent  
details of testimony from this witness, see Report of Special Agent  
Scheidt, Charlotte, N.C., dated 10-16-35.

G. W. CROWE,  
c/o Motor Sales Co.,  
74 Wilson Avenue,  
Johnson City, Tenn.

Can testify that he was a salesman for this  
concern on March 15, 1935, and on this date  
one J. W. Osborne, of Clyde, Ohio, accompanied  
by his wife, traded a black 1934 Master Chevrolet  
Sedan, with trunk locker on rear, Motor No.

4482615, Serial No. 1BA06435, license number not known, to his firm for  
a Buckingham Gray 1935 Oldsmobile four door sedan with trunk locker on  
rear, Motor No. F424262, Serial No. TS 121752. Crowe stated that the  
balance of \$412.50 was paid to him by the man identified as Weaver;  
that Weaver took a bill-fold out of the inside pocket on the right side  
of his coat, from which he counted out \$412.00 in bank notes. Mr. Crowe  
has identified photographs of Weaver and Eaton as being the persons with  
whom he dealt under name of J. W. Osborne. Subpoena duces tecum should  
be directed to this witness to bring any company records now in existence  
relative to this sale and description of cars involved.

COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR  
VEHICLES,  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Subpoena duces tecum to produce all records  
in his official custody relative to issuance  
of 1935 Florida license plates D-18-088 to  
Mrs. J. W. Osborne. This evidence will show

that those plates were issued on records presented showing previous  
registration of an Oldsmobile Sedan, with the State of Tennessee,  
Washington County by Mrs. J. W. Osborne of 517 Maple St., Johnson City,  
Tenn., and 1935 Tennessee plates number 151-912 were issued.

NOTE: Investigation at Johnson City reveals  
517 Maple St., to be a vacant lot.

NOTE: With respect to that part of Agent Sullivan's testimony regarding a picture of Weaver appearing in the Master Detective Magazine for March, 1935, it may be stated there is not available in Jacksonville, a copy of this issue. In any event a properly authenticated copy would have to be secured by subpoena directed to MacFadden Publishing Co., 1926 Broadway, New York City, N.Y.

The following is the criminal record of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

WILLIAM WEAVER

Age 39 years

As P. O. Donald, # 1189, arrested Police Department, Joplin, Mo. July 20, 1918; charge, vagrancy; disposition not available.  
As Phoenix O'Donald, #186, arrested Special Service Dept., St. Louis - San Francisco Ry. Co., Sapulpa, Okla., May 26, 1922; charge auto theft; released without prosecution.  
As R. A. Nelsen # - - , arrested Sheriff's Office, Garden City, Kan. July 26, 1922; charge, attempt to assist in jail delivery.  
As Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott, #14993, received State Pen, McAlester, Okla., 4-7-25; crime, murder; sentence, life; paroled 6-20-31; parole revoked 8-15-32.  
As William Weaver, #23452, arrested PD, St. Paul, Minn., 8-2-32; charge, carrying concealed weapons; \$500 bail forfeited 8-6-32 in police court, attachment issued.

MYRTLE EATON

Age 37 years

As Ruth Martin, #23113, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 27, 1930; charge grand larceny - shoplifting; charge changed to petty larceny and fined \$100.00.  
As Sue Bond, alias Sue Hubble, #22402, arrested Police Dept., St. Paul, Minn. 12-9-30; charge shoplifting; dismissed by County Attorney.  
As Mrs. Alice Martin, alias Myrtle King, #5805, arrested PD, Des Moines, Iowa, 12-29-31; charge investigation; released.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p><i>2</i> <i>3</i></p> <p>Karpis and Campbell not seen in vicinity of Ishpeming, Michigan. No hideouts located there. Cassius McDonald removed from Detroit, Michigan, to St. Paul, Minnesota, 11/9/35. Criminal record of McDonald set out. Calls from home of Edith Barry, Toledo, Ohio, obtained and reported.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCES:			
<p>Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith dated 10/28/35 at Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p>Letter from the Chicago Office to the Detroit Office dated 11/4/35.</p> <p>Teletypes from the Detroit Office to the Bureau dated 11/1/35, 11/4/35, 11/7/35, and 11/9/35.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent W. B. Matney dated 11/29/35 at Detroit, Michigan.</p>			
DETAILS:			
<b>AT ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN</b>			
<p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. H. Johnson:</p> <p>Pictures of Subjects Karpis and Campbell were shown to the Chief of Police, Mr. Bekieff, who advised that the pictures</p>			
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shown him appeared to be familiar but he was unable to recall having seen these particular persons. Upon being advised that the pictures shown him were those of the Subjects in instant case, he advised that he was sure he had seen these pictures in the paper but did not remember having seen anyone resembling these individuals. Mr. Hakloff was questioned concerning possible hideouts in the vicinity of Ishpeming and advised that he does not know of any hideouts in the vicinity of his town. Mr. Hakloff stated that there was a road-house near Ishpeming which is operated by one Jimmy Wilson who was formerly an outstanding bootlegger in the community. Mr. Hakloff did not believe that this place would be used as a hideout as many of the local people visit this place daily.

Agent proceeded to the above-mentioned place which is called "The Country Club" and is located five miles west of Ishpeming on U. S. Highway 41. This building is an average size frame house situated in a large open space about fifty yards from the above-mentioned highway. The first floor of this establishment is a typical beer parlor and during the hour and half Agent spent in the above place there were numerous visitors who appeared to be middle aged laboring people who live in and around Ishpeming, Michigan. During Agent's visit to the above-mentioned place a number of persons went up to the second floor of this place and made several trips to the lower floor for the purpose of securing nickels. It is believed that nickel slot machines are operated on the second floor of this establishment. It does not seem likely that this place would be used as a hideout by the Subjects in instant case.

Mr. Hakloff advised that the Calumet and Hecla Company are presently operating "The Old Hopes Gold Mine" which is located about five miles north of Ishpeming.

The pictures of Subjects Karpis and Campbell were shown to Postmaster Sjelandar and another Post Office employee, Mr. Madley. These persons advised that they have not seen anyone resembling either of the above-mentioned Subjects.

No additional information concerning possible hang-outs near Ishpeming, Michigan, could be secured.

The following investigation was conducted by the Reporting Agent:

Assistant United States Attorney William G. Comb advised that Subject McDonald failed to raise his bond by November 9, 1935, and on that date was removed by the United States Marshal at Detroit, Michigan, to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Assistant United States Marshal Pierce of Detroit, Michigan, advised that on November 10, 1935, Cassius McDonald was surrendered by him to the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota.

A review of the Detroit Bureau file reveals a memorandum of Special Agent in Charge D. L. Nicholson, dated September 27, 1935, which states that on the morning of September 27, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Connelley communicated with the Detroit Bureau Office by telephone and advised that in connection with the telephones they were covering at Toledo, Ohio, it had been ascertained that the following calls were made to Detroit and vicinity, and Mr. Connelley requested that the telephone numbers be checked to ascertain the name and the identity of the individuals to whom they are listed. The calls are as follows:

February 7, 1935, to Garfield 4530  
April 7 and 18; May 11 and 25, 1935,  
to Columbia 2888  
April 16 and 17, 1935, to Temple 1-7189,  
the call being placed to Irene Walls  
April 17, 1935, to Columbia 2624, the  
charges being reversed  
June 5, 1935, to Temple 2624, the charges  
being reversed; party being called was  
Louise King  
June 8, 1935, to Northlawn 9647, the  
charges being reversed; the party being  
called was Miss King  
August 4, 1935, to Townsend 6-9724, the  
charges being reversed; the party being  
called was Miss King  
May 25, 1935, to Windsor 3-6733  
June 20, and July 5, and August 12, 1935,  
to Euclid 9093

This file also reveals the following information as set out in the memorandum for Special Agent in Charge D. L. Nicholson dated September 28, 1935, submitted by Special Agent J. Waldman of the Detroit Bureau office:

Garfield 4530 is listed in the criss-cross telephone directory as the number assigned to Edith Redman. A check through the telephone and city directories reveals that this party is Mrs. Edith Redman who resides in a beauty shop at 4911 South Clarendon Street. This information has been confirmed through a personal check with a representative of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Columbia 2888 is assigned to Mrs. Jack B. Newman who is listed in the telephone directory as living at 284 East Hancock Street. However,

this party is not listed in the city directory and the address 284 East Hancock Street is listed in the name of Mrs. Florence Feckend who, in turn, is not listed in the telephone directory. This information has also been confirmed through the Michigan Bell Telephone Company and according to their records the correct listing for Columbia 2888 is Mrs. Jack R. Newman, 284 East Hancock Street and they have no listing for Mrs. Florence Feckend.

Tangle 1-7189 is listed as being assigned to Marie Taylor who, from a check of the telephone and city directories, appears to be a nurse living at Apartment 2, Prentis Apartments, 480 Prentis Street. There is no Irene Wells listed in the telephone or city directories. The closest name to this is Ida M. Wells, 163 Tyler, telephone Townsend 6-5167. This information has also been confirmed through a check with a representative of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

There are no such numbers as Columbia 2624 or Tangle 2624 and apparently these numbers refer to the same exchange. A check through the Michigan Bell Telephone Company has revealed that this information is accurate and that there are no such numbers.

As to Louise King, there are three Louise Kings listed in the city directory: Louise King, maid, 7706 Steiner; Louise King, typist, 628 West Philadelphia, and Mrs. Louise King, maid, 8455 Beaubien, Apt. 6. These addresses were all checked through the city directory and it was noted that 7706 Steiner is listed in the name of Mrs. Mattie Mack and that the house apparently has no telephone. 628 West Philadelphia is listed in the name of Kenneth M. King and the telephone number is Madison 5884. 8455 Beaubien is an apartment house and has no listing in the telephone directory. This information has also been checked with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company and is correct.

A search of the criss-cross telephone directory reveals that there are apparently no such numbers in Detroit as Northlawn 9647, Townsend 6-9724 and Euclid 9093. However, a check with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company has revealed the following information:

Northlawn 9647 is an unlisted number and is carried in the name of David Pernick, 9811 Grand River Avenue. This individual is carried in the city directory as David Pernick (Minnie), drugs, 9811 Grand River, residence 3295 Collingwood Avenue.

Townsend 6-9724 is an unlisted number and is carried in the name of Edward A. Slazinski. This individual is carried in the city directory as Edward A. Slazinski (Dolores), drugs, 2209 Caniff Avenue, residence 2207 Caniff Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan.

Euclid 9093 according to the records of the telephone company is listed in the name of Sally Martin, 3342 West Chicago Boulevard. No further information on this individual is contained in the city directory.

As to the telephone number Windsor 36735, this number is assigned to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Dominion Government Building, Windsor, Ontario.

In regard to the telephone number Esclid 9093, Detroit, reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, dated November 29, 1935, at Detroit, Michigan.

The criminal record of Cassius McDonald as furnished to the Detroit Office by the Identification Unit of the Bureau at Washington, D. C., Bureau file #7-676-4452, is as follows:

Arrested URM, Miami, Florida, as Cassius McDonald, #320, 2/2/35; charge, harboring fugitive; disposition, Dade Co. Jail, default of \$25,000 bond.

Arrested SO, Miami, Florida, as G. M. McDonald, #7-24135, 2/8/35; charge, conspiracy.

Arrested URM, Detroit, Michigan, as Cassius McDonald, #7760, 9/25/35; charge, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 408-A.

The following information in regard to the removal of Cassius McDonald from Detroit, Michigan, to St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 9, 1935, is set out as follows:

The teletype of the Detroit Bureau Office to the Director dated November 1, 1935, advised that the attorney for Subject offered realty for surety but same was not acceptable to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota. The petition for the removal of McDonald will be presented to the United States District Court on November 2, 1935.

The teletype of the Detroit Bureau Office to the Director dated November 4, 1935, advised that the removal of McDonald was not contested and removal order entered that date. Subject was unable to raise \$25,000 bond and time to raise this bond was extended until November 9, 1935. The Court advised that if bond was not raised by November 9, 1935, Subject would be removed on November 9, 1935, to St. Paul, Minnesota. The attorney for McDonald advised that the Inland Bonding Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interested in making McDonald's bond.

The teletype of the Detroit Bureau Office to the Director dated November 9, 1935, advised that bond for Cassius

McDonald was not made on November 9, 1935, and Deputy United States Marshal, Jack Pierce, was removing McDonald to St. Paul, Minnesota, on that date.

A teletype was sent by the Detroit Bureau Office to the Director dated November 7, 1935, advising that James T. Sheehan, Bureau of Records, Boston Police, wired the Detroit Police asking the latter to hold Cassius McDonald for extradition for larceny of \$30,000. The Special Agent in Charge at Boston was advised that McDonald was in custody of the United States Marshal, Detroit, Michigan, under order of removal to St. Paul, Minnesota, and was requested to advise the Boston Police Department to forward the Boston warrant to the United States Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota. The above-mentioned teletype was predicated upon the following wire received by the Detroit Police Department from the Boston, Massachusetts, Police Department:

Chief of Police  
Detroit

Understand one Cassius McDonald, alias Cass McDonald, under arrest your department September 26, 1935, in connection with kidnaping. Fifty-five years, five feet eleven inches. If still there hold for us. Is wanted on warrant charging larceny of \$30,000. Will extradite. Please send fingerprints and photo, also those of his associates. Advise.

/s/ James T. Sheehan  
Bureau of Records  
Boston Police

The above information was forwarded to the Bureau by teletype as well the Chicago Office, the St. Paul Office, and the Boston Office. The Boston Bureau Office was requested to ascertain the details from the Boston Police.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: The BOSTON OFFICE at Boston, Massachusetts, will secure the details of the \$30,000 larceny by Cassius McDonald in Boston Massachusetts, and advise.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-9-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-22, 30-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. E. KLETT MGR</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE. I. O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Cincinnati Enquirer for March 22, 23, and 24, 1932, fails to disclose any information regarding Meade or others mentioned in reference report. Sister-in-law of W. T. Hamilton interviewed at Dayton and states that Hamilton has heard nothing further of Meade or the other parties involved, who swindled him of \$30,000.00. Hamilton presently living in Springfield, Ohio, and engaged in the tool manufacturing business, travelling a good part of the time.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 11-11-35.

**DETAILS:**

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Agent searched the Cincinnati Enquirer for March 23, 23 and 24, 1932, but could find no record or any mention of William E. Meade or Mark Fisher, Fred Reardon, Yellow Kid Weil, James Mill, Robert Fisher, George Spighman, alias Smith, Edward Fay and Bernard Anderson.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

Agent ascertained from Mrs. F. E. Hamilton, 1720 Auburn Ave., that she is the sister-in-law of W. T. Hamilton, who is presently living in Springfield, Ohio, and who maintains offices in the Shovey Building where he is part-owner of the Air Tool Manufacturing Company; that he is

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seldom in Springfield, inasmuch as he is on the road in behalf of this company most of the time.

Mrs. Hamilton further stated that she was quite familiar with the affairs of her brother-in-law, and especially with the part dealing with the \$30,000.00 swindle, inasmuch as he was residing with her and her husband at that time, and that due to the effects of this loss he suffered a nervous breakdown, from which he did not recover for about two years. Further, Mrs. Hamilton stated that to her knowledge he has never heard anything of any of the parties involved in this swindle, nor has he ever received any part of the money out of which he was swindled. Mrs. Hamilton further stated that she is sure W. T. Hamilton would be glad to cooperate with this office in any way he could. On the other hand, she is positive that he could furnish no information other than that furnished by her at this time, however, a lead is being set out to interview Mr. Hamilton at Springfield, in this respect.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Springfield, Ohio, will interview W. T. Hamilton at the Shovey Building, and ascertain if he can furnish any additional information relative to the whereabouts of William E. Meade.

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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 9, 1935.

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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Time - 5:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein telephoned Mr. Richmond from the St. Paul Office and referred to recent Bureau letter instructing that office to locate and question Belle Born relative to her knowledge of this case. Mr. Stein advised that the Agents of that office have located and picked this woman up down at Mankato, and have, with her consent, brought her to the St. Paul Office for questioning. She arrived at the office about an hour ago, and thus far the questioning has failed to make her disclose what information if any she has relative to this matter.

Mr. Stein said that with Bureau authority, they would put this woman up at one of the local hotels there in St. Paul and hire a matron to be with her; that one of the Agents would also register at this hotel. Mr. Stein said that while there might be some publicity as a result of this, the possibilities are very remote and every effort will be taken to prevent such publicity.

The questioning of this woman will continue tomorrow.

Respectfully,

*E.A.T.*  
E. A. TAMM.

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P. O. Box 64  
Buffalo, New York

December 11, 1935

Mr. Alvah P. Saulpaugh  
Postmaster  
Red Hook, New York

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm request of Special Agent J. W. Parley  
for a thirty day mail cover to be placed on the first class mail of  
Harry Lee Hepeman made on December 4th, 1935.

Kindly send results of the mail cover to E. Parley, Special  
Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of  
Justice, 390 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York City, N.Y.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

G. V. DOHERTY  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edwin D. Bremer*



P. O. Box 84  
Buffalo, New York

December 11, 1935

Mr. Charles I. Lavery,  
Postmaster  
Poughkeepsie, New York

Att: Vincent Cahill,  
Assistant Postmaster

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm request of Special Agent J. H. Varley for thirty day mail cover to be placed on the first class mail of Mr. J. Napeman, formerly of 57 Garden Street and now employed at 26 Washington Street, your city, made on December 4, 1935.

Kindly send results of the mail cover to R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York City, N.Y.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am.

Very truly yours,

G. V. DCHERTY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Re: Alvin Karpis, wa-Fugitive  
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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-9-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/16-29/35	REPORT MADE BY A. J. NORSTROM <span style="float: right;">wk</span>
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, Et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Numerous inquiries made in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas, and Joplin, Missouri, for information concerning Karpis and Campbell and cooperation of informants secured to immediately report presence of either Subject in those vicinities. Karpis reported to have recently endeavored to contact Herbert Farmer at Joplin, Missouri. Parents of Volney Davis have no information of value to report in this case but pledged their cooperation. Edward Bible, Kansas State Penitentiary, will endeavor to obtain information concerning Karpis and Campbell through Bessie Green.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-5-35; report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 8-2-35; report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-26-35; report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 10-21-35; report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 10-23-35; letter from Bureau to Kansas City Office, dated 10-4-35; report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 11-2-35; and report of Special Agent John B. Little, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 11-10-35.

**DETAILS:** The investigation set forth in this report reflects the joint efforts of Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. J. Norstrom.

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Reference is made to the letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the Bureau, dated October 17, 1935, and the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 10-21-35, reflecting that Thomas L. Carpenter and Milton Brooks were presently incarcerated in the Chautauqua County Jail at Sedan, Kansas. Carpenter was interviewed and advised that following his apprehension at Joplin, Missouri, for the participation in the robbery of the Fry Jewelry Company at Sedan, Kansas, in January, 1933, he was removed to Sedan, Kansas, where, on October 15, 1935, he and Milton Brooks, who was brought to Sedan, Kansas, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, on October 7, 1935, for the same offense, entered pleas of guilty to burglarizing the aforementioned jewelry company but that sentence was deferred pending Carpenter's entering a plea of guilty to participation in the robbery of the Union Gas Company at Coffeyville, Kansas, about January 15, 1933. Concerning the robbery of the jewelry company Carpenter advised that those participating were Harry Campbell, Jimmie Lawson, Glen Leroy Wright, Brooks, and himself. He stated he met Campbell for the first time in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a short time prior to this event, through Glen Leroy Wright, whom he had known for a number of years. He further indicated that this robbery was planned by Campbell and Lawson and that about \$500.00 in jewelry was taken but that he received only \$25.00. Carpenter also informed that Campbell, Lawson, Wright, and himself robbed the Union Gas Company at Coffeyville shortly thereafter, which robbery netted them \$2,350.00, of which amount he received \$500.00 as his share. According to Carpenter, Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, cased the job and received \$220.00 as his share for doing so. Carpenter further advised that it was his information that Hill was to be prosecuted for his participation in the robbery and it was his intention to appear against Hill when he was taken into custody. Of those actively participating in the robbery, Carpenter stated Lawson is presently confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, and Wright is confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. Concerning Campbell, he advised that he had neither seen or heard of him since January 15, 1933, and concerning Campbell's background or past associates, he said he knew nothing in that Campbell was a tight lipped individual and very rarely talked about himself. Carpenter was at a loss to name any one individual with whom Campbell would make contact other than Tom Hill in that he, Carpenter, was not acquainted with the criminal element in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma, having spent the greater portion of his life around Berryville, Arkansas, where his parents presently reside. He further advised that he has one brother, Gordon Carpenter, living at 6 East Eleventh Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Carpenter further informed that he had been interviewed by numerous peace officers for information concerning Campbell and, although he wished to cooperate in giving information concerning him, he was not in a position to do so in that their acquaintanceship had been very limited. Carpenter also indicated that Bert Daugherty, mentioned in reference report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, was not a likely contact for Campbell and he did not believe they were known to each other although Bert's brother, Jess, now deceased, had been acquainted with Campbell.

Milton Brooks, when interviewed, advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning Campbell other than that he had given to Special Agent Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City Office and as set out in the report of that Agent dated 8-2-35. In discussing contacts with Campbell,

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Brooks volunteered the opinion that Mineral Wells, Texas, might be an ideal place for Campbell to locate in view of the fact that a day or two prior to the burglary at Sedan, Kansas, Campbell had arrived at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from Mineral Wells where he had spent the previous three months taking treatment for gonorrheal rheumatism. He further related that Campbell had suffered from gonorrheal rheumatism for a period of at least a year prior to that time and that because of excessive drinking was afflicted with severe spells. As a result of this, Brooks related that Campbell had made frequent trips to Mineral Wells and believed that he had wide acquaintanceship in that vicinity. Brooks said that on the night of the burglary at Sedan Campbell was so badly crippled and unable to move about in a dexterous manner that he was assigned the task of driving the get-away automobile used in the burglary. The Kansas City file in instant case does not indicate whether any investigation in this regard has ever been conducted by the Dallas Office at Mineral Wells, Texas. However, if same has not already been done it is suggested that suitable inquiry be made in the vicinity to determine if Brooks' statement in this regard is, in fact, true.

While in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas, Nate Smith, Special Agent, Missouri Pacific Railroad, Coffeyville, Kansas, was contacted and he advised that he had been recently approached by one Charlie Harris, an Indian, of Coffeyville who had offered to put Karpis and Campbell on the spot for a suitable price. Mr. Smith related that Harris had resided in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, for approximately twenty years and had spent a great deal of time at Tom Hill's place. He felt Harris was well informed as to any and all criminal activities in South Coffeyville in that he had associated with the criminal element at that place for numerous years and had served a year and a day at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the Internal Revenue Act.

Harris was interviewed in Mr. Smith's office and informed that, although he is not personally acquainted with either Karpis or Campbell, he knew certain contacts of theirs and believed that after some effort of his he could ascertain their present whereabouts. He stated that his brother, Fred Harris, had worked for Tom Hill a number of years and that he personally had spent a great deal of time at Hill's place and that consequently he knew a great many criminal characters in that vicinity. Harris stated that he believed George Dunn, a former inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, presently employed as a glass blower in Fort Smith, Arkansas, would be Karpis' best contact in that vicinity. He described Dunn as an older man than Karpis but stated that they had served time together at Lansing and during that time had been the best of friends. Harris said that Dunn was released from Lansing in 1931 but during his incarceration Harris described Karpis as "Dunn's punk" and that Dunn was the "main man." After the release of Karpis from Lansing, he adopted Dunn's name as an alias, according to Harris, and he felt they were still in close contact. However, Harris advised

that he had been informed that George Hill, postal inspector at Tulsa, Oklahoma, believed that Dunn had participated in the robbery of a mail clerk in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, in 1933 and that Dunn was more or less in hiding at the present time although he had made several visits of late to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Harris remarked that George Hill had sought his services in ascertaining Dunn's whereabouts and that he had intended to negotiate with Hill the day following the interview in an attempt to find Dunn at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Harris advised that he believed within a months time, with the aid of an Agent and necessary expense money, he could locate both Karpis and Campbell by discreet inquiry through Burr Head Keady of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Dunn, both of whom he is intimately acquainted with. He was informed that the Bureau would pay \$2,500.00 for Karpis and \$1,000.00 for Campbell for confidential information furnished exclusively to the Bureau and leading to their arrests but that the interviewing Agents had no authority to furnish expense money and that this matter would be taken up with the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office and a decision reached at an early date. He was further informed that he should make every effort in the meantime to obtain all possible information concerning those Subjects and transmit the same to the Kansas City Bureau Office.

Mr. Smith advised that Harris could be located at any time through his office and stated that he felt that Harris was thoroughly reliable and that he had assisted him in numerous cases.

At the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, two photographs of George Dunn, alias George Davis, alias Dummy, alias Charlie Williams, alias George Donley, alias George Darling were secured. He was sentenced on 1-18-23 from Phillip County, Kansas, to serve one to five years for burglary and larceny. He is described as follows:

Age	39
Height	5' 7"
Weight	116 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
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A copy of the photograph of Dunn is being transmitted to the Oklahoma City and Little Rock Bureau Offices with copies of this report.

Al Sherwood, alias Al Myers was also contacted at the Last Chance Tourist Camp at Coffeyville, Kansas. When questioned, he denied any knowledge concerning Karpis or Campbell, their present associates, or their whereabouts.

However, he admitted knowing Doc and Fred Barker, Volney Davis, and Jimmie White, having served time with them at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. He stated that he had read a great deal about Karpis and Campbell but had never met either of them although Campbell had been pointed out to him while sitting in an automobile in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, about three years ago. He further related that since his release from McAlester he had been employed by Tom Hill of South Coffeyville purchasing second hand oil tanks at a salary of \$35.00 per week. He further informed that he was desirous of staying clear from anyone who was a fugitive from justice because of the possible consequences to himself and thus he was not in a position to furnish information concerning anyone that was hot. He was advised that a certain sum would be paid by the Bureau for confidential information but replied that he was not in a position to do so and that he knew nothing about the matter.

On November 20, 1935, an article appeared in the Kansas City Journal Post to the effect that Tom Hill had been arrested by the Kansas State Highway Patrol for having participated in the robbery of the Union Gas Company in Coffeyville in January, 1933.

With reference to Mrs. Esther Twilly, 1401 Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, mentioned in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Mo., dated 9-26-35, Mrs. Twilly was interviewed in the office of F. B. Hand, an attorney in Coffeyville, Kansas, and advised that since her previous interview with Special Agent B. P. Cruise of the Kansas City Office on 9-7-35 she had obtained no further information of value. However, Mrs. Twilly stated that Earl Morris, her son-in-law, had returned from Washington, D. C. and was working for another son-in-law, Ted Thornton, at the Tavern, a night club located on the highway between Fort Scott, Kansas, and Nevada, Missouri, about five miles from Fort Scott. She further advised that at one time she had worked for the parents of Hazel Doyle who operated the Nut House in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and through that relationship had been able to obtain a great deal of information concerning criminal characters around South Coffeyville. At the present time, however, she is not employed and has no means of access to the Doyle home. She informed that a Dr. Ritchie from Kansas City, Missouri, and Curley Bennett and Harry Sherman from Minneapolis are presently residing at the Nut House and that she has been keeping a close watch on these individuals to determine if any wanted fugitive is contacting them. Mrs. Twilly stated that she doubted Tom Hill's reliability in that while working for Les McCabe at South Coffeyville she overheard a conversation between Hills brother, whom she described as Punch Hill, and Les McCabe to the effect that if any wanted fugitive appeared at South Coffeyville, Tom Hill would tip off law enforcement officials. She further related that she understood that Punch Hill had tipped off George Dunn to the fact that Tom Hill would report his presence in South Coffeyville and that Punch Hill had made the assertion that he would get to the rest of the boys and advised them not to come to that place. Mrs. Twilly stated that in the event she received any information of

value concerning either Karpis or Campbell she would immediately report the same to Mr. Hanlon who, in turn, would report the same to the Kansas City Bureau Office.

Concerning Gus Haut, mentioned in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Mo., dated 9-26-35, as a possible contact of Campbell, inquiries were also made of Attorney F. B. Hanlon concerning his whereabouts. Attorney Hanlon advised that Haut is presently residing in Joplin, Missouri, and had been in his office a week prior to the date of the interview but that no definite date had been set for his trial at Joplin. Hanlon related that after numerous interviews with Haut he attempted to doubt the credibility of the information that Haut had given him concerning his association with numerous fugitives, particularly Harry Campbell. Inquiry of Ed Portley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Missouri, revealed that Haut had been arrested during the early part of November and was ordered to leave Joplin. Chief Portley informed that Haut had advised him that he and Harry Campbell had planned to rob the Empire Gas Company at Joplin, Missouri, but that this venture was not undertaken because of Haut's previous arrest at Independence, Kansas, for burglary. Chief Portley further informed that after an investigation at the Empire Gas Company he found that a bookkeeper employed at that place had embezzled a sum of money and had apparently solicited Haut's aid in planning a robbery of the company to cover up these shortages. However, Chief Portley stated that Haut's story of Harry Campbell was a fabrication, that he was well acquainted with Haut and his associates, and that he knew him to be a petty burglar in whom no badly wanted fugitive would place the smallest amount of confidence.

During the afternoon of November 27, 1935, Mr. George McNally, Kansas City representative of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, telephonically advised the Kansas City Office to the effect that he had received a telephone call from Chief of Detectives Portley at Joplin, who had advised that Gus Haut had been arrested by his department in connection with a car which Portley believed was stolen from Arkansas. Mr. McNally advised that if he found this car involved in interstate commerce and was stolen, he would advise the Kansas City Office. However, Haut will be interviewed in Joplin at an early date.

With reference to the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Mo., dated 10-23-35, page 5, wherein Volney Davis had informed Agent Farland during the latter part of April, 1935, that he contacted Spike Lane and others at Barr's tourist camp at Joplin, Missouri. Lem Maxfield was contacted at the LeBarr (not Barr) tourist camp and he informed that he had been previously contacted by Special Agent D. M. Brightman for information concerning various bank robbers in that district. Mr. Maxfield advised that his camp had very little business during this season of the year because of the cold weather and that consequently he would have an opportunity to

scrutinize every guest appearing at this camp and note their behavior. In the event that anyone appeared who would arouse his suspicions he advised that he would immediately notify the Kansas City Bureau Office. He was shown photographs of various fugitives wanted by the Bureau and his attention was particularly invited to those photographs of Karpis and Campbell. However, he failed to recognize these photographs as likenesses of any persons who had ever been guests at his tourist camp. Mr. Maxfield was advised that Identification Orders on the above named Subjects would be mailed to him and he promised full cooperation in the event that any of the above named appeared at his camp.

The Kansas City Bureau Office was advised by Mr. G. S. Danhour and Mr. James B. Keenan of the Alcoholic Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, 209 Federal Building, Joplin, Missouri, that Deputy Sheriff Clay Parker of Noel, Missouri, had told them that there was a camp located about eight miles from Southwestern, Missouri, on the Elk River, which was previously a hideout for criminals and that Parker had understood that Karpis was there with one Harold Russell.

Parker was contacted and he advised that he had an informant who had advised him that a person known only as Butch to the informant was operating a club house five miles west of Noel on the Elk River, known more specifically as the Old Shartrell Club House. Parker advised that because the house was so situated he could not approach it without being discovered. He had never made an effort to make a discreet surveillance over the place to watch the activities of the occupants. However, he had received information from his informant that the place was a gambling headquarters for the criminal element of that vicinity. At various times such notorious criminals as Clinton Cooper, brother of Buss Cooper, slain bank robber; Leonard Short, who escaped on December 3, 1935, from the City Federal Jail at Muskogee, Oklahoma; and various Oklahoma and Missouri outlaws had visited the club on several occasions. He believed that one Tracey Hepplestein, a gambler from Anderson, Missouri, had a financial interest in the place as well as Clyde and Charlie Sharp, stolen bond fences of Joplin, Missouri, and Jack Jackson, a shady character of Joplin, Missouri, and Miami, Oklahoma. Parker believed that Harry Campbell and not Alvin Karpis might visit the place because of his connections with those who had formerly frequented the club. He further advised that those in charge of the club had at one time operated a similar place on the Grand River, southeast of the Bee Creek bridge, between Turkeyford and Fairland, Oklahoma. Parker had previously furnished this information to members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and after consultation with Sargeant Charles Newman, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, it had been decided that it would be inadvisable to make open inquiries at the place. However, Parker advised that his informant would endeavor to secure all possible information concerning the place and those persons visiting it, and all information deemed of value would be



transmitted to the Kansas City Office. Sargeant Newman, when contacted, advised that he contemplated sending a man, who was thoroughly acquainted with the country, to the vicinity aforementioned to conduct a discreet investigation as to the occupants of the club, and if it was determined that any fugitive wanted by the Bureau was contacting the club, the Kansas City Office would immediately be notified. During the course of the interview, Sargeant Newman related that several days prior thereto he had received information from Frank Stone, Assistant Director of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, to the effect that Alvin Karpis was to contact Herbert Farmer at his home in Joplin, Missouri. Immediate surveillance of the Farmer home was begun but nothing of consequence developed.

Newman stated he was later informed that Farmer had learned from two Joplin Detectives that a raid on his home was contemplated and immediately notified Karpis by messenger, who, therefore, did not make the contact. Sargeant Newman tended to place little credence in the information he received concerning Karpis. However, he related that he was keeping a close surveillance of all possible points of contact of Karpis and/or Campbell in Joplin and vicinity. b7c b7d

[REDACTED] was contacted by Special Agent D. I. McCain and informed that he had received information that Karpis had not attempted to contact Herb Farmer at Joplin because of the tip off by two Joplin city detectives who were paid \$50.00 for this information. [REDACTED] did not advise as to the source of this information but related that he was making every effort to gain all information concerning the alleged presence of Karpis and Campbell in that vicinity. He further advised that he was attempting to gain the confidence of one Mike Evans, head of the Miners Union of Picher, Oklahoma, whom he believed to be an excellent source of information concerning Campbell in that he had a wide acquaintanceship with ex-convicts in that vicinity, many of whom are acquainted with Campbell. He further advised that if any information of value is received he would immediately report the same to the Kansas City Office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John B. Little, Oklahoma City, dated 10-11-35, where information is set out to the effect that a list of names, allegedly the property of Fred and Doc Barker, had been found in the Gable Hotel, Webb City, Missouri, which might be of value in establishing connections. Miss Grace Culber, manager of the Gable Hotel, Webb City, Missouri, was interviewed and advised that she had been in active management of that hotel since March, 1932, and that prior to that time the hotel had been closed for approximately a year. However, during that time she had no recollection of the Barkers ever having stayed there nor could she recall any raid ever being made by the police at her hotel. Miss Culber believed she knew the Barkers by sight and in the event any of them had ever stayed at her hotel she would have been aware of the fact. However, she could furnish no information concerning the property prior to March, 1931.

A. J. Vicker, Chief of Police, Webb City, Missouri, when interviewed, advised that he had been on the police force of that city intermittently for twenty years and, although he knew the Barkers very well, he never recalled that they had stopped at the Gable Hotel nor had his department, during that time, conducted any raid during which they found a list of names or guns that were the property of the Barkers.

Concerning Frank Vaughn, mentioned in the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo., dated 10-21-35, as a possible contact of Campbell, Chief Vicker advised that it was his information that Vaughn is presently residing in Chicago although he did not know the exact location of his residence. He advised, however, that O. B. Vaughn, father of Frank Vaughn, presently residing at Waynesville, Missouri, could furnish the desired information concerning Frank Vaughn's present whereabouts.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Mo., dated 7-5-35, concerning Frank Dixon, administrator of the estate of Kate and Fred Barker, deceased. Dixon was interviewed and advised that he had no further information to report concerning Mildred Kuhlman and he had made no further effort to contact her since the last interview made by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom. He advised that it appeared very improbable to him that other monies belonging to the Barker estate could be found and for that reason he would make no further efforts to contact Mildred Kuhlman. Dixon further advised that he was not acquainted with either Campbell or Karpis and was quite positive that George Barker knew nothing of their activities or whereabouts. He promised, however, that in the event he received any information he would immediately transmit same to the Kansas City Office.

On November 21, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Davis, the parents of Volney Davis, were contacted at their home in Neosho, Missouri, by Agents Farland and Norstrom, for the purpose of delivering to them the \$1,113.40 and other personal effects which were found in the possession of Volney Davis at the time he was apprehended. A receipt was obtained for the same, copies of which were forwarded to the interested offices by letter. Mrs. Davis was questioned as to any knowledge she might have concerning Karpis and Campbell. She advised that she knew nothing of either of them although she had met Campbell on one occasion when he had appeared at her home in Tulsa when Volney was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis pledged their cooperation in getting all possible information concerning either Karpis or Campbell through the medium of their children at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in the event that anything is obtained that may be of value they will immediately transmit the same to the Kansas City Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis also stated that they fully appreciated the attitude of the Bureau and that they also appreciated the many kindnesses the Bureau had extended to them, and Mr. Davis expressed the wish that he hoped to see the interviewing Agents in heaven some day.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated 11-2-35, wherein information is set out to the effect that one Claudie Carey made periodical visits to one Edward Bible at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. Bible, register #9759, was interviewed and advised that he is presently serving a sentence of 40 years for second degree murder, being sentenced at Independence, Kansas, in 1926. He advised that he had lived in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, for a number of years and was casually acquainted with Karpis, having met him in the Penitentiary. He said he did not know Campbell personally and had heard nothing concerning him. He further stated that Claudie Carey had visited him on numerous occasions but had never spoken of Campbell. However, he stated that if it would be of any value to the Bureau he would make discreet inquiry of Claudie Carey concerning Campbell. However, he did advise that Bessie Green, wife of Eddie Green, deceased, had recently made inquiry concerning Bible through a third party, whose name he would not divulge. She had conveyed the information that Bible, she understood, had been a good friend of her husband, Eddie, and would like to pay him a visit if he so desired. However, he could not recall ever having known Eddie Green and consequently did not accede to her wishes. It was his information, he said, that Mrs. Green had been operating a beer tavern in St. Paul and had made numerous trips recently to Kansas City, Missouri, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Hot Springs, Arkansas. Bible informed that he understood that Mrs. Green was presently at Hot Springs and he agreed to get word to her at that place to pay him a visit at the Penitentiary. Bible stated that he understood that Mrs. Green had a wide acquaintanceship with various hoodlums in St. Paul and other mid-western towns and he felt that she might know something of value concerning Karpis or Campbell. Bible said that in the event Mrs. Green paid him a visit he felt that he could obtain information of value from her.

Deputy Warden E. M. Stubblefield, Kansas State Penitentiary, promised to cooperate to the fullest extent in arranging an interview with Bessie Green and advised that he would notify the Kansas City Bureau Office in the event that present plans were completed.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The DALLAS OFFICE at Mineral Wells, Texas, if the same has not been done, will conduct appropriate investigation at Mineral Wells and endeavor to determine if Harry Campbell has made contact at that place in the past.

The LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Fort Smith, Arkansas, will endeavor to determine if George Dunn is presently residing at that place and, if so, conduct appropriate interviews with him concerning the remaining fugitives in this case.

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Fort Scott, Kansas, will locate and interview Earl Morris at the Tavern for any information he may have concerning the remaining fugitives in this case.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will again contact Charlie Harris to determine if he has received additional information concerning Karpis or Campbell.

At Joplin, Missouri, will interview Sargeant Charles Newman of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for any additional information he may have concerning activities at the Old Chartrell Club House, five miles west of Noel, Missouri.

At Waynesville, Missouri, will interview O. B. Vaughn in an endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of his son, Frank Vaughn, so that he may be approached and appropriately interviewed.

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ADDENDUM BY S. A. C. --

With reference to Charlie Harris mentioned in this report it is believed inadvisable to advance him any funds for expenses at this time inasmuch as he admitted that he did not know either Karpis or Campbell and he evidently believed his best method of locating them would be through George Dunn who, it is noted, would probably be arrested by Post Office Inspectors through Harris' efforts and consequently that means of contact would be closed.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT Aberdeen, South Dakota	DATE WHEN MADE 12/10/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/3,4,6/35	REPORT MADE BY J. MICHAEL MC GRATH WSG
TITLE 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 BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Inquiry at Langdon, North Dakota concerning DR. ROBERT CARVILLE ORMISTON who is believed identical with Subject DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN discloses that ORMISTON has a niece by his name at Edgely, North Dakota. ORMISTON stated while at Langdon that his father died at Bismarck, North Dakota a year and a half ago. All people interviewed note a resemblance between pictures of DR. MORAN and DR. ORMISTON. Whereabouts of DR. ORMISTON not yet learned. Investigation being expedited.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter dated November 21, 1935.

**DETAILS:** AT LANGDON, NORTH DAKOTA.

John Whalen, druggist, advised after looking at picture of DR. MORAN that DOCTOR ROBERT CARVILLE ORMISTON resembled DR. MORAN and that the resemblance was a striking one. Mr. Whalen stated that DR. ORMISTON was heavier but that the description otherwise was similar in all respects. DR. ORMISTON, as best that Mr. Whalen recalls, was in Langdon, North Dakota in August and September and on the occasions when he called at the drug store he would dictate his prescriptions for the boys at the transient camp, which on later check by Mr. Whalen were never compounded ones and they could have been prescribed by a person without a medical training. The outstanding characteristic of ORMISTON was his great sympathy for the boys at the Transient Camp. DOCTOR ORMISTON never asked for narcotics, rubber goods or medicine for treatment of venereal

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diseases. Mr. Whalen estimated DR. ORMISTON'S age at 49 and his weight at 170 while it is noted that DR. MORAN'S age is 39 and his weight is 155.

Louis Whalen, son of John Whalen and also a druggist, advised that the picture of DR. MORAN looked identical to DR. ORMISTON but that he would not swear to the identity. He could furnish no other information other than what his father had stated.

Agent interviewed Ted Wollitz, proprietor of a butcher market, who advised that he had loaned DR. ORMISTON money on several occasions and that the DOCTOR had left town owing him \$3.00. He described DR. ORMISTON as 45 years of age, about 175-180 pounds, greyish hair, soft hat, and a sharp eye. Mr. Wollitz advised that his wife knew a Florence Ormiston whose home is at Edgely, North Dakota and that he had asked DOCTOR ORMISTON if any relationship existed between Florence and him, to which he replied that he was Florence Ormiston's Uncle. Miss Florence Ormiston is a hairdresser and she presently is working in a small town close to Edgely, North Dakota. DOCTOR ORMISTON also made references to Bismarck, North Dakota and Mr. Wollitz believes that ORMISTON stated to him that his, ORMISTON'S, father had passed away in that city about a year and a half ago. Mr. Wollitz also stated that he did not believe that ORMISTON was a citizen of the Northwest from the accent which he had and that it sounded more Southern than Northern. ORMISTON acted as if he were an important person and it was a surprise to Mr. Wollitz when he learned that the DOCTOR was merely another transient and not the manager of this transient camp as he had given people to believe. Mr. Wollitz stated that all members of the camp had left town when the camp ended and that he did not know where any of them were at the time. It was Mr. Wollitz' opinion that the picture of DOCTOR MORAN resembled ORMISTON a great deal. Mr. Wollitz furnished Agent with two carbon copies of DOCTOR ORMISTON'S signature written on invoices of his market and an envelope which is written on both sides in handwriting which Mr. Wollitz is quite certain is in the hand of DOCTOR ORMISTON. These three items are being sent to the Bureau for handwriting comparison with the hand of DOCTOR MORAN and examination for latent fingerprints.

Chief of Police Herbe Reetz was contacted and he stated in substance the information as set out in the reference report when he was quoted by Sheriff Murie. He was firm in his belief that DOCTOR ORMISTON and DOCTOR MORAN are identical. He advised that since the evening that DOCTOR ORMISTON left Langdon, North Dakota with the clothing that was stolen from Jack Schlegel, nothing had been heard about him. The Chief added that one of the transients had told him that ORMISTON had gone to Lakota that night and had planned to meet a girl there by arrangement, from which point the couple were going to Minneapolis, Minnesota. This was approximately September 15, 1935.

Deputy Sheriff Morton Olson advised that he knew nothing concerning ORMISTON other than that he had seen him about town. When shown the pictures of DOCTOR MORAN he could see a resemblance with ORMISTON. He noted that ORMISTON was about 50 years of age and appeared 20 pounds heavier than DOCTOR MORAN.

Agent contacted S. J. "Stub" Walker, proprietor of "The Cave", a local saloon. He described ORMISTON as:

Age	Age 50
Height	5' 9"
Weight	185-190
Build	Heavy set
Complexion	Sandy
Hair	Light greyish brown
Peculiarities	Head cocked a little; A man who wins confidence easily and wrote verses of poetry for advertising.

Mr. Walker was unable to find any of these verses which were written by DOCTOR ORMISTON and did not have any other handwriting or printing. DOCTOR ORMISTON had shown Mrs. Walker an operating knife which he stated to her had been used for ovary and chancere operations. Mr. Walker was present at the time and an argument started because Mr. Walker did not like to have such matters discussed with his wife. At the time that ORMISTON left Langdon, North Dakota he owed Mr. Walker about three dollars. Mr. Walker was unable to furnish any information as to the past or future plans of DOCTOR ORMISTON.

Agent contacted Mrs. S. J. Walker who stated that she had written to Jack Schlegel at Minneapolis, Minnesota after the camp was ended and he wrote back that he could be reached through the Real Silk Hosiery Co., Fargo, North Dakota which is located in the Black Building. Mrs. Walker examined the pictures of DOCTOR MORAN and stated that she saw a likeness of DOCTOR ORMISTON in it.

Agent interviewed Postmaster L. L. Gardener who permitted Agent to examine all registered mail, special deliveries, insured packages, and money orders during July, August, September, and October and no information was learned which might assist in locating DOCTOR ORMISTON. The Postmaster advised that all transient mail was sent to the camp in one package and that he did not recall ever handling any mail for this man.

#### AT LAKOTA, NORTH DAKOTA.

Assistant Postmistress F. S. Foley advised that she did not know of any ORMISTONS in Lakota and that she had not given any mail to anyone by that name at the general delivery window. She also stated that to her knowledge no girl in Lakota had left the town to go to Minneapolis. During this interview Postmaster Simmons arrived in the office and he advised as had Miss Foley.

Sheriff E. T. Swendseid advised that he did not know anyone by the name of Ormiston and that he had not heard of any girl or woman leaving Lakota for Minneapolis in the past three months to his recollection.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ABERDEEN OFFICE at FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA will contact Jack Schlegel through the Real Silk Hosiery office where some of his friends are employed with a view to learning the whereabouts of DOCTOR ROBERT CARVILLE ORMISTON.

At Fargo, North Dakota will contact Curran J. Lynch, Transient Bureau and learn the names and addresses of the members of the transient camp which was located at Langdon, North Dakota from approximately August 8, 1935 to October 1, 1935. If these names and addresses are available the friends of ORMISTON, as designated by Jack Schlegel, should be interviewed looking to his whereabouts. It may be possible to obtain more of DOCTOR ORMISTON'S handwriting at this office.

At Edgely, North Dakota will learn the whereabouts of Florence Ormiston and interview her for the same information. It may be possible to get this information from the mother of Florence if she lives in this town. All available handwriting and handprinting should be obtained.

At Bismarck, North Dakota will examine the records of deaths for 1933 and 1934 and the city directories for those years in order to learn if DOCTOR ORMISTON actually had a father in that city. Further appropriate investigation should then be made.

All investigation is being expedited.

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POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Madala dated Chicago, Illinois November 30, 1935, in which your office was requested to make certain investigation in an effort to determine the identity and location of ~~GENE L. JORDAN~~ or ~~CARL JOHNSON~~.

For your information Volney Davis advised Bureau Agents at Chicago, Illinois that about a week or ten days prior to his capture, he had been with the Sels-Liberty Carnival then located in Madison, Wis.; that he picked up a woman named ~~PATRY~~ described as age 25 to 30 years; weight 125 pounds; hair black, at Madison, Wisconsin, shortly prior to his arrest at Chicago; that he lived with her for two nights and was to meet her at Calesburg, Illinois but was prevented from doing so due to his arrest; that this girl was not connected with the carnival but merely followed it as a prostitute.

In this connection your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hestetter dated St. Louis, Missouri June 11, 1935, a copy of which was furnished your office which discloses investigation conducted at Calesburg, Illinois to the effect that two prostitutes named Patsy and Chubby resided at 304 1/2 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin during the period that the Sels-Liberty Carnival was playing in Madison. A lead was directed to your office in which you were requested to locate and interview Patsy and Chubby at Madison, Wisconsin for the purpose of ascertaining if either of these alleged prostitutes is acquainted with Volney Davis. An examination of the files in this office discloses that this lead has apparently never been covered, and it is suggested that same be given prompt attention.

It is also suggested that the most recent photograph of Davis be exhibited to the persons residing at 304 1/2 Wilson St. in an effort to determine whether Volney Davis resided there during the latter part of

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May, 1938, it being noted that this address is not far from 125 Wilson Street, at which place Seno L. Jordan resided during that same period.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. BOX 1469,  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

Dear Sir:

In the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson rendered in this case at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 7, 1935, information was furnished that one George Dunn who was reported to be residing in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, was very friendly with Alvin Karpis a few years ago. It is stated that Karpis, in fact, used the name of George Dunn after he was released from the penitentiary in Kansas, for some time. This information was furnished by one Charlie Harris, former employee of Tom Hill in the latters night club at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

A lead was submitted for the Little Rock office in this report to contact George Dunn at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, regarding any possible contact between him and Karpis.

Investigation at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, subsequent to the receipt of this report of Special Agent Hanson, failed to locate George Dunn. I am now in receipt of information through George Smith, Deputy Constable at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to the effect that recently several Highway Patrolmen from the State of Kansas had been in Ft. Smith seeking to locate George Dunn, alleged associate of Karpis, and requested his assistance. Mr. Smith stated he had assisted the officers while they were in the city but they were unable to locate Dunn but that since their departure, he has made further investigation and has learned through a source that he does not care to disclose, that Dunn is now located in Indiana where he is working for the Enterprise Glass Company, Garden, Indiana. The postal guide does not show a city by the name of "Garden," Indiana, and it is possible that the place referred to is "Corydon" and that the Enterprise Glass Company is located at the latter place. George Dunn is reported to be married to one Lillian Perdue who is badly crippled in one foot.

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If you are able to locate the city in which the Enterprise Glass Company is situated, please conduct appropriate investigation looking toward an interview with George Dunn for any information he may possess which will lead to the apprehension of Karpis.

Very truly yours,

R. L. MEIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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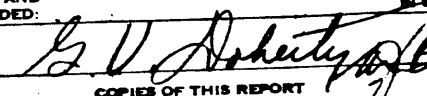
REPORT MADE AT <b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/11/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/22/35 12/4/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. FARLEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218. ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1935 N.Y. license 2D-8597 issued to Harry Lee Hapeman, home address Red Hook, New York, business address 26 Washington St., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. where he is employed as night attendant in garage of C. M. Clay. License issued for 1935 Chevrolet Coupe. Apparently bears good reputation. Mail cover placed on first class mail for period of thirty days. Len E. Brock also known as Ben Brock now operates a garage and filling station at Cooksville, Ontario, Canada, part of which he sub-leases to a mechanic from Toronto, Canada named Herbert Rudd. Brock is said to entertain friends occasionally from Canada and the States, and the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran has been identified as one of the visitors within the last two weeks by Herbert Rudd, who agrees to observe and report the automobile licenses on all cars calling at Brock's place.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio dated 11/27/35.  
Report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, N.Y. dated 8/29/35.  
Letter from Indianapolis Bureau office dated April 25, 1935.  
Letter from Chicago Bureau office dated November 1, 1935.

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## DETAILS:

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

At the Department of Taxation and Finance, Motor Vehicle Bureau, State of New York, State Office Building, Special Agent M. J. Conroy checked 1935 New York registration 2B-8397 and ascertained that this registration was issued on June 28th, 1935 to Harry Lee Hapeman for a 1925 Chevrolet Touring car. The home address of applicant was given as 57 Garden Street, Red Hook, New York and business address was given as C.M. Clay, 26 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, New York. On September 3rd, 1935 the records disclosed that this automobile was transferred to W. J. Scism, Red Hook, New York and the registration was transferred in the name of Harry Lee Hapeman to cover a 1935 Chevrolet Coupe. The business and home address of applicant was given as Red Hook, New York. The application for driver's license of Harry Lee Hapeman contained the following information; born June 21, 1877, male, white, 168 pounds, height 5' 4", hazel eyes, brown hair.

AT RED HOOK, NEW YORK

Agent interviewed Alvah P. Saulpangh, Postmaster, who stated that Harry Lee Hapeman was presently residing with Harry W. Griffin, who was married to Hapeman's sister. That he had been residing there for the past two or three months having moved there from Poughkeepsie, New York after his wife had died. He further stated that Hapeman had been born in Red Hook, New York and had resided there for a long time until after the death of his mother some eight or ten years ago when he left Red Hook and had gone west and had resided and worked in Cleveland, Ohio until his wife died when he returned to New York State and had resided in Poughkeepsie, New York and had then moved to Red Hook. Mr. Saulpangh stated that he did not know much about Hapeman but that Harry Griffin with whom he resided did not possess a very good reputation in Red Hook but that his poor reputation was due entirely to his heavy and excessive drinking. He stated that Doctor J. E. Vigeant who resided next door to the Griffin family in Red Hook was reliable and could be trusted to the fullest extent and might be able to give some information as to the activities of Hapeman. He described Hapeman as follows:

Age	50 years
Height	5' 4" or 5"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Stout
Complexion	Fair

Hair	Brown
Face	Smooth shaven
Glasses	Wears glasses.

Agent interviewed Doctor J. E. Vigeant at his home in Red Hook, New York who stated that Harry Lee Hapeman had been residing at the home of Harry W. Griffin since about the middle of the summer; that he spent the greater part of the summer about the house in the daytime and he did not know if he was employed or not. Dr. Vigeant stated that he had never noticed any strange automobiles about the home of Harry W. Griffin and had never noticed any strangers about except a married man and his wife who had roomed there during the summer. These people had driven a car, make unknown, which bore a Connecticut license tag. Doctor Vigeant stated that he was very friendly with Will Hapeman, brother of Harry L. Hapeman and that he would secure some information from him in an indirect manner about the activities of Harry Hapeman while he was residing in Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that he would be able to do this without arousing any suspicions as there was no love lost between the two brothers as at the time of the death of their mother Harry had refused to pay any part of the expenses and Will had been forced to stand it alone and since that time the brothers had been unfriendly and Will had often talked to the Doctor about Harry.

Alvah P. Saulpaugh, Postmaster, was requested to place a thirty day mail cover on all first class mail of Harry L. Hapeman and this verbal request was confirmed by letter.

Agent interviewed W. J. Sciam, distributor of Chevrolet Automobiles, Red Hook, New York, who stated that he had sold Harry L. Hapeman a 1935 Chevrolet Coupe on June 28th, 1935; that Hapeman had made the down payment for this car out of the proceeds of an insurance policy which he had on the life of his wife who had died about that time. The monthly payments that Hapeman was still making were always paid to him in cash. He further stated that Hapeman was employed as the night attendant at the garage of C. M. Clay, 26 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, New York. Mr. Sciam stated that as far as he knew Hapeman had always had a good reputation, and had been working steadily at the garage in Poughkeepsie, New York.

In view of the nature of this case Special Agent in Charge, G. V. Doherty, authorized Special Agent M. J. Conroy to proceed to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. to complete investigation at that point.

AT POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

At 57 Garden Street, agent interviewed Mr. Simon who stated that he was the owner of the building and that he had rented a furnished

apartment to Harry L. Hapeman and his wife; that they had lived in his apartment for about six months prior to July 1935 at which time Mrs. Hapeman had died and Hapeman had left his apartment and moved to Red Hook, New York to live with his sister. Mr. Simon stated that the Hapeman's had had very few visitors during the time that they had resided in his apartment and that he could not recall any ones in particular that they had. He stated that they had never caused him any trouble and had impressed him as being very nice people; that they always paid their rent promptly and that Hapeman had been employed as a night man at a garage on Washington Street during the time that they had occupied his apartment.

At the Post Office agent contacted Vincent Coghill who examined his records and stated that Harry Lee Hapeman had left a change of address blank at the post office in July 1935 directing that all his mail addressed to 57 Garden Street be forwarded to Red Hook, New York. He stated that he would instruct the carriers to secure mail tracings of all first class mail that might come to the office addressed to Harry Lee Hapeman and would forward them to the New York Bureau office. This was confirmed by a letter addressed to the Postmaster, Charles I. Lavery.

Mr. Vincent Coghill further stated that the post office had a contract with the Clay Garage for the furnishing of gasoline and oil to the postal trucks. Under a pretext of checking the contract with the post office agent contacted Mr. C. M. Clay, proprietor of the Clay Garage, 26 Washington Street, and during the course of the conversation it was ascertained that Harry Lee Hapeman was employed there as night attendant working from eleven P.M. until 7 A.M. Mr. Clay stated that he was entirely trustworthy and considered a very competent employee.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent E.

J. Dowd.

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[REDACTED] for the purpose of conducting an investigation.

[REDACTED] is contacted, and he stated that about six months ago one Len Brock leased a garage formerly operated by W. J. Turner of Cooksville, Canada and rented part of it to Herbert Rudd, a former mechanic in the Packard Motor Company of Toronto, that little was known of Len Brock except that he moved to Cooksville from Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, Canada.



After this information was obtained [redacted] advised the writer that he was personally acquainted with Herbert Rudd, who was indebted to him for the handling of a murder case, the victim being Rudd's sister; that in the opinion of [redacted] he considered Rudd a reliable person to contact in connection with the activities of Len Brock.

W. J. Turner, Cooksville, Canada was interviewed by the writer and [redacted] Mr. Turner stated that he had advertised his garage for sale in the newspapers about six months ago, that in response to this advertisement Len Brock came to Cooksville and after terms were agreed upon, leased the garage for a period of two years on a basis of \$50.00 per month. Mr. Turner stated that Brock sub-leased the garage to Herbert Rudd, a mechanic, and that Brock was using the front end and filling station; that recently Brock complained about paying the rent and indicated that he would soon be obliged to give up the garage and move. Mr. Turner further stated that since Brock has been in the garage, on several occasions a number of friends came there in automobiles and stopped over night, that there are ten rooms over the garage, five of which are occupied by Brock and family, while the other five are occupied by Herbert Rudd and family. Mr. Turner could furnish no information as to the strangers who were calling at the garage to visit Brock.

It was decided to discreetly interview Herbert Rudd with [redacted] the writer being introduced [redacted] Rudd advised that Len Brock who is also known as Ben Brock sub-leased the rear part of the garage and five rooms to him at \$35.00 per month, that Brock appears to be doing a fair business, but at times complains that he is without funds with which to meet expenses, and at other times brags of having plenty of money. Rudd stated that on several occasions a number of friends of Brock called on Brock and remained over night, that the last time there were two cars, one of which he recalls had a Toronto, Ontario license while the other carried a United States license. Rudd further stated that he did not pay much attention to the company. His wife also stated that a number of friends were visiting Brock from Canada and the States. The writer exhibited to Rudd the small booklet containing Identification orders, and Rudd picked out the photograph of Dr. Joseph Moran as being one of the visitors within the last two months, however, upon close questioning Rudd stated that he would not swear that it was the same person, but the photograph resembled a person who called on Brock for a short time, this person appearing to be highly educated and after a brief conversation with Brock left the front part of the garage

and got into another car and drove off. Brock stated he did not recall make of cars or license numbers.

Arrangements were made to have Herbert Budd closely observe all future cars that come into the Brock station containing friends of Brock, and furnish the Buffalo Bureau office with the make of car, occupants and license numbers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The NEW YORK CITY office at RED HOOK, NEW YORK will contact Doctor J. E. Vigeant and secure from him any further information that he may obtain as to the activities of Harry L. Hapeman. This contact should be made on or about December 12, 1935. Will report the result of mail covers placed on the first class mail of Harry Lee Hapeman at Red Hook, New York and Poughkeepsie, New York.

The BUFFALO BUREAU OFFICE at COOKSVILLE, ONTARIO, CANADA will contact [REDACTED] and report any new developments.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236 et al Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

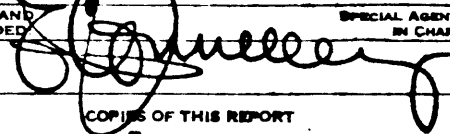
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Bruno Austin denied new trial and is now serving life sentence for murder. Helen Conliff still insists William Harrison visited her in July, 1935, and that story of his alleged death is untrue. Investigation at Spring Valley, Ill. relative to Dr. Moran discloses announcement of his alleged death taken without much excitement or comment. Teeth taken from unidentified body found on shores of Lake Erie, Crystal Beach, Ontario not identified as teeth of Dr. Moran. Unable to locate written record or description of Moran's teeth for possible future reference. Summarization of surveillance of telephone and activities of the Karpavicz family set out herein. Cover placed on mail of John Post, close friend of the senior Karpavicz. Alleged farm of Charles J. Fitzgerald at Mandota, Illinois not located. Two persons in neighborhood of Steve Lettnoks, native friend of senior Karpavicz identified picture of Alvin Karpis as person seen around neighborhood, but unable to associate him with any place or circumstance. Results of interview with Philip Newbold brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis negative as to possible whereabouts of subject Karpis. [REDACTED] furnished no additional information with respect to Alvin Karpis living in Cicero, or Melrose Park, Illinois.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Tex. 10/14/35; Bureau letter 10/24/35; letter from Buffalo office 11/1/35; Bureau letter 11/4/35; report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, 11/7/35; Bureau letter 11/20/35.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 4, 1935, in which it was requested that the Bureau be advised of the results of Bruno Austin's motion for a new trial.

Agent contacted Mr. A. Niemy of the State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, on November 15, 1935, relative to this matter, and he advised that the said motion for a new trial had been denied Bruno Austin on October 25, 1935, and that he is now serving his life sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, having been transferred to that institution from the Cook County Jail on November 3, 1935.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 24, 1935, wherein it was suggested that efforts be made by this office to obtain certain original letters written by Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff for possible rebuttal purposes in the impending trial of Harry Sawyer at St. Paul, Minnesota.

In this connection, Agent interviewed Helen Conliff on November 21, 1935, and was advised that she usually destroys Elmer Farmer's letters after she answers them and therefore they are not available. She refused to cooperate to the extent of turning over to Agent any subsequent letters written by Elmer Farmer which may be of evidential value in this case.

It might be stated at this time that Helen Conliff is no longer considered a confidential informant in this case because of the inconsistency of the information previously provided by her, particularly with reference to William J. Harrison, who she alleged visited her in July, 1935. As a result, very few contacts have been made with her in the past two months.

For the information of the Bureau and the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, the original letter written by Helen Conliff to Attorney Thomas McHockins, St. Paul, Minnesota, as quoted in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1935, is still contained in the file of the Chicago Bureau Office. This letter will be of extreme value in the event Miss Conliff decides to retract any statements previously made by her relative to Harry Sawyer's appearance in Bensenville, Illinois, during Victim Bremer's captivity there.

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Miss Conliff is presently employed as a saleslady with Marshall Field & Company Department Store, and is residing with relatives at 4145 West End Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Nevada 7787.

In connection with Bureau letter dated November 20, 1935, requesting that Helen Conliff be thoroughly interviewed concerning certain excerpts taken from her letters to Elmer Farmer which appear to have some bearing on this case, be it advised that the "Irene" mentioned in her letter dated November 6, 1935, is no doubt Miss Conliff's sister, who is about seventeen years of age. It was previously learned from Miss Conliff that her sister and mother have returned to Bensenville, Illinois, and that they are again residing with Jim Farmer. The statement in the same letter, "I suppose you remember her. She is a little bit goofy," undoubtedly has reference to Jacobson's daughter.

When Agent interviewed Irene Dorsey recently relative to the matter of Harry Sawyer, she indicated that she was not personally acquainted with Helen Conliff, but that she has heard about her from Fred Goetz.

Concerning the "Guy" mentioned by Miss Conliff in the same letter, it might be stated that this individual is a resident of Bensenville, Illinois, and a good friend of the Farmers. Miss Conliff has frequently mentioned his name in connection with certain activities within Bensenville, Illinois, but to Agent's knowledge she never mentioned his last name. It might be stated that the "Wick" in the letter is Miss Conliff's uncle, Wick Lohman, with whom she is presently boarding. He is severely ill with cancer in the throat, and is not expected to live.

At this time it might be well to mention that Miss Conliff still persists that Willie Harrison is not dead, and that he did in fact visit her at her home in Bensenville, Illinois, during July of 1935, although she advised on one occasion in the past month that she lied in this regard, in that Harrison was not her visitor in the above instance, but that it was Lawrence Laburgie and a man known to her as "Gee", who came there to secure some money which Elmer Farmer and Byron Bolton had hidden in the basement of her home. Miss Conliff would not elaborate on the information along this line, nor would she furnish a reason for her story in the first instance. However, she later denied the second story, advising that her original statement concerning Harrison was true and correct. When asked why she admitted in the

second instance that she lied about Harrison's alleged visit, and stated that Agent was so persistent in telling her that she was not telling the truth in the matter that she concocted the above story involving Inburgie and "Gee" so that Agent would not question her any more in this regard.

It is difficult to perceive any motive which Miss Sealiff might be endeavoring to establish by insisting that Harrison is not dead, in that he visited her in July, 1935. It is possible that she is endeavoring to develop a defense for Elmer Farmer, who, according to Volney Davis, had a hand in the murder of Willie Harrison. However, the files disclose information which shows that she originally stated that Willie Harrison had been killed and buried in the vicinity of John Hamilton's grave. She definitely stated that she secured this information from Elmer Farmer at the time she last visited him in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the day he was sentenced for the instant kidnaping. It should also be stated that Miss Sealiff subsequently repeated the foregoing information to Special Agent D. P. Sullivan in Agent's presence on October 26, 1935.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, no further contacts will be had with Miss Sealiff until the trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936.

Reference is made to letter from the Buffalo Bureau office dated November 2, 1935, advising of the finding of a man's body on the shores of Lake Erie at Crystal Beach, Ontario, on September 22, 1935, which was thought to be that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran. The teeth of this unidentified man's body were extracted and forwarded to this office with the request that Dr. W.C. Steele, a former dentist friend of subject Moran be interviewed to endeavor to ascertain whether these teeth were those of Moran.

Concerning the above, Agent proceeded to Depue, Illinois on December 2, 1935, and interviewed Dr. Steele in his office. He advised that he never did any dental work for Dr. Moran, nor did he ever examine his teeth in contemplation of any work. Dr. Steele advised that the only fact which he remembers of Dr. Moran's teeth is that the upper centrals and laterals were normal; that he last saw Dr. Moran sometime in January, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois, at which time he instinctively noticed the teeth mentioned above. Dr. Steele

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Further advised that he believes Dr. Moran had some bridge work in his mouth, but is not entirely certain as to this. He could furnish no further description of subject's teeth.

It will be noted in reference letter that the upper centrals and left lateral teeth of the body found are described as normal.

Dr. Steele further advised that a Dr. H. Black, a dentist of LaSalle, Illinois, is subject's brother-in-law, and it is possible that he did some work on Dr. Moran's teeth. In this connection Steele advised that Dr. Black and Moran married the Brown sisters of LaSalle, Illinois, and were Triumvir until Dr. Moran got into his first trouble in 1925, at which time his wife, Anna Brown, divorced him.

With reference to the alleged death of subject Moran, Dr. Steele advised that the publicity as to this was taken without much excitement in Spring Valley, Illinois, and that there are several people in Spring Valley and vicinity who still do not believe that he is dead. However, this is merely their personal opinion, and there is nothing definite on which to base this belief.

At Spring Valley, Illinois, Agent called on the postmaster, Mr. Sampson, who has previously cooperated in this case with respect to Dr. Moran. The postmaster advised that he has heard nothing indicating that Dr. Moran is not dead, and that he is still watching the mail of subject's sister, Mrs. Kate Laners, but to date has not noticed any letters out of the ordinary. He stated that should he observe or learn of anything contradictory to the alleged death of Dr. Moran, he will immediately communicate with the Chicago Bureau office.

Agent also interviewed James Boyle, assistant postmaster, at his home for any information which he might have relative to this matter, and he advised the announcement of Dr. Moran's death was taken without much comment and excitement in Spring Valley, Illinois; that there have been no rumors in and around Spring Valley indicating that Dr. Moran has been in town on a visit and that on the whole is more or less forgotten.

Mr. Boyle further advised the information that a very good friend of his wife, a Mrs. O'Hara is extremely intimate with Moran's sister, Mrs. Kate Laners, and that Mrs. O'Hara recently made the remark to his wife that Kate is now very much relieved about her brother since she read about his death in the newspapers; that



before that time she used to worry considerably about him, inasmuch as she did not hear from him directly or indirectly for some time and therefore did not know whether he was alive or dead. Mr. Davis suggested that Agent not interview Mrs. O'Hara for the reason that it might expose him and his wife; also that in view of her intimacy with Mrs. Lamer it is very unlikely that she would assist in any way. Mr. Boyle stated that he has in the past fully cooperated with Agents of the Bureau in connection with this case, and will continue to do so to the extent that should he or his wife receive any further information from Mrs. O'Hara relative to Doctor Moran he will communicate with the Chicago Bureau office.

Inasmuch as it has been frequently said that Dr. James Moran, brother of subject, feels very unfriendly toward him, it was deemed advisable to interview him for whatever further information he could furnish with respect to subject, and also for any lead as to where subject might have had any dental work done.

Dr. James Moran was interviewed in his office in Spring Valley, Illinois by Agent, and he advised that subject and he have not been on speaking terms since 1930, and therefore he knows very little about his activities subsequent to that time. He stated that his brother had from time to time "banned" him out of approximately \$10,000.00. From Dr. Moran's talk Agent gathered that he has the utmost contempt for subject. He further stated that his brother is the black sheep of the family, mainly because of his desire to drink and indulge in sexual relations; that he considers him one of the best surgeons in the country, and one who could have acquired a renowned reputation were it not for his habits. He continued by stating that his brother graduated from Tufts Medical College in Boston, Massachusetts in 1924, and while there married Ann Brown, daughter of a high official in the Public Utility Company of LaSalle, Illinois; that she divorced him when he first became involved with the law in performing an abortion operation; that he has one son by this marriage, who is presently in custody of the mother.

Dr. James Moran further advised that he cannot comment as to whether his brother is dead or alive, as his only information about him is what he has read in the newspapers. He explained that his sister, Mrs. Lamer, and he also are on the "outs" because of subject; that he was always her favorite, and she still would do anything in the world for him. He advised Agent against contacting her, stating that she would under no condition aid the Government in



any way, as she has always been of the mind that the Government is trying to persecute him, and does not believe that subject is actually guilty for what has been charged against him.

Dr. James Moran further stated he does not recall whether subject had ever had any dental work done; that his teeth appeared to be in good condition and presented a good appearance; that if anyone knew of the condition of his brother's teeth in a professional way, Dr. Hugh Black, dentist, in LaSalle, Illinois, would be that person. In this connection he stated that Dr. Black is a brother-in-law of subject, he being married to the sister of Dr. Moran's first wife; that they were very friendly many years back, and it is very likely that he or she did some dental work for him.

Agent asked Dr. James Moran whether he had any handwriting of his brother, and was advised that he did have some which is about ten years old. He referred Agent to the Depue, Illinois pharmacy for more recent handwriting of his, stating that when subject had an office in that city back in 1930, he did considerable business with that store.

Agent proceeded to Depue, Illinois, and contacted Mr. W. Engler, proprietor of the Depue Pharmacy. Mr. Engler searched through his old prescriptions and turned over to the writer eight prescriptions in the handwriting of subject Moran. He requested that same be returned to him when they have served their purpose. Agent receipted for them and promised Mr. Engler that they would be returned. These handwriting specimens were forwarded to the Bureau by letter under date of December 8, 1935.

At LaSalle, Illinois, Agent interviewed Dr. H. F. Black who maintains a dentist's office in the J. S. Penny Building. He advised that he has never done any work on Dr. Moran's teeth, nor does he recall examining them in contemplation of any work; that as he recalls subject possessed a very good set of teeth and took excellent care of them. He further advised that subject formerly had an office in LaSalle, Illinois with a dentist named Dr. Adams, and that it is very possible that Moran had some dental work done by him. He stated that Dr. Adams died about three years ago, and he does not know what disposition was made of his records, if they were kept; that no one took over Dr. Adams' office after his death, and that most of his equipment was subsequently sold by auction.

Dr. Black further advanced the information that possibly Moran had some dental work done while he attended Tuft Dental School in Boston, Massachusetts, or it is possible that that institution may have taken a record of his teeth at the time of his physical examination upon entrance in school. He likewise suggested that the Tuft Dental College in Boston, Massachusetts may have such a record in their files. Dr. Black would furnish no further information concerning subject Moran, which has not already been reported herein.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois dated November 6, 1935, wherein it is stated that possibly Dr. H. S. Billig, a dentist in Maywood, Illinois may have done dental work for Dr. Moran. Agent interviewed Dr. Billig in his office, 505 Main Street, Maywood on December 2, 1935, and was advised that he never did any work on Dr. Moran's teeth with the exception of cleaning them on two occasions; that Moran to his recollection had an excellent set of teeth with possibly no extractions, and the only dental work in Moran's mouth which he recalls was a gold shell crown fitted over either the first or second upper right bicuspids tooth. He however, is not entirely certain as to this. A description of the teeth set out in reference letter from the Buffalo office was presented to Dr. Billig, and he advised that in his opinion these teeth are not those of Dr. Moran. He made particular note of the description of the upper right cuspid tooth, mentioned in reference letter, in that same carried a gold shell crown with a lateral swing-in. In this connection, he stated that the position of this bridge would appear very noticeable on a person having same, as the basic tooth in this case is near the front of the mouth. The teeth forwarded to this office by the Buffalo office were exhibited to Dr. Billig for possible identification, and he advised that he is definitely certain that Dr. Moran did not have any work of this description in his mouth as late as the latter part of 1933. The doctor referred agent to Dr. Lee J. Mackey, the dentist who occupied adjoining offices with Dr. Moran at 461 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois for further possible description of subject's teeth.

It will be noted that Dr. Mackey has already been interviewed with reference to this matter, which interview was covered in the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 7, 1935.

It was further learned from Dr. Billig that Moran used to frequent a resort or cabin called "Sportman's Park", which is located in the Rhineland region in the northern part of Wisconsin; that this place is owned by a man living in Forest Park, Illinois, and is noted particularly for good fishing and hunting.

In connection with this connection Dr. Billig advised that up to a year ago he had several Kodak pictures of Dr. Moran, together with Indian guides, which were taken of him at the above resort; that all these pictures were mounted on a cardboard enclosed in a frame, and that when Dr. Moran left Maywood, he left these pictures, as well as other equipment with him, Dr. Billig, it being noted that Moran had an office immediately across the hall from him in the building in which Dr. Billig is now located.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas October 14, 1935, requesting that this office discreetly ascertain the identity of Dr. S. E. Kraft, age 46, who entered Mexico via airplane at Brownsville, Texas on October 13, 1934.

An examination of the city telephone directory revealed that a Dr. Sigmund H. Kraft, physician, maintains an office at 700 North Michigan Avenue, and resides at 2300 N. Lincoln Park, west, both in Chicago, Illinois. It was also ascertained that Dr. Sigmund H. Kraft is listed in the medical directory as a graduate doctor from the University of Illinois, and a member of the Chicago Medical Association.

On December 3, 1935, Agent called upon Dr. S. E. Kraft at his office, room 314, 700 N. Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and he corroborated the fact that he entered Mexico via airplane from Brownsville, Texas on October 13, 1934. He stated that he remained in Mexico for five or six days, and returned to the United States by plane via the same route. It might be stated that Dr. S. E. Kraft is definitely not identical with subject Moran.

In connection with the surveillance of the Karpavics family, the set-up of which was explained in the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 7, 1935, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, who is presently engaged in this surveillance with Agents V. E. Criss, J. M. Jones, R. P. Shanahan and R. A. Guerin.

This memorandum summarizes the results obtained from the tap on the telephone of John Karpavics, 2842 N. Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Belmont 7889, and from the surveillance maintained over Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavics and the baby of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney by the following Agents for the period of October 26, 1935 to December 3, inclusive:

J.M. Jones  
D.P. Sullivan  
R.C. Buren  
J.L. Madala

A.A. Hickey  
R.A. Garris  
W.E. Gries  
R.P. Shannon

It was noted that John Karpavicz, father of subject Karpis, owns a 1929 model Buick sedan, 1935 Illinois license No. 719-956, which he keeps stored in a privately owned garage located across the alley from the apartment building in which he resides. He also possesses a 1935 or 1936 model Ford coupe, bearing Illinois license 582096, which he uses practically all the time, and which he does not store, but parks on North Francisco Street in front of the apartment house.

While conducting the tap on the Karpavicz telephone it was ascertained that the Karpavicz telephone is on a two party line, the subscriber to the other telephone on the line, Belmont 7639, being William Imber, 2038 N. Francisco Street. There has been no indication that the Imber family is in any way connected with subject Alvin Karpis or the Karpavicz family, and in conversations overheard on incoming and outgoing calls over the Imber telephone, no mention of subject Alvin Karpis or the Karpavicz family has been made, nor has there been any indication that the Imber family knows the Karpavicz family. Therefore, the calls made over the Imber telephone are not being recorded in this memorandum, a recordation of them being contained in the log maintained by agents and which log is being retained in the Chicago office files.

During the period of surveillance maintained over the Karpavicz family, it has been ascertained that Mr. Karpavicz, in addition to being the janitor of the apartment house in which he resides on N. Francisco Street, is also the janitor of an apartment house situated at 2035 School Street, to which apartment house he goes on an average of four times a day, in his Ford coupe.

Chronologically there are being set forth the list of telephone calls made over the telephone of Mr. Karpavicz, and movements of the Karpavicz family. Only telephone conversations and movements of the Karpavicz family having any bearing in this case are being set forth.



10-26-35

12:15 P.M. - Incoming call on Belmont 7890. Phillip Newbold called his wife Emily Newbold (sister of Alvin Karpis, who resides in the apartment house, 2340 N. Francisco St.). Emily was not in, being down town shopping. (NOTE: The Newbolds do not have a telephone, they using the Karpavicz telephone).

12:25 P.M. - Incoming call. Emily Newbold asked Mrs. Karpavicz if Phil had called and was told that he had. Rest of the conversation was in Lithuanian.

3:05 P.M. - Mr. Karpavicz was observed leaving house with the baby in a grey carriage; proceeded to Georgia Street, turned east to California, then south to Diversy - stood at the intersection of California and Diversy for about 15 minutes, and then went west on Diversy to Francisco and then returned to the apartment house at 3:25 P.M. Was not contacted by anyone.

8:15 P.M. - Incoming call. Daughter calling Mr. Karpavicz. Conversation was in Lithuanian.

10-28-35

8:25 A.M. - Incoming Call. Daughter calling Mrs. Karpavicz. conversed in Lithuanian.

11:30 A.M. - Incoming Call. Daughter calling Mrs. Karpavicz conversed in Lithuanian, and sentences spoken in English wherein daughter said "I took him some cigarettes".

10-31-35

8:30 A.M. - The 1935 Buick sedan of John Post was driven up to the apartment house by a young man who drove it away at 11:00 A.M. alone after visiting the Karpavicz family. He was not followed inasmuch as Mr. Karpavicz remained at the apartment house. (NOTE: John Post, a Lithuanian, is a janitor at 3302 Armitage Ave., and resides at that address. It will be recalled it was John Post who drove Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby from Chicago, Illinois, to the U.S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, when the Karpavicz family visited Dolores Delany at the Detention Farm recently.)

11-6-35

3:25 P.M. - Outgoing call. Clara called Nevada 1045 and asked for a woman whose name not gotten. My answering stated woman was not in. Clara requested the girl to call the woman she had called. (Clara was undoubtedly Mrs. Clara Vanute).

3:45 P.M. - Mr. Karpavicz, Mrs. Karpavicz, Mrs. Vanute and baby, Raymond, left in the Karpavicz Buick automobile, proceeded to St. Columbian Catholic Church, Grand and Paulina Streets. Baby was apparently baptized. Left church at 4:00 P.M., proceeded to 525 Wood Street, where a short heavy set man was picked up (probably Mr. Vanute). All returned to Karpavicz' apartment.

11-6-35

1:40 P.M. - John Post and wife drove up to apartment house, went into Karpavicz' apartment. Left at 2:35 P.M. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Karpavicz went with them.

11-6-35

9:30 P.M. - Incoming call. Daughter calling Mrs. Karpavicz. Conversated in Lithuanian.

11-6-35

2:35 P.M. - Incoming call. Daughter calling Mrs. Karpavicz. Conversated in Lithuanian.

5:20 P.M. - Agent Griss broadcast over the short wave radio to Agents Sullivan and Jones that Mr. Karpavicz had given Mrs. Karpavicz a piece of paper resembling a money order and that Mrs. Karpavicz was proceeding south on Francisco Street. Mrs. Karpavicz was followed and noticed shopping. Later returning home. The drug store at Diversy & Francisco Streets, northeast corner, operated by a Mr. Levin was checked and information obtained that a \$2.50 American Express money order had been issued to Mr. Karpavicz as payment to the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Chicago.

11-9-35

8:00 A.M. - Incoming Call. "Is this Mrs. Karpavicz?"  
"Yes". Conversation in Lithuanian.

9:45 A.M. - Incoming call. Two women speaking Lithuanian.

10:15 A.M. - Incoming call. Woman calling, talking  
Lithuanian with Mrs. Karpavicz.

11-9-35

10:30 A.M. - Mr. Karpavicz followed to tavern at Diversay  
and Richmond Streets. Returned home after remaining  
in the tavern for a half hour. Agent Criss reported that it  
appeared that Mr. Karpavicz may have had an envelope in his hand.  
Mr. Karpavicz did not mail it while out.

11-10-35

8:45 P.M. - Agent Sullivan reported a strange car parked at the  
apartment house - a man and two women occupants.  
Illinois license #1-110-577 - checked to Hanson Mill Works Co.  
7815 W. Grand Ave., Elmwood, Ill. The car left the apartment  
house and proceeded to 6041 Kimbark Avenue. Occupants entered  
6045 Kimbark Ave., the residence of the "Delaneys".

11-11-35

10:30 A.M. - Outgoing Call.  b7c

11:50 A.M. - Mr. Karpavicz left in the Ford coupe, stopped at the  
School St. apartment house and then proceeded to  
6045 Kimbark St., and returned to his apartment at 3:00 P.M. with  
Mrs. Delaney.

7:20 P.M. Outgoing Call. Mrs. Delaney called Margaret or "Marg" at Dorchester 4702, asked if Babe was there. Babe was not there - talked to Margaret about the baby.

11-12-55

10:55 A.M. [REDACTED] b7c

10:45 A.M. [REDACTED]

12:12 P.M. [REDACTED]

3:55 P.M. - Two women and a man left Karpavicz' apartment and drove away in Plymouth sedan, Illinois license 707-413 (Evidently Bud and Mrs. "Arslip" with Mrs. Delaney).

11-13-55

12:00 Noon - Mr. Karpavicz left in Ford coupe. Was followed to 2256 W. 110th Street, where he remained about a half hour before returning home. Upon his return Mr. Karpavicz took a couple of toys from a paper bag, then took the toys into the apartment house.

In connection with the above surveillance the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent D.P. Sullivan:



At noon on November 12, 1935, Agent Griss on duty at 2245 N. Francisco advised over the short wave radio that Mr. Karpavich was leaving in his Ford coupe. It was noted he was dressed in his good clothes.

Agent Jones and the writer trailed Mr. Karpavich to 2220 S. Halsted Street. Previous conversation over the telephone indicated that this call was made with reference to a house.

Mr. Karpavich was then followed to the first house west of Kedzie Ave. on the north side of 110th St. During the time the house was being kept under surveillance, contact was had with carrier Edward Walsh, Morgan Park Postoffice station, who stated the above address was 2226 W. 110th St., and was occupied by a man about 45 years old named Letucks and a woman believed to be his wife. The carrier stated that one other person whose name or identity he does not know, likewise receives mail at this address. Walsh further stated that Letucks is a Lithuanian and is on relief. Walsh knew of no visitors at the Letucks house, nor could he recall seeing any automobiles parked in front of the Letucks house. Before an opportunity was had to exhibit photographs to the carrier, Mr. Karpavich pulled away and was followed back to his home. On his arrival home, Agent Griss noted that Karpavich had a used paper bag from which he took a couple of toys and gave to the baby. The bag was then taken in the apartment.

11-14-35

1:00 P.M. - Mr. Karpavich left in Ford coupe being followed to The St. Luke's Hospital, 2442 S. Michigan Ave., and then went to the "Chicago Baby Carriage Co." where he bought something. Upon his return he was observed replacing some bolts or nuts on the baby's carriage.

An investigation at the above hospital was subsequently made by Special Agents H.D. Brown and A.A. Muzzey, and it was determined that Letucks heretofore mentioned was a patient in the ward at that hospital. Agent Brown, who is presently out of the city on special assignment will submit a report covering this investigation at a later date.

1:30 P.M. - [REDACTED]

4:50 P.M. - Outgoing Call. Mrs. Newbold called Bitterroot 3210, a laundry. (NOTE: Mrs. Newbold said she did not have any phone of her own.)

11-17-35

2:50 P.M. - Incoming Call. Daughter calling Mr. Karpavicz. Conversed in Lithuanian. Interpreted by Agent Massey: [REDACTED]

5:45 P.M. - John Post drove up in his Buick automobile - did not get out of car and drove away with Mrs. Newbold, who came out of the apartment house.

11-20-35 -

11:40 A.M. - Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby left in the Ford coupe. Agent Sullivan followed and reported that they went to St. Luke's Hospital, 1442 Indiana Ave. entrance; stayed there about 45 minutes and then returned to their apartment.

11-21-35

9:35 P.M. - [REDACTED]

8:15 P.M. - [REDACTED]

11-24-35

8:15 P.M. - [REDACTED]

7:15 P.M. - Mr. and Mrs. Newbold, their daughter and a strange woman left in Newbold's automobile.

7:50 P.M. - John Post and his wife drove up to the apartment house in a Buick sedan and went in the Karpavicz' apartment.

10:10 P.M. - Post and his wife departed.

11-25-35 -

1:20 P.M. - Outgoing Call. Mr. Karpavicz called State 9322  
(Renting agency for the apartment house), and  
requested some supplies for the apartment house.

11-27-35

7:30 P.M. - Incoming Call. Clara Venute calling. Talked to  
Mr. Karpavicz in Lithuanian. Interpreted: b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12-1-35

11:00 A.M. - Mr. Karpavicz left in Ford coupe. Agent Shanahan  
followed and reported that Mr. Karpavicz first drove  
to 3240 Emerald Street, where he went in and remained for  
approximately 15 minutes. Then Mr. Karpavicz drove to 3133 Halsted  
Street where he went in and remained for about 10 minutes. From  
there he drove to 3256 W. 110th Street and remained for  
approximately an hour. Agent Shanahan reported that there was  
nothing unusual about Mr. Karpavicz' actions, and that Mr. Karpavicz  
was not observed to contact anyone throughout the course of his  
driving to each of the above addresses. Mr. Karpavicz returned to the  
apartment house at 6:32 P.M. carrying a big paper bag into the  
apartment.

1:10 P.M. - Incoming Call. Clara Venute called and spoke to Mrs. Karpavics in Lithuanian. Interpreted:

[REDACTED]

3:55 P.M. - Incoming Call. A Lithuanian man called and talked to Mrs. Karpavics in Lithuanian. Interpreted:

[REDACTED]



6:30 P.M. - Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby left in the Ford coupe.

Agent Querin followed them and reported that they went to 3302 Armitage Avenue (Residence of John Post) - that they remained at this address for approximately an hour and returned to the apartment house at 8:15 P.M. (NOTE: It is very likely that the party who called Mrs. Karpavicz at 5:55 P.M. on 12-1-35 was John Post in view of the subsequent visit made to his home following the phone call).

In addition to the incoming and outgoing telephone calls set out above other incoming and outgoing calls were made over the Karpavicz telephones. These calls were made to or by tenants in the apartment house of which Mr. Karpavicz is the janitor and for the reason that the conversations did not pertain to the instant case they are not being set out. The conversations in these calls were not in any foreign language; the only conversations in a foreign language being the conversations between Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz, and their daughter, Clara Vanute, and between Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and a man believed to be John Post.

The surveillance over the Karpavicz family reflects that aside from the visits to the various addresses made by Mr. Karpavicz his usual daily routine is as follows:

Approximately around 8 each morning he drives to the School Street apartment house in the Ford coupe where he does some work for about a half hour; he returns to the apartment house; between the hours of 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. he again goes to the School Street apartments.

In the afternoon he again goes to the School Street apartments and each evening he usually goes there. The remainder of the day is spent at the apartment house on N. Francisco Street.

Each day, weather permitting, the baby is brought out into the open and placed in either his carriage or in the Ford coupe by Mrs. Karpavicz. On several occasions Mrs. Karpavicz has wheeled the baby around the block.

Mrs. Karpavicz usually does the shopping in the stores on Diversy Street although Mr. Karpavicz has been observed to do the shopping on several occasions.

On November 27, 1935, Special Agent R. Q. Suran obtained a room at 2341 N. Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Belmont 9872, which address is directly across the street from the apartment building in which the Karpavics family resides. This room was obtained for the reason that it was believed that the Karpavics family was becoming suspicious of the presence of agents in the Kehler home, and for the further reason that from this room agents in addition to being afforded a view of the side entrance of the apartment house in question could also command a view of the front entrance to the apartment house. Accordingly the surveillance in the Kehler home was discontinued, and the short wave radio transmitting set was transferred to the room at 2341 N. Francisco Street, and the instant surveillance is now being continued from the latter address.

It was ascertained through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company that telephone number DOwchester 4700 is listed in the name of Gustave Joechle, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, first floor, Chicago, Illinois. Investigation at that address on November 11, 1935, disclosed that that address is a furnished apartment house of about 12 apartments. The name Gustave Joechle was noted on the mail box, identifying him as manager of the premises. There was also noted on one of the mail boxes the name R. Delaney, which no doubt is Robert "Bud" Delaney, the brother of Dolores Delaney, and the place Mr. Karpavics visited at 11:50 A.M. November 11, 1935.

Concerning 1935 Illinois license No. 907413, which was noted on a Plymouth sedan containing "Bud" Delaney, Mrs. Delaney and one Mrs. "Aralip" drive away from the Karpavics residence on November 12, 1935, it was ascertained that these license tags were issued to G. A. Nelson, 1400 E. 36th Place, Chicago, Illinois, on a Pontiac automobile. With reference to the Mrs. "Aralip" (phonetic spelling), it will be noted in the letter written by Mrs. Delaney to her daughter Dolores Delaney at the Federal Farm Detention Home at Milan, Michigan dated November 15, 1935, that a Mrs. Ortleph was mentioned. She and "Bud" Delaney came to the Karpavics residence on Tuesday, November 12, 1935, and drove her, Mrs. Delaney, away. In this same letter Mrs. Delaney also mentioned that Mrs. Ortleph and Catherine send their love to her, that they are just the same as ever. There is no doubt but that the "Mrs. Aralip" mentioned above is identical with Mrs. Ortleph, and apparently a good friend of the Delaneys.

Previous investigation relative to John Post, a friend of the Karpavicz family, disclosed that he formerly was employed as a janitor in the apartment building located at 1844 N. Spaulding Avenue; that he was recently ejected from the Janitors Union because of radicalism and noisy talking, and went to live in the apartment building at 3300 W. Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Inasmuch as John Post appeared very close to the Karpavicz family, it was deemed advisable to conduct a further investigation concerning him and to place a cover on his mail.

In this connection, agent interviewed Charles Bayles, carrier out of the Humboldt Park Postoffice, 1400 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who it will be noted has been previously interviewed relative to this individual. Carrier Bayles advised agent that Post receives very little personal mail, and that he does not recall ever having delivered any mail to Post addressed to another individual in care of him. He stated that Post has been residing at 3302 Armitage Avenue since August of this year; that he is janitor of this building; that he lives on the first floor of the premises immediately across the hallway from the office of Dr. Waxler, a dentist. Dr. Waxler is a Jewish person, and has had an office in the building at the above address for many years.

Carrier Bayles further advised that John Post has a son about 18 years of age, and another son considerably older; that the latter boy's name is W.J. Post, and he is employed with the Chicago Motor Club. He stated he knows this for the reason that about nine months ago, young Post approached him in connection with the selling of a membership in the Chicago Motor Club; that Post at this time presented a business card identifying his connection with the above organization. Bayles further stated that young Post was recently married and now resides somewhere on the south side of Chicago; that he drives an automobile, make unknown to him.

He described W.J. Post as follows:

Age: 25  
Height: 5'10"  
Weight: 180 lb.  
Hair: Light brown  
Full face - clean shaven

Carrier Bayles also advised at this time that John Post still owns a 1935 model Buick sedan; that he, however, endeavored to sell it shortly after he became involved in trouble with the Janitors Union, and for possibly a week had it advertised for sale on the windshield of the car. Carrier Bayles was unable to furnish any information concerning persons who might be visitors of the Post family.



As this time Agent requested the Superintendent of the Humboldt Postoffice, Chicago, Illinois, to place a mail cover for a period of 30 days on all personal mail received by John Post or any members of his family. He made no tracings of any mail of a suspicious nature have been received as a result of this cover.

It will be noted that Mr. John Karpavicz is a janitor of the building located at 2335 School Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that he makes trips to this address four or five times a day presumably to take care of the furnace. Having in mind that John Karpavicz is possibly receiving personal mail at this address, Agent interviewed Harman Miller, carrier of the North Center postoffice, 3342 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who advised that he has delivered mail on the route which includes 2335 School Street, for the past three years; that he does not know John Karpavicz personally, but has knowledge of the fact that he is janitor of the building at that address; that he does not recall ever delivering any mail to Karpavicz or such name at the above address, and that he likewise does not recall ever having any mail in care of the janitor of that building. Mr. Miller further stated that he has seen John Karpavicz on a few occasions, but did not see any strange persons with him at these times. In the event he should receive any mail for Karpavicz addressed to the above address, he will advise the superintendent of the postoffice.

The superintendent of the North Center postoffice was contacted in connection with the above, and he promised that should carrier Miller call to his attention any mail addressed to Karpavicz at 2335 School Street, he will immediately communicate with the Chicago office.

Reference is made to the statement of Vainey Davis wherein he advised he was under the impression that C. J. Fitzgerald, alias "Old Chuck" at one time owned farm property in the vicinity of Mendota, Illinois.

Special Agent R. D. Brown proceeded to Ottawa, Illinois, which is the county seat for LaSalle County in which Mendota Township is located, where at the office of the Clerk of Courts a thorough examination was made relative to all farm property located in Mendota Township in which township the town of Mendota is located. The records were searched, particularly for the name, C. J. Fitzgerald, but they were also searched for all the known aliases of Fitzgerald, without success. Inquiry was made of the Clerk of Courts as to property located within Mendota Township which may have formerly been owned by a man answering the description of Fitzgerald who probably did not reside on his property, but occasionally visited the same. This inquiry was also without results.

At Mendota, Illinois, inquiry was made at the Mendota Post Office of the Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster, the Assistant Postmaster having resided in Mendota Township since his birth. None were able to recall the name, Fitzgerald, or the aliases furnished and none could identify Fitzgerald's photograph as being that of a man who had ever called for mail, received mail, or having been in the Mendota Post Office. The Assistant Postmaster, Mr. Birch, advised he is well acquainted with nearly all persons owning real property in Mendota Township and vicinity and doesn't recall ever having known or heard of a man answering Fitzgerald's description owning property or frequenting that section. He referred Agent to a Mr. Hassenauer, a florist by occupation, who has resided in Mendota and vicinity for many years.

Mr. Hassenauer was unable to identify Fitzgerald's photograph and stated he believed if this man had ever owned property in that section or had ever frequented Mendota for any time, he, Mr. Hassenauer, would have known about it.

On November 14, 1935, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, one of the Agents assigned to the surveillance of John Karpavicz, followed the senior Karpavicz from his residence at 2342 North Francisco, to a point at 6220 South Halsted Street, where he purchased a stove. On the occasion of this surveillance the senior Karpavicz was carefully dressed in his better clothes, a very unusual incident, and

made this trip alone. From 3220 South Halsted Street he drove to a house at 3236 West 110th Street, which house he entered and remained for a half hour. Upon leaving this house he carried a large paper bag. He proceeded home to 2348 North Francisco, and upon his arrival there, little Ray Karpis was occupying his buggy in front of the Karpavics apartment. The senior Karpavics stopped at the baby's buggy and produced a rattle and another toy from the paper bag which he gave to the child. Agent Sullivan advised that the senior Karpavics must have obtained these toys at the house located at 3236 West 110th Street. Agent Sullivan interviewed the carrier who delivers mail at the address, 3236 West 110th Street, who advised that the people residing at this address are named Lettucks; that they have two children and that Lettucks is on relief, being a Lithuanian.

It will be noted from previous reports submitted by the St. Paul Bureau office covering the many interviews with subject Byron Bolton that Bolton has stated Karpis had some sort of a mail contact in the vicinity of West 110th Street. However, Bolton was unable to furnish the approximate address on 110th Street.

Special Agent R. D. Brown again interviewed the carrier who delivers mail at this address on November 15, 1935. This carrier, Edward B. Walsh, No. 15, who delivers mail out of the Morgan Park Sub-station, located at 10057 Homewood Avenue, advised the Lettucks are not apparently on relief at this time; that Mr. Lettucks has obtained employment within the last day or two; that the Lettucks have a son and a daughter, the son being about 22 or 23 years of age, and the daughter about 18 years of age, both of whom he believed are employed. He advised that these people received very little mail and he has not noticed any mail coming to this address which appeared to have enclosures therein. He stated these parties would occasionally receive mail from some point in Europe, country not remembered by him. He advised further that these people have been residing at this address for several years to his knowledge and that they apparently have very few friends in the neighborhood, being Lithuanian people who associate almost entirely with their own countrymen. Carrier Walsh agreed to watch the Lettucks' mail very closely and would advise Superintendent H. Schell, the identity of any mail received for the Lettucks. Mr. Schell has promised to call the Chicago Bureau Office.

The address, 3236 West 110th Street is a wood structure of two stories and although rather well kept it is not pretentious. Facing the house there are no buildings to the right of the house for approximately a block. In the rear of the house is a large area of vacant ground. To the left of the house a party by the name of St. Grahamsburg resides. Garner Walsh stated that Grahamsburg had been at this address but only three or four months. He stated the next house to the left was occupied by Mrs. Phillip Casey and family, and the next house to the left by Edward Farley, all these people appearing to be honest and having lived there for several years.

Agent entered into conversation with Mr. Bright, who owns a drug store located at 5052 West 111th Street which is the only drug store in the vicinity and which would be patronized by the Lettucks and anyone staying with them. Agent learned in conversation with others before approaching Mr. Bright that this man was dependable. Several photographs were shown Mr. Bright among them being the photographs of Karpis and Campbell and he hesitated for sometime when viewing the photograph of Karpis and finally stated he is fairly certain that he has seen this party either in his drug store or in the near vicinity at some time or other. However, he was unable to further identify the photograph. He was asked if he was acquainted with the Lettucks family and stated that he knows who these people are; that they keep to themselves a great deal and associate apparently with Lithuanians in the neighborhood. Mr. Bright referred Agent to Mr. Louis Payne, a young Legionnaire, who operates a garage directly across from his drug store. He stated Payne is absolutely reliable and resides on 110th Street in the vicinity of the Lettucks' house.

Mr. Payne was interviewed and advised he resides in the brick bungalow located six doors to the left of the Lettucks' house; that he was born and reared in this neighborhood. He was shown photographs among them being the photographs of Karpis and Campbell and he hesitated at the photograph of Karpis advising he was fairly certain he had seen this individual at some time or other. However, he, too, was unable to state where and when he had seen this person. Regarding the Lettucks he stated they had resided at the house at 3236 West 110th Street for about fifteen or seventeen years; that he knows their daughter and son rather well; that the daughter and son appear to be fine young people, although they do not associate extensively with other people in



the neighborhood. He advised he will attempt to learn through the Lettuks boy as much detail as possible regarding the family and as to whether or not anyone has been visiting them. He stated he could do this rather easily due to his former association with this boy while attending high school some five years ago. Mr. Payne further stated he would keep the Lettuks house under observation insofar as possible and would immediately telephone the Chicago Bureau Office should he note anything unusual.

Payne was again interviewed on November 24, 1935, and stated that after thinking the matter over he believes it possible that his identification of the photograph of Alvin Karpis may have been as a result of viewing this photograph in Chicago newspapers in the past. He stated he had thought the matter over a great deal in an attempt to determine where he had seen this man and believes that it is entirely possible that it may have been as a result of the frequent appearance of this photograph in Chicago newspapers in the past or possibly in magazines. He advised he had not been able to see the Lettuks boy but would do so at an early date. He advised the people who reside to the left of the Lettuks' home, the Casseys and the Grahamburgs, are good people and believed they could be approached with safety.

Mrs. Phillip Casey, who resides at 3340 West 110th Street, was interviewed and at first declined to offer any information advising she is the type of person who "runs her own business." After it was explained to her that the Government was interested in knowing the character of the people residing at 3336 West 110th Street, she stated that people residing in the neighborhood who are not Lithuanians are not friendly with the Lettuks although the Lettuks have never given them any reason to doubt their citizenship. She stated the Lettuks boy and girl appear to be fine young people and occasionally have friends who come home with them. She was shown the photographs of Karpis and Campbell among other photographs and was unable to identify any of them. Neither had she noted any strange cars appearing at the Lettuks' home, at any time. She advised she is willing to cooperate with the Government, but she really knows very little about the Lettuks family except that they have been residing at this address for a number of years.

Agent next interviewed Mrs. Alice Grahamburg, who resides immediately next door in the house located to the left of 3336 West 110th Street. Mrs. Grahamburg advised she

has resided at this address for a period of only four months, but that she has become acquainted with Mrs. Lettuks; that her four-year old son, who often plays in the back yard, occasionally calls on Mrs. Lettuks and Mrs. Lettuks often takes this boy into her home, giving him things to eat and being neighborly with him; that on two or three occasions it has been necessary for her to go to the Lettuks home to bring her little boy home; that on these occasions she had had an opportunity to size the inside of the Lettuks house and has noted nothing which would indicate that anyone is staying at this house other than Mr. and Mrs. Lettuks and their son and daughter. She stated the Lettuks girl of late has been keeping company with a young man who drives a new Ford automobile. She was shown photographs including those of Karpis and Campbell, but was unable to identify any of them. She stated the young man she is now keeping company with the Lettuks girl in no way answers the description of that of Alvin Karpis. When asked if any strange automobiles appear at the Lettuks home, she stated she had not noted any excepting that two or three days before a dilapidated blue colored old model Ford coupe was driven up to the house by an old man; that the old man visited the Lettuks for a short time and left. (This was undoubtedly the visit of the senior Karpavics to the Lettuks home). She stated the Lettuks speak broken English, being of Lithuanian extraction by birth. Mrs. Grahmberg appeared very cooperative and promised she would not mention Agent's visit and further stated she would be glad to watch developments and any unusual occurrences at the Lettuks' home.

It is believed that close contact should be had with Carrier Edward B. Walsh at the Morgan Park Substation, 20087 Homewood Avenue, for appearance of any mail which might be of interest concerning the association between the Karpavics and Lettuks families. It is also believed that further contact should be had with Mr. Louis Payne who operates the garage located directly across from the drug store located at 3052 East 11th Street.

On November 18, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown interviewed Phillip Newbold while Newbold was at work as a machinist on a lathe in the round house of the A.T. & S.F. Railroad, located at 18th Street and Wentworth Avenue. The interview with Newbold was believed proper at this time due to information furnished by Mrs. Koehler, a neighbor of the Karpavics family, to the effect that Mr. Newbold appeared to be an honest, hard-working

individual who apparently had no use whatsoever for subject Alvin Karpis and who appeared not to be on speaking terms with his father-in-law and mother-in-law, although married to a sister of Karpis and residing in the same apartment building.

The interview with Newbold was arranged through his foreman who cooperated in pointing out to Agent the exact place where Newbold is employed in these shops and suggested the interview take place during Newbold's noon hour in order to avoid any suspicion on the part of any other employees as to the identity of Agent which might in any way embarrass Newbold.

Phillip Newbold received Agent cordially and stated that although he had never been interviewed by Bureau Agents he had expected that they would some time come to him. He stated very frankly that he is not in sympathy with his brother-in-law, Alvin Karpis, but that he has never fully made up his mind whether or not he would "turn in" Alvin Karpis, should he have the opportunity to do so. In discussing Karpis he advised that he had understood from his wife, father-in-law and mother-in-law that Karpis, when very young, received a sentence of five years at Topeka, Kansas, or vicinity for stealing a few tires valued at only \$100.00; that this sentence made subject Alvin Karpis very bitter and that while in the Penitentiary he became subject to the bad influences of the other long term prisoners; that when Karpis was discharged from the Penitentiary he appeared to be a confirmed criminal.

During the conversation with Newbold, Newbold was questioned as to the ability of his father-in-law and mother-in-law to take care of the young Karpis child. He stated he realized that this responsibility was great and that his mother-in-law, being very old, has a hard time in rearing the child.

When questioned as to the source of income of the senior Karpavicz, he volunteered the information that his wife had told him upon the return of John Karpavicz from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during February of 1935 at which time he was accompanied by Mrs. Karpavicz and baby Karpis, that Dolores Delaney, the baby's mother, had turned over to the senior Karpavicz \$4,500.00, or approximately that sum, which Mr. Karpavicz either placed in a bank or safety deposit vault and has not touched this money since receiving same. Newbold of course was misinformed as to the receipt of this amount from Dolores Delaney by John Karpavicz due to the fact that when she was picked up at Atlantic City by Atlantic City Police and Bureau Agents she only had in her possession

the sum of \$100,000 of which she gave \$20,000 to Karpavicius. This might indicate that members of the Karpavicius family do not entirely trust Phillip Newbold or it may indicate that the possibilities of developing Newbold as an informant are slight.

Newbold, during his conversation, stated his wife occasionally speaks of her brother and often expresses the wish that Alvin Karpis would "turn himself in" to the Government. He further advised that Karpis' parents also desire this.

He stated he does not believe the Karpavicius family are presently in touch with their son, but they may be without his knowledge, but they seldom speak of him, although Mrs. Karpavicius appears very nervous at times.

At the conclusion of the interview Newbold advised that he believed it best that Karpis be apprehended as soon as possible and stated he hoped this could be accomplished without killing the boy and he also hoped that Karpis would turn himself in voluntarily although he doubts that he ever will.

Newbold's last remark was "Come and see me again in a few days, if you like." This statement might indicate that Newbold is considering offering information of value or it might be interpreted as meaning he desires to converse with a Bureau Agent occasionally in an attempt to determine through such Agents what information the Government actually has at the present time as to Karpis' hiding place or location. It is believed he should be interviewed again in the future.



The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. [redacted].

This is to advise that the writer contacted informant [redacted] b7d  
[redacted] It might be stated that [redacted] is residing at the above address with his mother and wife.

Informant [redacted] advised that he has been unable to secure any further information relative to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell living in [redacted] since he was last interviewed by Special Agent Dickstein. He stated that he was released on a \$5000.00 bond returnable at Woodstock, Illinois approximately 4 weeks ago, and since that time has been staying at home due to his wife's worrying that something may happen to him as did his brother.

He further stated that Lawrence Deburgio, alias "The Hindu" has been hanging around Jack McGurn's place in Melrose Park, Illinois for the past 3 weeks; that Deburgio is now driving a 1935 Ford coupe with red wire wheels; that this car can usually be found parked in the rear of McGurn's place in the afternoon during the time the bookmaking game, also located in McGurn's place, is in operation.

[redacted] at first appeared somewhat reluctant to furnish any information to the writer stating that he had given all information relative to this matter to Special Agent Dickstein and that the writer should contact Agent Dickstein for this information. It might be stated that the writer did not indicate to informant that Agent Dickstein had divulged any information obtained from him to this Agent, and as a result [redacted] later became more confidential with Agent and furnished substantially the same information he had previously given to Agent Dickstein.

Informant [redacted] stated that he will continue to watch the activities of the syndicate in Melrose Park, Illinois, and should he learn of any information which might be of value to this office he will immediately communicate with Agent. He stated that it will be all right with him for Agent to contact him at his home, but that such contacts should not be frequent as he is fearful that any indiscretion in this regard would bring harm to him or his family. He stated that the syndicate undoubtedly hold a "grudge" against his family, and in this connection believes that they are carefully watching him and his movements.

It might be stated that [redacted] advised that he is presently [redacted]

is earning \$35.00 to \$50.00 per week in this position. He vowed that he is going strictly legitimate and does not associate any more with any of the hoodlum element in Mazonia Park, Illinois.

This is to advise that while the writer was at Mazonia, Illinois on November 30, 1930, he called at the sheriff's office and interviewed Sheriff Arthur C. Bennetts relative to Lawrence Imburgio, alias "The Hindu", previously mentioned as an alleged contact for Alvin Karpis.

Sheriff Bennetts advised that he is personally acquainted with Imburgio, having arrested him on two different occasions; that his initial contact with him was on July 31, 1929, at which time his office arrested Imburgio together with Babe and Johnny Barnett, colored, for bank robbery; that the two colored boys were subsequently tried and convicted on bank robbery charges, and Babe Barnett is presently serving a 25 year sentence at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois; that Johnny Barnett died in the same penitentiary about 3 years ago.

Sheriff Bennetts further advised that Imburgio never went to trial on this charge, as his office was unable to gather sufficient evidence to successfully prosecute him.

Sheriff Bennetts stated that he again arrested Lawrence Imburgio on July 25, 1931 together with the following named persons:

Doc Stacey  
Tony Depozio

Rocky DeGrazia  
Claude [redacted]

Johnny Purdy

for conspiracy to violate the Illinois prohibition act. Sheriff Bennetts stated that in this instance the above named individuals were "strong-arming" certain tavern owners in Dupage County soliciting that they buy their beer and other supplies from the syndicate; that as a result of complaints received by the persons victimized in the above endeavors by the syndicate, Imburgio and the others were arrested and subsequently released on a small fine.

Sheriff Bennett advised that he does not know what racket Imburgio is involved in at the present time, but that he has seen him on several occasions in Cicero and Halsted Park, Illinois. At this point, Alvin Meyers, Investigator for the State's Attorney's Office, Dupage County, Illinois, who was present when Agent interviewed Sheriff Bennett on this occasion, advised that he believes Imburgio is employed with the Nation Wide News Service Company in Chicago, Illinois; that he had received this information from some source which he is unable to recall, and that about 6 months ago he observed Imburgio enter the offices of the Nation Wide News Service Company which apparently substantiated the information he had previously received concerning Imburgio's employment.

Both Sheriff Bennett and Alvin Meyers advised that Imburgio formerly frequented the houses of prostitution operated by the syndicate, located in the township of Bartlett, Illinois, which is located near Elgin, Illinois; that these houses are situated on Chicago Avenue, which is the dividing line between Dupage County and Cook County, the houses being in the latter county.

A diagram prepared by Sheriff Bennett, and furnished to Agent, showing the location of these houses of prostitution and the route over which these places can be reached, is being retained in the Chicago Bureau office files. Sheriff Bennett also turned over to this Agent at this time a photograph of Lawrence Imburgio which was taken by his office on June 25, 1931 and same is likewise being retained in the Chicago office files.

The following is a description of Imburgio taken from the fingerprint file in the sheriff's office:

Age: 27 (1929)  
Height: 5'9"  
Weight: 150 lb.  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Blue  
Marital Status: Single  
Address: 4114 N. Washington  
Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
Fingerprint classification:  $\frac{I}{1}$   $\frac{W}{1}$   $\frac{2}{0}$   $\frac{2}{0}$   $\frac{12}{0}$

It might be stated that the address 4114 N. Washington St. is that of the Paradise Arms Hotel, which was raided by this office in March, 1935 upon a complaint received that Alvin Karpis was residing at that hotel under the name of Fagan.

It might be stated that both Helen Sealiff and [redacted] have previously furnished information indicating that Alvin Karpis and Lawrence Imburgio are very close, and it is possible that Imburgio may now be in contact with subject Karpis. b7c b7d

[redacted] advised Agent on November 20, 1935, that he heard that Imburgio was recently married to a girl from Chicago, and that one John Mattis who was recently released from the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas where he served a sentence for impersonating a Government officer, was a witness to the marriage ceremony. [redacted] could not advise where Imburgio is residing at the present time, but believes that it is somewhere in Cicero, Illinois. He further stated that Lawrence Imburgio's brother Sam is now operating a road house on North Avenue in Melrose Park called the White Bungalow; that this place is a known hangout for hoodlums particularly those connected with the syndicate and that Lawrence Imburgio can be usually found in this place in the evenings.

[redacted] further stated that Imburgio is a prominent member of the syndicate, and that he is very close with Mike "Plug" Stacey, brother of Doc Stacey, and that both are dope addicts. He stated that one Al Straw, a Polish fellow, who lives with his mother at the corner of Main and 33rd Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois supplies them with narcotics; that Straw at times is very confidential with [redacted] and the information which he previously furnished to Agent Dickstein indicating the close association between Karpis and Imburgio was originally furnished by Straw to him. [redacted] stated that he has not seen Straw for some time, but that he will make it a point to see him in the near future and obtain any further information which he might have regarding Alvin Karpis.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BOSTON OFFICE: At Boston, Massachusetts will make inquiry at Tufts Medical School to determine whether that institution has a record of the description of subject Doctor Joseph P. Moran's teeth which was taken possibly upon his entrance in that school. Also determine at Tufts Dental School whether Doctor Moran ever had any dental work done there.

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Forest Park, Illinois will endeavor to locate the owner of "Sportman's Park" which according to Doctor Billing is located in the Rhinelander region of Northern Wisconsin, and interview him for any information which he may have with respect to Doctor Moran, it being noted that Moran frequented this resort during 1935.

At Chicago, Illinois will conduct investigation concerning William Beyer at 1804 East 68th Place, subscribed to unpublished telephone number Hyde Park 9871, in an effort to ascertain his connection with Bud Delaney. Will also secure information at this address concerning Mrs. Orthlope who apparently resides there.

Will conduct investigation relative to E. A. Nelson 1400 East 68th Place, who it will be noted is the apparent owner of the car bearing Illinois license 707-415 in which Mrs. Delaney, Bud Delaney and Mrs. Orthlope were seen departing from the Karpavics home on November 12, 1935.

Will ascertain the connections and background of Jacob Greenhouse, 8718 Argyle Street, it being noted that Mrs. Karpavics called Mrs. Greenhouse on November 14, 1935, advising that she anticipated visiting there with the baby.

Will conduct appropriate investigation at 4340 Marshall St. and 3155 Halsted St., which addresses were visited by Mr. John Karpavics on December 1, 1935.

Will again interview Philip Newbold, brother-in-law of Karpis, at his place of employment, for any further information which he may have pertaining to subjects.

Will make a check at the National News Service, 451 South Dearborn St. to determine whether Lawrence Imburgie is employed at News there. Will also obtain information regarding the character and reputation of this company.

Will again contact informant [redacted] and ascertain whether he has yet contacted Al Stern for information regarding Karpis.

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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 10, 1935.

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- Mr. Baughman .....
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- Mr. Keith .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the proposed prosecution of ~~Ma Stew~~  
Gleason in Chicago on the charge of having harbored Volney Davis.

The Bureau received a teletype from the Chicago Office on December 6, 1935, indicating that the trial of Gleason had been postponed until December 9, 1935, but that it was unlikely that the trial would be had on that date.

It is noted that you have inquired as to the reason why we cannot seem to get to trial on this case. Reference is made to a letter of Mr. E. J. Connelley to the Bureau on the Bremer case dated October 9, 1935, which indicated that the trial of Gleason had been set for October 9, 1935, but that the United States Attorney had subpoenaed no witnesses and for that reason the matter had been continued until a later date. At that time the United States Attorney's office, Chicago, requested advice as to whether there was any understanding that this case was to be dismissed. Mr. Connelley informed the United States Attorney's office that he knew of no reason why this trial should not proceed in the usual manner.

Mr. Connelley, at that time, indicated to the Assistant United States Attorney Hall that possibly Gleason would agree to entering a plea of guilty and accept a suspended sentence, or probation, which would avoid the necessity of bringing in a number of witnesses from distant points to try this case.

Reference is now made to a letter of Mr. E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 16, 1935. In this letter Mr. Connelley points out the trial of Gleason would be likely to come on during the first week of December, 1935; that former Special Agent A. A. Muzzey had recently conferred with Mr. G. A. Barnhart of Aurora, Illinois, who will be the principal witness for the Government, and that Barnhart indicated an anxiety to have this case disposed of without being compelled to appear as a witness. It is pointed out that Mr. Barnhart is engaged in the sale of a racing system in Aurora, Illinois, that he carries on a mail order business, which racing system presumably provides for winning and betting on horse races.

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It is noted that this undertaking is carried on by Barnhart from his private residence in Aurora, Illinois, which is located in a restricted residential district. Barnhart is of the opinion that if he is called as a witness his credibility will be challenged and the facts pertaining to his business undertaking in Aurora, Illinois will be disclosed. He feels that as a result of this disclosure he may be compelled to either discontinue his present livelihood or will be forced to move to other quarters in Aurora where his business may be continued. Mr. Barnhart is extremely desirous of avoiding any publicity with regard to this matter. He indicated to former Special Agent Muzzey his intention of approaching Gleason in order to influence him, if possible, to enter a plea of guilty.

Mr. Connelley in his letter of November 16, 1935 stated that it was his opinion that possibly if this case could be disposed of by a plea of guilty on the part of Gleason, and he were thereafter sentenced in accordance with such suggestion as the United States Attorney might make which would be acceptable to the Court, it would save the Government considerable expense in returning Special Agent W. C. Ryan from the Portland Office and Special Agent C. G. Campbell from the Butte Office to testify in this matter. It is noted that Agent Ryan took a signed statement from Gleason, which was witnessed by Campbell. If this matter were to go to trial it would be imperative to have both of these witnesses present, in order to disprove any allegation of the treatment which Gleason received. Mr. Connelley also pointed out that he anticipates that the defense is going to go into Gleason's mistreatment very thoroughly.

It is suggested that the defense in the event of the trial would undoubtedly subpoena former Special Agents Metcalf and Nichols, who are alleged to have mistreated Gleason in an effort to obtain a signed statement from him. It can be reasonably expected that in view of the present status of Metcalf and Nichols that they would be only too willing to testify as to what actually occurred in their efforts to obtain a signed statement from Gleason.

In view of the circumstances narrated above, it is suggested that a cautious course be pursued in this matter, in order to avoid any unfavorable publicity which might result to the Bureau

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incidental to the trial of this matter.

In compliance with your instructions I am proceeding to St. Paul on Saturday, December 14, 1935, and in passing through Chicago I will take this matter up with Mr. Connelley. If it meets with your approval, we will pursue vigorously the plan of having Barnhart approach Gleason, endeavoring to induce Gleason to have the latter's lawyer confer with the United States Attorney to the end of entering a plea of guilty. It is felt that this might be accomplished if the United States Attorney can guarantee a reasonable sentence to Gleason.

Respectfully,

K. R. M.  
K. R. MCINTIRE *Byrd*



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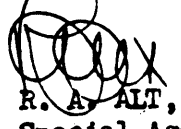
Dear Sir:- RE: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter of December 5, 1935, in the above entitled matter, in which it is noted that the files of the Bureau fail to disclose a photograph of Joseph H. Adams, a subject.

In compliance with your request there is transmitted herewith the only available photograph of Adams which was obtained from W. S. Matthews, City Editor for the Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida, and it may be stated that it is a good likeness of Adams.

It is suggested that a reproduction of the photograph be made at the Bureau and the original returned to the Jacksonville Office as soon as possible since Mr. Matthews has requested its early return.

Very truly yours,



R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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December 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 11, 1935,  
in the above entitled case wherein you transmit a photograph of  
Joseph H. Adams.

There are transmitted herewith two copies of the photo-  
graph of this subject, and there is also returned herewith the  
original photograph of Adams, which was obtained from H. E.  
Matthews, City Editor for the Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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Honorable George F. Sullivan  
United States Attorney  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1818; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
December 8, 1935, transmitting seventeen (17) subpoenas  
issued by the Federal Court for the District of Minnesota  
for service upon witnesses for the Government in the a-  
bove entitled case, requiring their presence in St. Paul  
on January 9, 1936.

Please be advised that, pursuant to the sugges-  
tions in your letter, these subpoenas will be immediately  
served by Agents of this office of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul  
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Jacksonville, Florida  
December 11, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

Dear Sir:

The United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, at St. Paul, with his letter of December 2, 1935, transmitted to the Jacksonville office a number of subpoenas to be served on witnesses in this case residing in the district of the Jacksonville office, requiring their presence in Federal Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 9, 1936. For your information, a copy of the United States Attorney's letter is enclosed.

There is also enclosed a subpoena issued for L. E. Gray, a/o J. H. Gray, Statesville, North Carolina, or c/o Knott Hotels, New York City, N.Y. Please endeavor to serve this subpoena on Mr. Gray, making proper return on the original thereof, and forward the latter to the St. Paul Bureau office to be returned to the Clerk of the Federal Court at St. Paul.

In the event Mr. Gray is not located at Statesville, his present address should be obtained and the subpoena immediately forwarded to the Bureau office covering his present place of residence for service.

The Bureau in its letter of December 10, 1935, instructed that these subpoenas should be served by a Bureau Agent.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

MAAC  
Enclosure.  
Cc: Bureau  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati.

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E. J. ALLEN Special Agent in Charge.	
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
December 11, 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 two letters addressed to Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution, one written by her sister, Esther, and the other by her niece, Owen.

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,

W. J. WEST  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau

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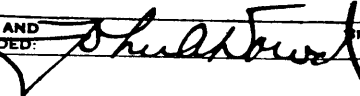
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/10/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/5/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. P. ELLWOOD</b>								
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.o., I.O. #1218; FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L FIREARMS ACT.</b>								
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">.38 Colt automatic pistol #113038, sold to C. Wollansky, pawn broker, at 306 1/2 Walnut St., Des Moines. Wollansky cannot recall to whom he sold this weapon. 410 gauge pump shot gun, model 42, serial #3489 sold by the Luths Hardware Co., Des Moines to S. S. Marshall, a hardware dealer at Newton, Iowa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York, dated November 2, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Des Moines, Iowa</u></p> <p>Inquiry at the Luths Hardware Company, Des Moines, Iowa, revealed that the 410 gauge pump shot gun, model 42, serial #3489, which was purchased by that Company January 29, 1935, from the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., was sold to S. S. Marshall, a hardware dealer at Newton, Iowa. The gun was purchased by Marshall July 15, 1933.</p> <p>Inquiry at the Brown-Camp Hardware Co., Des Moines, Iowa, revealed that the .38 Colt automatic pistol, #113038, which was purchased by that Company from the Colts Patent Firearms Co., February 8, 1932, was sold to C. Wollansky, 306 1/2 Walnut St., Des Moines, a pawnbroker.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. Wollansky, 306 1/2 Walnut St., and questioned him regarding the sale of the above described automatic pistol which he purchased from the Brown-Camp Hardware Co. of Des Moines.</p>											
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE									
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Mr. Wollansky stated he had no remembrance of the purchase of this gun nor the sale of it, as he often traded, bought and sold, firearms. Mr. Wollansky had no record of this transaction. Agent exhibited to Wollansky pictures of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but he could not identify any of them as having purchased such a weapon from him. Wollansky appeared to be sincere in his statements, and anxious to cooperate if possible. Mr. Wollansky has operated a pawnshop at this address in Des Moines for ten years, and has a good reputation.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE: At Newton, Iowa, will interview S. S. Marshall, a hardware dealer, and trace through him a 410 gauge pump shot gun, model 42, serial #3489, which was purchased by him from the Luthe Hardware Company of Des Moines, Iowa, July 15, 1935.

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POST OFFICE BOX 618  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 12, 1935.

Mr. Ernest J. Krustgen,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it will be appreciated if you will place a thirty-day cover on all first class mail addressed to

CHARLES P. KRIMING  
1456 West Jarvis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

When furnishing tracings of said mail to this office, will you kindly refer to our file number 7-82.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in matters of this kind.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RCS:JMS

CC Bureau

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*Charles P. Kriming*

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: **WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE**

Phone. Brekid - Refer to letter Chicago to Cleveland November 19th. Immediately check passport records State Department on Clarence Heberbrand, William Mitchell and William Fergus who made application for passports at Cleveland June 28th and July 3rd, last year, securing physical descriptions and steamship line, contemplated departure from the United States and any information indicating boat line and date expected to return to the United States. Also endeavor to ascertain whether any other person applied for passport who contemplated going abroad with the aforementioned men. Advise teletype.

*George Brown*

cc-Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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Approved: *J.P. Woodland*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12/11/35 M Per JJO  
5:35 p.m.

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
December 11, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 8, 1935, to the Bureau, enclosing copies of a letter dated December 2, 1935, from George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, addressed to the Jacksonville office.

Please be advised that pursuant to Bureau instructions, arrangements will be made for service of the seventeen subpoenas received here from the United States Attorney, requiring the presence of the witnesses in St. Paul on January 9, 1936.

I also desire to advise that the subpoena duces tecum issued for Arthur Sanderson, c/o Hotel El Comodoro, Miami, Florida, requiring that this witness produce certain documentary evidence in Federal Court at St. Paul on January 9, 1936, all of which was listed in the subpoena, should be given your immediate attention. The listed documentary evidence was forwarded to your office by the Jacksonville office under cover of letters dated September 30 and October 15, 1935.

*George F. Sullivan*

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

December 11th, 1935

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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	

*OC*  
*[Handwritten signature]*

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

Dear Sir:

On December 10th, 1935, one J. D. Moran of 5039 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, called at this Office and stated that he was a salesman for the Monarch Battery Company of Chicago, Illinois; that he had recently had a nervous breakdown and was undergoing medical attention at Champaign, Illinois; that on November 7th, 1935, he was driving out of Champaign in his red Auburn Phaeton, 1935 model, when he was pulled over to the curb by a car pulling alongside of him and blowing the siren; that he was then taken to the Sheriff's office at Urbana, Illinois, by Special Agent Ferguson and the Sheriff at Urbana for questioning and to establish his identity, he being informed that it was believed he might be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a subject in the Bremer case.

He stated that he at that time was fingerprinted and was advised that his fingerprints would be returned to him after they had been checked with the Bureau's records in Washington and he exhibited a receipt which had been furnished to him by Agent Ferguson of the St. Louis Office, promising to return these fingerprints. Mr. Moran was very agitated over the fact that these prints had not as yet been returned to him and he also was agitated over what he claimed was the unreasonable treatment which was given to him at Urbana, he stating he had been threatened with adverse publicity in the event he did not willingly disclose information concerning himself and in the event he did not submit to having his fingerprints taken. Mr. Moran requested that the fingerprints which had been taken at Urbana, Illinois, be returned to him and it is therefore suggested that in the event these fingerprints are in the files of the Bureau that they be returned to Mr. Moran.

*agent J. P. Ferguson, Chicago, made by J. P. Moran*

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Mr. Moran also desired to make complaint against Agent Ferguson for the manner in which he was treated while being detained in the Sheriff's office, he stating that Ferguson had been the individual who had threatened him with adverse publicity in the event he did not willingly submit to having his fingerprints taken.

It appears from the interview with Mr. Moran that at the time he was first questioned in Champaign he was accompanied by a lady friend, whose name was not disclosed, and that he was considerably chagrined to have been questioned in front of her.

Mr. Moran indicated that he intended to take this matter up with other officials and it is possible that he may write to the Bureau at an early date.

The necessity for conducting investigation for the purpose of eliminating individuals who might be believed to be identical with Bureau fugitives was explained to Mr. Moran and it is believed that he was somewhat pacified when he left the Chicago Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,



D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

DML:IJM

AR:MC

January 10, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1212, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

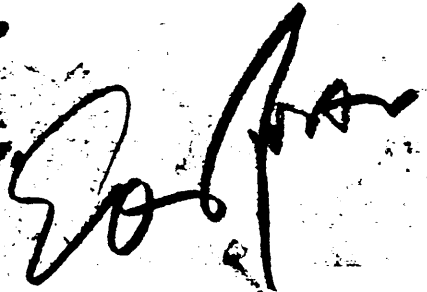
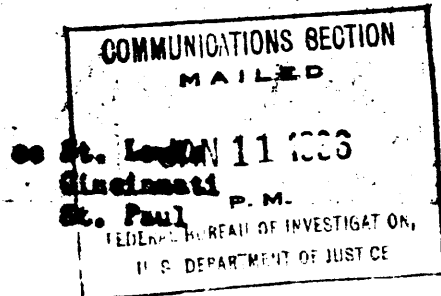
Dear Sir:

With reference to your interview on December 15,  
1935, with one J. B. Moran, 5079 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago,  
Illinois, who called at your office in connection with the  
above entitled case, and his request for the return of his  
fingerprints which were taken of him inasmuch as he was thought  
to be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a subject in this  
matter, a review of the Bureau's file discloses the following  
information:

Under date of November 16, 1935, the Bureau advised  
the St. Louis Office by letter, a copy of which was furnished  
to you, that duplicate copies of the fingerprints of J. B. Moran  
are being returned to the St. Louis Office for proper transmittal  
to J. B. Moran in the event he made a request for them, inasmuch  
as his fingerprints were searched through the files of the Ident-  
ification Division which search failed to reveal any criminal  
record for J. B. Moran. It therefore appears that the finger-  
prints of J. B. Moran are presently in the possession of the St.  
Louis Office of this Bureau, and you should take the necessary  
action to procure the fingerprints of J. B. Moran in compliance  
with his request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: MYRTLE EATON

There is transmitted herewith, for subsequent transmission to the Criminal Division, a Summary of the evidence in the files against Myrtle Eaton, which has been prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Director  
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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 by her sister, Esther, and the other by her niece, Gwen.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*

W. J. WEST  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dearest Aunt,

Will drop you a few lines before I take my bath. How  
do you? In Guelia they only for a terrible cold. We have  
Sports practice tomorrow night - and I can't sing notes. Good  
in life. I got my part I was telling you about. I was really  
glad.

I'm getting along okay in school. So far have been  
rather low in Spanish but my teacher told me to say that I was  
rapidly improving.

Say, you know In Guelia have to have my tonsils out  
sometimes or other. I just wondered if it will hurt my voice.  
One thing sure it will hurt it by leaving them in so  
Mother got a notice from the school telling her my tonsils  
were in a bad condition.

I'm going to start taking piano in the Spring. I can  
hardly wait. Got a letter from Dad. Art and he said he was going  
to send me some music. I hope he sends me some of his own. Maybe  
when you come home maybe I'll be able to play "our" hope so - and  
I'll play and you can sing - and we'll both have a swell time.  
How does that sound? Swell to me.

We are going to bring Ellen up for the Christmas  
Holidays. Bless her heart! We'll have her write you a letter  
and then we will mail it with our January one.

Say Leap Year is coming around soon know it? I read a  
little article Dick Powell wrote in the Screen Play about Leap  
Year. He said he thought girls ought to do the dating and pay for  
expenses during that time. He said if boys can stand it 5 yrs.  
straight girls had ought to stand it one.

Did you know Aunt Ruth was sick? She is up now and  
feeling a little better. All thou she has lost quite a bit of  
weight she looks alighty better than she did. Aunt Millie has  
been sick too but Mother brought her up here too rest up and she  
feels worlds better.

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Well Sugar plus, I've about ran out of stuff to mail  
you so will close and start fillin my funny little jars with  
old vegetable soup. Ha Ha.

Louis & Linda of Love  
Your naive Love

P. S. Am going over to Cleveland to see the Dr. this week.  
The name of it is "Campus Quarantoon." I'll bet it's  
gonna be cute.

Ans. soon. And think of me being at school tomorrow paddling  
my head off. (Ha Ha)

Faithfully

Dearest Sister:

Guess I'll An's Your Sweet Letter rec'd a few days ago. Honey  
I Just Love to Get Letters like you wrote last time.

It makes me feel so good to know you are getting along so nicely  
"there" I don't believe I could stand it if you were not.

My, it is just pouring down rain makes me feel so blue. When  
alone. Gwen is at School and Richard is always out,

if he isn't working on the Lease he's working on someone's car, or  
his own. I have been having the Tooth Ache and Neuralgia does  
that sound like a Grandpa? Well, I'll feel like one soon for I  
am having all my Teeth out I mean out Ha - Ha. How about do you  
think about that?

Have you heard from Millie yet, she and Cecil Edward spent a  
week with us, she said she was waiting to write you until  
Cecils pictures came. He is a homely little squirt, but as cute  
as the very Dickens, he can think of so many cute things to say.  
I heard from Art and Helen at last, they are getting along swell  
from the way they write.

When they get a Bed-room Suite they will have their little Home  
all furnished. Art said.

Yes, dear I'm going to see every one I mean your friends about  
sending you Christmas Cards. I know you will enjoy them, and  
let me know in time, if I can send you something. Oh yes, about  
that Bible. I am going to send you sur Dads is that O. K.?  
You'll take good care of it won't you? I don't suppose I can  
write to you any more this month, the next letter will be in  
1936, the Newyear. I'll be looking for a letter from you soon,  
for I noticed your last one is dated in Nov, Gwen will write  
when she gets home. I think she wants to tell you about her  
part in the Sparetta. poor kid, if she can't get over her cold,  
she will make a flop of the "Singing part."

Bianche is looking plumper every day, but it won't be long now

I imagine in my next letter I can tell you of the deceased event.

Well, Honey I'd better ring off as my eyes are hurting its so  
dark today.

Lots of Love and thanks for the Compliment. I am going to  
try and be a better Sister in the future than I have been in  
the past.

Sister Mother  
1900

P. S.  
I think that Song Art supposed to read "When I could hear it,  
the Time in other words."



Dearest Jasty

Will Grey you a few lines before I take my leave, say  
to you? In Gaelic they only had a horrible cold. We have  
Opera practice tomorrow night and I can't sing. Well, well  
is life. I got my part I was telling you about. I was really  
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feeling a little better. All though she has lost quite a bit of  
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been sick too but Mother brought her up here too rest up and she  
feels worlds better.

Well Sugar plum, I've about run out of stuff to tell  
you so will close and start filling my tummy. gonna have good  
old vegetable soup. [m m]

Love & kisses to Mom

Your brother, [m m]

P. S. Am going over to Cleveland to see the jr. play soon.  
The name of it is "Gangneer Quartet." Will but it's  
gonna be nuts.

Ans. soon. And think of me being at school [m m] studying  
my head off. [m m]

faithfully

[m m]

Post Office Box 7112  
Chicago, Illinois

December 11th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Some time ago Wynona Burdett indicated to Agents of this office that she had a portrait of Harry Campbell which was taken of him shortly prior to September of 1935.

At the time she mentioned the above Agents made a request upon her for this photograph but she refused to give it up or divulge its location for the reason that she did not want to assist in any way in effecting the location and apprehension of Harry Campbell. She indicated that there are only two persons who have this photograph and that these are herself and Campbell's mother. She also indicated at this time that this photograph was among her effects in Oklahoma.

It was noted from the recent reports emanating from the Detroit Office that Wynona Burdett has now expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Bureau in the location of Harry Campbell and it is therefore suggested that she be again contacted when an Agent is next in Milan, Michigan and another request made upon her for this photograph.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Oklahoma City

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*George W. ...*



1440 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 12, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
2000 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Confirming long distance telephone conversation today of Special Agent E. J. Gynn, please be advised that our confidential informant at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, called this office today and advised that he overheard Art Heberbrand calling the Lake Shore Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, inquiring about rates. The substance of the conversation indicated that Art Heberbrand was endeavoring to engage a suite of rooms there, presumably for the sweetheart of Art Heberbrand, although it is probable that the reservation is being made for Clarence Heberbrand, William Mitchell and William Fergus, who our confidential informant gathered, are returning from Europe to spend the Christmas holidays in Cleveland, Ohio.

Inasmuch as Special Agent E. B. Brown and Special Agent S. E. Smith have, in the past, maintained close contact with the confidential informant, it is believed that Agent Smith should contact the informant for more particulars or for more information which he may be able to obtain before making too many direct contacts with reference to the above information. Special Agent Smith is out of Cleveland today but is expected to return on the afternoon of December 13, 1935.

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As suggested by you, I am sending a teletype to the Washington Field Office requesting that office be furnished with records with the State Department with reference to Clarence Heberbrand, William Mitchell and William Fergus for such information that would indicate the expected date of their return to the Washington Field Office in accordance with information received from the Washington Field Office in this matter, as well as information expected from our confidential informant as to the probable date of their return. Appropriate attention will be requested of the New York Office in the hope that that office will be able to pick up the trail of said parties upon their arrival in New York City.

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Inasmuch as the plan being investigated at the Registry  
section of the Cleveland Post office appears to be of national im-  
portance, and fearing that too much open contact in Cleveland may  
result in information reaching subjects of this investigation, the  
main activity in Cleveland to be had from the Registry section  
at the Registry section.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoffmann,  
Special Agent in Charge

HT:JTB

cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Washington Field

MAIL ROOMS  
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN

December 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. No. 123, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your letter dated December 25, 1934,  
in which you refer to two prostitutes named Faisy and Chubby who  
resided at 304, West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin during the  
period the Solo-Liberty Carnival was playing in Madison.

Faisy and Chubby, whose true names are Marie Soder and  
Francis Downes, were located by Special Agent Melvin at Madison and  
Bigerton, Wisconsin in July, but they denied knowing Volney Davis.

I am attaching hereto a copy of the report of Special  
Agent T. G. Melvin dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 1, 1935,  
which sets forth the results of his interviews with Faisy and Chubby.

Very truly yours,

T. E. FETTERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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DECEMBER 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to telegram sent to the St. Louis  
Bureau Office under date of December 9, 1935, as follows:

"DETERMINE TO WHOM NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE  
ILLINOIS LICENSE SIX NINE FIVE TWO FIVE  
TWO ISSUED AND DESCRIPTION OF CAR"

Please be advised that this telegram pertains to  
the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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Washington Field Office, Room 5252  
Washington, D. C.

December 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.;  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to a letter from this office to you dated August 8, 1935, advising that Special Agent E. W. Barruss on August 8, 1935, completed arrangements with Mr. F. L. Kahlert, Field Division, Ordnance Office, War Department, to issue instructions to the Commanding Officer, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, to turn over to an agent of your office Browning Automatic Rifles Nos. 211774 and 211349, and a .45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, No. 18001, in order that they may be transmitted to the New York Bureau Office on government bill of lading for examination by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company.

Mr. Kahlert has today informed Special Agent Barruss that the above described arms have not, to date, been returned to the Rock Island Arsenal. It is therefore requested, that I be informed as to the present status of this matter in order that Mr. Kahlert may be advised when he may anticipate the return of the arms to the Rock Island Arsenal.

Very truly yours,

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J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE. BREKID NO MAERIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON SURVEILLANCE CHICAGO OR CLEVELAND. EDITH BARRY TOLEDO IN LETTER TO INFORMANT CHICAGO INDICATES MAY GO IN CHICAGO INTENDED PURPOSE PERSONAL TREATMENT, HOWEVER, INFORMANT BY THIS CONTACT MAY DEVELOPE SOMETHING.

AGENT S. K. MCKEE LEAVING TONIGHT WILL ARRIVE MAVANA FRIDAY 12-13-35 FOR NECESSARY INQUIRY THERE .

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MR. CONNELLEY,

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-11-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-7 to 10-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. C. SPEAR</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTING OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Witness at Larned, Kansas, identified photograph of Subject Karpis as individual who had appeared there December 5, 1935, for about five minutes during which time he contacted Charles Cheatham, a parolee of State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, who was said to have served time at that institution with Karpis. Agent from Kansas City Office being stationed Larned, Kansas, to cover this matter pursuant to instructions from S.A.C. Connelley. Edna Murry could furnish no information concerning clothing worn by Victim Bremer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 10-21-35. Bureau letter dated 12-3-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: It will be noted in reference report of Agent Spear that information was received by the Kansas City Bureau Office previously that Subject Karpis might possibly be contacting Charles Cheatham, a parolee out of the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, presently residing at Larned, Kansas.</p> <p>On December 7, 1935, Sheriff A. H. Wilson, Larned, Kansas, telephonically advised Agent Spear that he believed Subject Karpis had recently been at Larned, Kansas. During</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>M. A. Smith</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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this conversation Agent Spear requested Sheriff Wilson to see if he could have the photograph of Karpis on the Identification Order identified as the individual who had been there, and, subsequently, that same date, December 7, 1935, Sheriff Wilson advised that one Charles Price had identified the photograph of Karpis as having been at Larned for a very short period of time on December 5, 1935.

Accordingly, Special Agent F. L. Welch was instructed to proceed immediately from Elsworth, Kansas, to Larned, Kansas, to make appropriate investigation in this matter, and the following report of investigation by Agent Welch is taken from a memorandum submitted by him.

Sheriff Wilson was contacted on the evening of December 7, 1935 and stated that on the morning of December 6, 1935, he drove by Price's Tire Service, located at 419 Main Street, Larned, Kansas, and noticed a person talking to Charles Cheatham along the North side of the building. This building is used by both Charles Cheatham and one Charles Price. Cheatham uses the back half of the building as a general automobile repair shop and the front half is used by Charles Price as a tire shop. Sheriff Wilson stated that he then drove to his home located just across the street North of the building and while talking to another person there noticed another person besides the one talking to Cheatham standing on the sidewalk in front of the building; that shortly thereafter these two strangers got into a 1932 or 1933 Chevrolet Sedan parked in front of the building and drove across the street to the Continental Filling Station where they purchased some gasoline. Sheriff Wilson did not get a good look at the person standing on the street but stated that at one time he was within one hundred feet of the party talking to Cheatham and although he could not see his face well he believed that his general contour fit that of Alvin Karpis. According to Sheriff Wilson, this person wore a dark overcoat and hat and his build was similar to that of Alvin Karpis.

Sheriff Wilson stated that he did not know why he did not walk by the filling station and secure the number of the license plates on the car. However, he then came to his office and secured an Identification Order on Subject Karpis. He took this to Charles Price, who, as set out, runs a tire shop in the front part of the building where Cheatham also works. According to Sheriff Wilson, Charles Price was unable to state that it was Karpis who was talking to Cheatham on this particular morning, inasmuch as Price was not at his place of business at this time. However, Price, upon looking at the photograph of Karpis, informed Sheriff Wilson that he had seen Karpis talking to Cheatham on the morning of Thursday, December 5, 1935.

Sheriff Wilson, Deputy Sheriff Row and County Attorney Russell Strobel all informed Agent that Charles Price was a very reliable person and had a reputation of being able to remember persons and faces. On December 8, 1935, Agent contacted Mr. Price and exhibited photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Eddie Venkins alias John Edwards alias F. E. Morris alias F. E. Kennedy, alias F. C. Reynolds, to him. He stated that there was no doubt in his mind but that he saw Karpis talking to Cheatham on Thursday morning, December 5, 1935. However, the person whom he believes was Karpis got out of a car on the other side of the street from the shop and he was unable to see the second person who remained in the car. He advised that he had seen Simpson around Larned, Kansas several years ago but not recently.

According to Price, the party he is positive was Karpis, after getting out of the car, walked over to the side of the building where Price works. He asked Price if there was a mechanic working there and Price directed him back to the rear of the building. This party talked to Cheatham approximately five minutes and then walked back to the car and drove away. Price had never seen him before and advised that there was no doubt but that he could readily recognize him again should he return and see Cheatham. He stated that he was able to observe that the car in which the two were riding was either a 1931 or 1932 Chevrolet Sedan and bore Oklahoma license plates. However, he was unable to get the numbers on the tags.

After the party believed to be Karpis left the shop where he talked to Cheatham, Price asked him who the fellow was. Cheatham replied that he was a fellow from Garden City, Kansas, who wanted to see him about a mechanical job. Price did not question this at the time because he stated that he knew that Price had been contacted before relative to his employment as a mechanic.

Charles Price stated that he had previously talked to Sheriff Wilson, and it was understood that should this same person return and contact Cheatham, he will leave word that he is going out on a call, and immediately contact the Sheriff's Office so that appropriate steps can be taken. He pledged full cooperation and advised that he did not believe that Cheatham would go very far to protect Karpis because he is presently on parole from the Kansas State Penitentiary and is very cautious not to do anything to violate the parole. From what Agent could learn from Sheriff Wilson and Mr. Price, Cheatham, at the time of his incarceration at the Penitentiary furnished information to the authorities there concerning the plans of a "break" and as a result received a parole.

Since being paroled Cheatham is positive that several who were in the Penitentiary at that time know now that he "snitched", and as a result he feels that if he is ever returned to the Penitentiary these prisoners would put him on the spot.

It was learned from Sheriff Wilson and County Attorney Strobel that two brothers operate the Continental Filling Station where Sheriff Wilson saw the two parties drive and fill up with gasoline. One's name is Dale Alexander. According to Sheriff Wilson, a third brother has served time in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and the family does not enjoy a good reputation. As a result no photographs were exhibited at this station for possible identification.

According to Deputy Sheriff Row and Sheriff Wilson, Mary Campbell is now going steady with Charles Cheatham; that she seems to think a great deal of him and that they believed it would spoil everything if she were interviewed at this time. Consequently, no efforts have been made to contact her. Deputy Sheriff Row advised that he goes to the Home where Miss Campbell is employed at least once a week and she seems always friendly with him; that he would wait for another break between Miss Campbell and Cheatham and would then endeavor to play Miss Campbell in an effort to get additional information concerning Cheatham's association with Alvin Karpis from her.

According to Mr. Row, Miss Campbell was mad at Cheatham at the time she talked to him and told him that Cheatham was contacting Karpis and one Eddie Simpson alias John Edwards; that she was primarily interested in getting her car back, which Cheatham continually used and that this was the reason she revealed the information. On the nights of December 7th and 8th, 1935, Agent, accompanied by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Row drove around Larned, Kansas, and on each night noticed that Cheatham was undoubtedly visiting Miss Campbell at the Home inasmuch as the car, a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe was parked beside the house occupied by Miss Campbell. Sheriff Wilson stated that Cheatham always drove the car himself and even received the money from Miss Campbell to pay for gas and oil; that inasmuch as the car was parked out at the Home, Cheatham was undoubtedly there both nights.

Mr. Row further advised that while Anna L. Smith and her daughter, Alice Smith, were here, Cheatham dated Alice Smith. This was over two months ago. Miss Campbell learned of this and upon confronting Cheatham concerning the affair he informed her that it was strictly business and that the Smiths were at Larned, Kansas to spot the First National Bank for a possible bank robbery. This information was given to Mr. Row by Miss Campbell at the time she talked to him about getting her car back and at the time she stated that Cheatham had been contacting Alvin Karpis.

On December 8, 1935, Lottie Victor, Postmaster, at Larned, Kansas, was contacted by Agent and she was requested to place a thirty-day mail cover on mail received by Charles Cheatham. At this time Cheatham had a letter from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated December 6, 1935, being held for him at the Post Office. There was no return address on the envelope. A tracing of the handwriting on the envelope was made and is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office.

The substance of the above information was furnished by telephone by Special Agent In Charge W. A. Smith, of the Kansas City Office, to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, at Chicago, Illinois, on December 9, 1935, at which time Mr. Smith requested to be advised whether, from the information in the possession of Mr. Connelley, it appeared possible or probable that Subject Karpis might be in the vicinity of Kansas at this time. Mr. Connelley stated that it was likely that Karpis was around Kansas, and, accordingly, if possible, arrangements should be made to have an Agent stay in Larned, Kansas, so he could be contacted by Charles Price in the event anything happened. Mr. Connelley also suggested that Cheatham's long distance telephone calls be checked and the records of the Post Office there be checked to determine whether Cheatham had received or sent any registered mail, as it had been ascertained that Harry Campbell had been using registered mail for communicating with relatives and friends, having previously sent letters by registered mail to Oklahoma. In this connection, attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge Smith immediately requested Agent Welch to make the additional investigation requested by Special Agent in Charge Connelley and pursuant thereto investigation was made by Agent Welch, which has been reported in a memorandum by him, as follows:

On December 9, 1935, Lottie Victor called for Agent and furnished him with two additional tracings. One of these gave the return address, "A. M. Smith, General Delivery, Scottsbluff, Nebr". It is believed that all the letters are in the handwriting of Alice Smith. All three were mailed from Scottsbluff, Nebraska. These additional tracings are likewise being forwarded to the Kansas City Office.

On December 9, 1935, Agent, with the assistance of Lottie Victor, Postmaster, checked and ascertained that Charles Cheatham had only received one registered letter since June 15, 1935. This letter was from Seward, Nebraska, and was received at the Post Office at Larned, Kansas on November 7, 1935. The Money Order records were also checked but failed to reflect that he had received any Money Orders since April 1, 1935.

In an effort to ascertain whether or not Charles Cheatham had received any telephone calls (long distance) recently, Agent telephonically communicated with Mr. L. F. Deaver, Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Great Bend, Kansas. He advised that it would be impossible to trace any calls received by Charles Cheatham, other than collect calls, except at the office from whence the calls originated. He authorized checking any calls made by Cheatham from Larned, Kansas. Shortly thereafter he called from Great Bend, Kansas and advised that it would be impossible for the records to be checked at Larned, Kansas, unless permission was obtained by the Legal Department of the Telephone Company at Kansas City, Missouri by the Kansas City Bureau Office. However, prior to this time, it was ascertained that the only calls received collect by Cheatham were from Alice Smith, one being from Lincoln, Nebraska; another from Hays, Kansas, and others from Kinsley, Kansas. These calls dated back as far as July of 1935. Cheatham also called Miss Smith at different times. These calls were the only ones which appeared to be of any value, all others being made by Cheatham to various automobile dealers in Kansas.

It should be noted that Charles Cheatham does not have a telephone at his residence. There is one phone in Charles Price's tire shop where Cheatham also works, being number 33 and it was from this number that the calls were made or received by Charles Cheatham.

Descriptions of Charles Cheatham, Alice Smith and Mrs. A. L. Smith, furnished by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Row are as follows:

NAME	CHARLES CHEATHAM
PLACE OF BUSINESS	419 North Main St., Larned, Kansas.
AGE	37
WEIGHT	140 lbs.
HEIGHT	5' 7"
BUILD	Medium
HAIR	Brown
EYES	Gray
STATUS	Single
NATIONALITY	American
OCCUPATION	Mechanic
RELATIVES	Mrs. Anna Cheatham, 7th & Fry, Larned, Kansas - Mother. Mrs. Gail Griffith, Larned, Kansas - Sister.

NAME	MRS. ANNA L. SMITH
RESIDENCE	Unknown - Believed to be Scottsbluff, Nebraska, as reflected by mail tracings.
AGE	48-50
HEIGHT	5'6"
WEIGHT	140 lbs.
BUILD	Medium
HAIR	Brown - perhaps some gray.

NAME	ALICE SMITH
RESIDENCE	Believed to be same as Mrs. Anna Smith
AGE	25 yrs.
HEIGHT	5' 5"
WEIGHT	115 to 118 lbs.
BUILD	Slender
HAIR	Brown
EYES	Brown

Special Agent J. B. Brown proceeded to Larned, Kansas, on December 10, 1935, in order to be available at that point for any information received by Charles Price or other individuals at Larned, Kansas, relative to a possible visit or possible location of Subject Karpis.

On December 10, 1935, Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. J. Norstrom interviewed Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in an effort to identify the clothing worn by Victim Bremer, as requested in reference Bureau letter. Although photographs of clothing were shown to Edna Murray she could furnish no information concerning the same stating she had no idea as to where the clothing was purchased in that she had never heard the matter discussed by either Volney Davis or other members of the gang; other than venturing the opinion that the clothing must have been purchased in Chicago she could furnish no further information concerning same.

Possible hideouts and points of contact of Karpis and Campbell were also discussed with Edna Murray but she could recall none that had not been previously given Bureau Agents. However, after some reflection she recalled that an individual named "Slivers" would be an ideal contact for Alvin Karpis in Kansas City. She advised that Slivers is a confidence man and a close friend of the late John Lazia, and that on a number of occasions Davis had made visits to his apartment in the Plaza section of Kansas City. She stated she had accompanied Davis on one or two occasions, but in each instance she had remained in the parked automobile near the vicinity of West 47th Street Terrace in Kansas City. She



stated that "Slivers" was well known to Fred and "Doc" Barber, Davis and Alvin Karpis. Continuing, she mentioned the fact that Davis had contacted Fritz Mulloy in Kansas City on numerous occasions, and she believed that Alvin Karpis had likewise contacted Mulloy. She described Slivers as being past middle age.

Dis creet inquiry of Thomas J. Higgins at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, revealed that he recalled an individual known as "Slivers" to be one John McBride, a confidence man residing at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, and that he is well known and is presently residing at this hotel. Further investigation will be conducted as to the activities of John McBride immediately in an effort to determine whether or not Subjects Karpis and Campbell are now contacting him.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, will make appropriate discreet investigation relative to any possible contacts which Alice Smith or A. M. Smith may have with Subject Karpis. The attention of the Omaha Office is invited to the information relative to A. M. Smith set out in the body of this report, and also to the information set out in the body of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, October 21, 1935.

P E N D I N G.

**ADDENDUM:**

At the conclusion of the typing of this report Agent Farland learned through the Police Department at Kansas City, Missouri, that the above mentioned possible contact of Subject Karpis at Kansas City is Robert O. McBride, alias "Slivers", Kansas City Police Department number 11879.

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December 17, 1935

Hon. Michael L. Igoe,  
United States Attorney,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Attention Assistant U.S. Attorney  
E. P. Drymalaki.

*Re: Brekid*

Dear Sir:

On December 17, 1935 a conference was had with Assistant United States Attorney E. P. Drymalaki of your office by Special Agent M. C. Suran concerning 1935 Buick coupe, motor number 2945179, your case number 43541, which car is presently in the possession of this Bureau and which is referred to in a letter from this office dated November 5, 1935, addressed to you for the attention of Mr. Norton T. Kretzke.

The Court, on August 7, 1934, directed that this car be turned over to the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, now the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and further directing that the Division of Investigation hold the said car against all persons except the true owner.

The facts concerning the investigation of the title of this Buick are being set forth in this letter for your information in preparing a petition to the Court praying that the said Buick car now be returned to Mrs. Helen Ferguson, who is apparently the true owner of the same.

On or about November 3, 1933 Special Agent H.A. Knittle of this Bureau made an examination of the books and records of Joseph Bergl, automobile dealer doing business under the name of Bergl Motor Sales at 5346-48 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, and during the course of this examination Agent Knittle found a record indicating that on June 10, 1933 Bergl purchased through Ben Nelson of the Heinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois, a 1935 eight cylinder Buick coupe, motor number 25-245, engine number 2945179, serial number 2891033, for the sum of \$1,480.00. The records of the Bergl Motor Sales further indicated that on the same day the said car was sold to Helen Ferguson, 8140 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, for \$1,480.00 cash.

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Investigations by Agents of this Bureau verified that the above described car had, in fact, been delivered by the Heins Motor Company to Joseph Bergl, the address of 2140 Lincoln Avenue being the address of the Heins Motor Company in Miles Center, Ill.

Investigation at Springfield, Illinois disclosed that the above described car was registered on June 12, 1933 in the name of Helen Ferguson, 2140 Lincoln Avenue, Miles Center, Illinois, at which time 1933 license plates number 641-628 were issued to Helen Ferguson for this car.

On April 22, 1934 this Buick coupe was abandoned at the Little Bohemia Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin by Thomas Leonard Carroll who was at that time hiding out with John Dillinger at the Little Bohemia Lodge. As was previously stated, a Court order was entered at Chicago, Illinois on August 7, 1934 and the said automobile was turned over to this office by the Court for official use.

The identity of Helen Ferguson, who had purchased this car, was not known to this Bureau during the course of the above related investigation. However, on August 18, 1934 Mrs. Helen Ferguson was taken into custody by Agents of the Bureau and she was subsequently identified as being the individual concerning whom previous investigation had been made. Helen Ferguson advised that she purchased the car through the Bergl Motor Sales, St. Louis, Illinois on or about June 10, 1933 and that subsequently thereto she learned that a check was being made upon the car by Agents of the Bureau and that shortly after the purchase of the said car she drove the same to Fox River Grove, Illinois and turned it over to an individual by the name of Louis Cernocky, now deceased, who was at that time a contact for the various members of the Dillinger mob. According to Helen Ferguson this car was turned over to Thomas Leonard Carroll, a Dillinger gangster, by Louis Cernocky without her consent or knowledge and Helen Ferguson has now orally requested the return of this car to her.

Will you kindly advise this office when a petition is filed with the Court requesting that the said car be returned to Helen Ferguson in order that this office may take the appropriate steps to notify Helen Ferguson that she may have possession of this car.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
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CC - Bureau  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Chicago File No. 66-436

E. J. CONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Re: BREKID

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
December 14, 1935

Mr. Orville E. Atwood,  
Secretary of State,  
Lansing, Michigan

Attention: Mr. E. E. McConnell,  
Title Division

Dear Sir:

Kindly place a stop notice in your file against  
the registration of a 1935 Plymouth, four door sedan,  
motor No. FJ32X772, serial No. 2A19207.

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope which  
requires no postage for your reply as to whether or not  
this car is now registered. In replying kindly refer to  
our file #7-25.

It will be greatly appreciated in the event  
that application is made to register this car that this  
office be notified immediately.

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

Very truly yours,

W. J. West,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl.

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Post Office Box 815  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 17, 1935

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Postmaster  
St. Peter, Minnesota

Dear Sir: BREKID

It is desired that the thirty  
day mail order plates which are addressed to  
[redacted] in the  
[redacted] office, be discontinued.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

I remain

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515

Saint Paul, Minnesota

December 17, 1935

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

This will advise you that ISABELLE BORN of Mankato, Minnesota, appeared in this office today, accompanied by her attorneys, T. W. McKeein and Robert Phau. She was interviewed thoroughly with regard to her association with Charles J. Fitzgerald. A report will be submitted immediately on the results of this interview.

She willingly submitted to having her fingerprints taken. A copy of her fingerprints is being forwarded under separate cover to the Bureau, and a copy is also being designated for Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago. One copy is being maintained in the files of the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago (Encl.)  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-2 FN

REPORT MADE AT Nashville, Tenn.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/16/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/10-11-14-16/35	REPORT MADE BY M. E. MEKINS
TITLE 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 BREMER, VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Edward Gummo, informant of Edward S. Clark, divisional manager of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, located at Nashville, Tenn., and on interrogation unable to furnish information of value in instant matter, advising that Clark was given to exaggeration; that he informed Clark the individual whom he met at Toledo, Ohio and had subsequently gone on a fishing trip with, resembled Alvin Karpis or Subject Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. Photographs of Subjects in Bremer matter exhibited to informant Gummo without identifications. - P -			
REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Office dated 12/4/35.			
DETAILS: <u>AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.</u>  Through investigations conducted through the Superintendent of Mails, Post Office Department, The Southern Bell Telephone Company, the Tennessee Electric Power Co., the Revenue Dept., City of Nashville, the Nashville Gas and Heating Co., [redacted] the Government Reemployment Bureau, and [redacted] informant of the Nashville Bureau office, Edward Gummo, informant of Mr. Edward S. Clark, divisional manager of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, was located. Through the Superintendent of Mails he was found to be the brother-in-law of Elbert Prince, postal clerk, Post Office Dept., Nashville, Tenn., with whom informant Gummo was residing at 1039 West Grand Ave., Nashville, Tenn., telephone 3-2738-M  Informant Gummo subsequently called at the Nashville Bureau Office and was interviewed at which time he informed when questioned concerning the details of the letter of reference that he formerly resided at Cleveland, Ohio where he from time to time worked for Mr. Edward S. Clark of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency; that in the summer of 1935 he was stopping at the Hamlin Hotel located			
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on Erie St., Toledo, Ohio, during which time he was hanging around Toledo waiting on one Earl W. Shoemaker, attorney at law and of a questionable character and practice, with offices in the Spietzer or Nicholas Building, pending the settlement of some bank claims being handled by Shoemaker; that during this time he, Gummoe, was approached by a former president, whose name he stated he did not know, of the Auto-Lite Corp., of Toledo, to work in connection with a black mail letter allegedly received by that official; that it was then his understanding that Mr. Clark had been approached on the same proposition and that through this contact Mr. Clark was endeavoring to secure for the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency the production rights of the Auto-Lite Corp., and that to his, Gummoe's, personal knowledge neither Mr. Clark nor the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency ever worked on the Auto-Lite strike at Toledo; that during this stay in Toledo, Ohio he, Gummoe, visited on several occasions the Valmer's Night Club, located at 17th Ave., and Adam St., Toledo, Ohio, which was known as a political-gang hang out, and that on one occasion, which he recalls to be in the summer of 1935, while at this place he observed two young fellows gambling rather heavily on some of the games of the club; that a few days later he was in Cleveland talking to Mr. Clark and informed him of the incident; that about this time there were several small bank robberies committed in central Ohio and that he suggested to Mr. Clark that the two men he saw gambling so heavily at the Valmer's Night Club might be members of the gang robbing banks in that state; that Mr. Clark induced him to return to Toledo, and through subsequent efforts on his part he, Gummoe, understands that Clark effected several arrests of persons who were subsequently charged with having robbed banks in the central part of Ohio.

Mr. Gummoe further informed that during the latterpart of July, to the best of his recollection, he was having his car repaired by an unknown mechanic who operated from the rear of 1260 Noble or Novle St., Toledo, Ohio, when he observed three cars drive up and stop in the vicinity of that address; that only one man got out and came into the garage and within a few minutes struck up an occasional conversation; that while waiting for their cars to be repaired he and this stranger decided upon a fishing trip that night out on Maumee River, a short distance from Toledo; that that night he and this stranger did go fishing at which time he observed the stranger a little closer and the thought flashed through his mind that that individual was either Alvin Karpis or Thomas H. Robinson, Jr.; that he thought no more about the matter, however, until he returned to Cleveland, Ohio for a conference with Mr. Clark, in the course of a few days, at which time he told Mr. Clark of the incident and that Clark at that time exhibited to him a large number of photographs of outstanding criminals known to be wanted by the U. S. Department of Justice, and that at that time he put out a photograph of Alvin Karpis as possibly being identical with the individual whom he went fishing with as referred to above; that Mr. Clark induced him to return to Toledo, Ohio in an effort to obtain further information concerning the individual with whom he went fishing, and that he then recalled that on returning from the fishing trip the stranger took him past a house located in Ottawa Hills, a restricted residential suburb of Toledo, Ohio, where he was introduced to four or five other men all of whom were sitting around playing cards indicating by their actions that they were hiding out to cool off from some "heat"; that this time the stranger offered to sell him any amount of hot money at 40¢ on the dollar.

Mr. Gummoe stated that on returning to Toledo following his conference with Mr. Clark he observed that he was being followed and he presumed by Mr. Clark's men, and that he therefore made no further efforts in the matter and during the last of September, 1935, proceeded to Nashville, Tenn., the home of his wife and where he has since been residing with his brother-in-law, Elbert Prince, at 1039 West Grand Ave.

Mr. Gummoe was shown numerous photographs of the subjects and related parties in the Bremer matter none of which he was able to identify except the small photograph of Alvin Karpis bearing the number 17902 which he informed due to the youthful look of that picture was highly suggestive to him of being the individual he had gone fishing with referred to above. In that connection, however, Mr. Gummoe failed to identify a photograph of Alvin Karpis which bears K. S. P. 1539 dated 5/19/30, stating that the individual in this latter picture was entirely too old to be the individual who had gone fishing with him. In further conversation Mr. Gummoe informed that he was unable to furnish any descriptions of the strangers referred to herein other than the stranger who had gone fishing with him referred to as "Doc" who was described as follows:

Age	About 30
Height	5' 9"
Weight	150
Build	Slender, sickly looking, long arms, did not appear to be stoop shouldered, but walked slankily and slouchily.
Hair	Brownish
Eyes	Unknown
Speech	Soft and apparently educated
Race	White
Descent	Apparently Hungarian.

Mr. Gummoe informed that he has found that Mr. Clark of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency was inclined to exaggeration and that he recalls while viewing photographs of known criminals in Mr. Clark's office that Mr. Clark was inclined to make suggestions to him in order to aid identification, and that he had no objections to Mr. Clark's informing of his name and identity when this matter first appeared to have been reported to the Cleveland office by that individual. Mr. Gummoe informs that he presently intends to continue his residence in Nashville, Tenn., and should it be desired to locate him in the future he might be reached through his brother-in-law, Elbert Prince.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

December 17th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I desire to advise that the subpoenas for Special Agents  
R. C. Suran and J. L. Madala and for Photographer L. S.  
Rose, have been received at this Office. These employees  
will report in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6th, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LAED  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/14/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. CALEOUN. WKB</b>
TITLE <b>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.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	

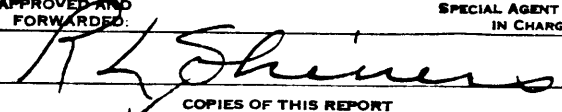
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Automobile Registration Division of State Bureau of Revenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, has no record of registration of Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ-322772. A stop notice was placed at this office and the Little Rock Bureau office will be advised if car is registered in the future.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Bureau office dated 12/12/35.

DETAILS: Mr. Jack Carter of the Automobile Registration Division of the State Bureau of Revenue, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, checked his records and found that 1935 Plymouth, four-door sedan, deluxe model, motor #PJ-322772, serial #2619857, had not been registered in the State of Arkansas.

Mr. Carter placed a stop notice showing the motor and serial numbers of this automobile and advised that the Little Rock Bureau office would be notified immediately should the car be registered in 1935 or 1936.

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U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 16, 1935

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TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

Re: BREKID

In connection with the above-entitled case, information has been developed that Harry Campbell has been recently using the aliases G. R. BENTON, GEORGE BENTON and MARY FORTH.

It is requested that the records of the Motor Vehicle Divisions of the various states be searched for the purpose of ascertaining if Campbell, using the above aliases, has applied for a driver's or chauffeur's license or has registered an automobile within the state and if so appropriate investigation be conducted.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. Mac Farland*

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*George O'Brien*

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Bu. File #---. Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

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*Edmond H. ...*

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Very truly yours,

Director.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-16-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-28-30; 12-2-35; 8-12-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. E. SMITH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218; ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No developments resulting from post office records per [redacted] advised Hebebrand, Fergus and Mitchell preparing to return to this country. HOLC records checked for loans obtained by Hebebrand without results. Telephone records reflect Fairmount 4095 listed to W. J. Adams. Apartment House Owners Ass'n and Real Estate Board do not keep records of tenants in apartment houses. No record obtained from the American Express Co. relative destination where Harry Hapeman shipped his trunks. Post Office Inspector Mettrick believes Karpis and Campbell implicated Garrettsville mail robbery. Description of car used in robbery and leads set forth. Negative information received from Detective Noonan. Grace P. Brooks reported returned to Florida. Ted Angus cottage property located at Honor, Mich. Simpson and Benz have no information of assistance in investigation of this case. [redacted] now states Jack Pfeiffer probably tipped off the gang at St. Paul of pending raid and not Harry Sawyer. Informant [redacted] has no information. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] Bro...  
[REDACTED] sent a registered letter, postmarked  
[REDACTED] Box 45, [REDACTED] is being  
[REDACTED] to ascertain the identity of Mrs. Joe [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of the Ohio, City office in the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] information relative to Mrs. Joe [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is the son of Dr. Joe P. Moran's [REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio  
[REDACTED] reflect any information as to whether Dr. Moran has relatives in  
the State of Ohio.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown:

From the period starting November 25, 1935, to December 3, 1935, frequent contacts have been had with informant [REDACTED] and the information he has furnished during these interviews is as follows:

He advised that Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton are both now residing at their former addresses in Cleveland, having moved in from their lake cottages; that Art Hebebrand, who operates a real estate agency at 95d and Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, under the name of Arthur W. Hebebrand, is operating this place only as a blind for his gambling activities. [REDACTED] was closely questioned as to various properties owned by Hebebrand. He stated he is of the opinion that Hebebrand owns a house located at Parma, Ohio. Parma is located on Highway No. 45, approximately five miles north of Brunswick, Ohio, where the last letter directed to [REDACTED] was received, presumably by subject Campbell. Informant was closely questioned as to this house and stated that his reason for believing that Hebebrand owns the house at this point is because Hebebrand once said that he had obtained a loan thru the Home Owners Loan Corporation on this house at Parma and stated, "I may get my money out of it yet." [REDACTED] that a man, known to him only as "Mac" resides in this house with [REDACTED]

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his wife. [redacted] is making an attempt to determine Mac's last name and will possibly obtain the correct location of this house in Parma.

Regarding the parties, representatives of the Harvard Club, who proceeded to Roumania during the spring of 1935 for the purpose of placing slot machines in various cities of that country, informant stated that the members of the party were as follows: three Roumanians, one a mechanic, whose name he does not know; William Fergus; and William Mitchell, father of Neil Mitchell, who operates the Mitchell real estate business; and Clarence Hebebrand, brother of Art Hebebrand. [redacted] made inquiries as to the present whereabouts of these people and learned thru conversation with others [redacted] that the parties were unable to place slot machines in Roumania and proceeded to Poland where they were also unsuccessful; that William Mitchell has now proceeded to Palestine, where an attempt is being made there to obtain a concession on all gambling and that Fergus and Hebebrand are waiting in some other place in Europe where they expect to be joined by Mitchell in time for them to return to Cleveland for Christmas. He stated he learned that the three Roumanians have returned to this country. He was unable to learn the port of departure of these men or their approximate sailing date. [redacted]

[redacted] cannot ask too many questions at one time without arousing suspicion.

[redacted]

[redacted] closely questioned concerning relatives of Hebebrand and Patton.

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He stated that during the past summer Art Hebebrand had a suite of rooms at some hotel, which he is quite certain was the Hollenden, and that Art lived at this hotel under the name of McKay. He advised that Hebebrand's wife's name is Alice.

Regarding the address, 3973 West 140th Street, where Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, together with William J. Harrison resided during the summer and early fall of 1934, informant stated that this house is the property of Art Hebebrand; that Karpis' furniture, which he abandoned, is still in this house; that Hebebrand's nephew, sister-in-law and niece have been residing there until just recently, when Hebebrand told these people he was about to sell the house, and they would have to move out; that after that Hebebrand's brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wall (or Wahl) moved into this house; that Mrs. Wall's name is Grace.

The informant further advised that he thought it very unusual that Hebebrand should cause the Devlins to move out of this house under the pretext he was going to sell it and then permit the Walls to move in.

In this connection Special Agent Clyde E. Smith will report the results of an interview with Mrs. O. W. Blackman, who resides next door to this address, 3969 West 140th Street. Mrs. Blackman has been furnished the telephone number of the Cleveland office and will immediately advise should she detect strange activities at this house.

Advised that for approximately two years previous to August of 1935 the Harvard Club, through Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, had been paying the wife of Tip O'Neil, the sum of \$200 a month while Tip O'Neil was in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. He advised that he obtained this information

who is a minor racketeer, whom he knows only as Sam. He stated Shimmy Patton went to Columbus during August 1935 and shortly after he returned Tip O'Neil was released from the Ohio State Penitentiary, although he had served only a few years of his very long sentence which was received for a crime believed to be bank robbery.

that O'Neil is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches in height, 170 pounds, well built, dark brown hair, parted on the side, rather full face, and is very quiet.

that O'Neil appears to take numerous trips away

from Cleveland and upon his return always confers with Shimmy Patton.

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[REDACTED]

he saw a black 1935 [REDACTED] described by two men, [REDACTED] that Shimmy Patton, Art Heubrand and [REDACTED] and Heubrand's bodyguard, known as Tony, gathered around this car, excitedly talking to the occupants. He stated that the car had an Ohio license plate, the number of which he jotted down on a piece of paper. He stated he obtained a casual view of these persons, but was unable to distinguish physical characteristics; that the driver appeared to be somewhat taller and thinner than the other man, and both wore felt snap-brim hats. He advised he thought it rather unusual for all four of the "big shots" of the Club to be conversing so earnestly with these two men.

[REDACTED]

He stated that at his earliest opportunity he went to a pay telephone and tried to reach the writer at his residence, that is, Agent Brown, and he was questioned as to his failure to call the Cleveland office, and he stated that he now recalls he had previously been advised that the Cleveland office is open twenty-four hours a day, but in his excitement he did not think about this and, therefore, failed to call the Cleveland office. He advised that the matter slipped his mind and that he had not furnished this information as he had intended to do. He stated he will make every attempt to locate this license number among his effects, although some may be destroyed. In this connection it may be stated that in order to secure close cooperation with this informant, it is necessary that he be contacted frequently.

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[REDACTED] will be contacted frequently. He has been shown photographs of Karpis and Campbell and has the descriptive data well in mind. He is able to circulate considerably [REDACTED] and he stated

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that he has not seen persons resembling Karpis and Campbell since his last interview. [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and Tyler M. Birch on November 27th, 1935, Agent Birch being the reporting agent. In an endeavor to ascertain if subjects Campbell and Karpis had attempted to have repair work done at any of the Ford agencies in or around Cleveland, the following places were contacted and inquiry made as to any work they may have done for George R. Benton, E. R. Benton or May Forth. The correct identity of these individuals nor the reason for which the interview was made was not disclosed at any time, and all of the individuals interviewed stated that in the event subjects should contact him in the future, they would immediately communicate with the Cleveland Bureau office. The following companies and individuals were contacted in this connection:

Mr. Northrup of the Geo. A. Falke, Inc., Sales and Service,  
17600 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio  
Miss Marsh of the Bundy Motor Co., Ford Sales and Service,  
13300 Madison Avenue, Cleveland  
The Kane Motor Co., 4343 Pearl Road, Cleveland  
Mr. R. E. Woelker of the Woelker Motor Co.,  
17601 Lorain Ave., Cleveland  
The Lahner Motor Co., 2947 Lorain Avenue.

Leads are also being set forth relative to the automobiles registered under the name of George Benton within the state of Ohio, which are set out in letter of SAC E.J. Connelley, Cincinnati, November 25, 1935.

It will be noted that during Special Agent Brown's interview with informant [REDACTED] stated that Hebebrand said he had obtained a loan thru the HOLC on his house in Parma, Ohio. The writer checked the records of the HOLC, Standard Building, Cleveland, under the names of William Mitchell, Alice Hebebrand and A. W. Hebebrand, but no record was found of any mortgages being obtained by the above-named individuals.

Mr. A. W. McSweeney, of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., advised the writer that telephone MAIN 7854, which number was referred to in a letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, 4-12-35, as having been called by someone from the Motion Picture Operators Union at Chicago, is listed to the Motion Picture Operators Union, located at 703 Finance Building, Cleveland, Ohio. In view of this fact no further investigation will be



conducted relative to that telephone number. Agent was further advised by Mr. McSweeney that Fairmount 4095 was listed to W. J. Adams, 2818 Washington Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. It will be recalled here that the above number was called by someone over Cash McDonald's telephone at Detroit, Michigan on September 27, 1934, which information is set forth in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 4-9-35.

The city directory lists William J. Adams, (wife, Catherine), residing at 2818 Washington Blvd.

Agent called at the Cleveland Heights Post Office to contact the carrier covering that territory; however, both the regular carrier and the superintendent, William J. Kline, were on their day off, and further investigation will be conducted in the near future relative to the identity and connection of William J. Adams.

Mr. J. F. McDonnell, Division of Light and Power, for the city of Cleveland, was interviewed by the writer and requested to check his lists of subscribers for electric light and heat service for any individuals by the name of G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth. However, the results of the search were negative.

Mr. L. J. Efferth, Secretary of the Apartment House Owners Ass'n, 205 Euclid Avenue, was contacted relative to the possibility that his organization might maintain a list of the tenants of the various apartment houses belonging to the membership of his organization. Mr. Efferth advised Agent Smith that no list of tenants was maintained as there are in excess of 11,000 apartment houses of four suites or more in greater Cleveland. Continuing, Mr. Efferth stated that the Real Estate Board in which offices he is located does not maintain files of any description relative to tenants of various apartments, with the exception of those individuals who have poor credit ratings relative to rents and that list is maintained by himself for the organization.

Inquiry was made at the American Railway Express Company, with offices located at 1325 St. Clair Avenue, in an endeavor to ascertain the destination of two trunks supposedly shipped by Harry Hapeman from 3445 West 99th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Agent was informed that the only record kept of shipments was at the Accounting office as the destination of the shipment, that is, consisting of the two trunks heretofore mentioned. No further investigation is being conducted relative to these trunks inasmuch as Harry Hapeman has been located by the Buffalo office, and this office will submit a report covering its investigation of Mr. Hapeman.



Special Agent C. F. Smith has contacted Post Office Inspectors S.K. Hettrick and S. E. Siagfried relative to the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery and the circularization of carriers in the Cleveland Post Office Unit, and on December 12, 1935, Inspector Hettrick contacted Special Agent T. M. Birch and furnished him with the following relative to the description of the individuals, their modus operandi and the automobile used by them in the robbery:

Post Office Inspector S. Hettrick called Agent T. M. Birch to his office in the New Post Office Building and advised that he had some information which would possibly be of value in this matter, with reference to the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on Nov. 7, 1935, and the use in that robbery of a 1935 Plymouth four-door DeLuxe sedan, gunmetal grey in color, two windshield wipers, two tail lights and a trunk, motor No. PJ 322772, serial No. 2619857, key No. BP 802, Ohio 1935 tag No. IU 571, listed in the name of Carl Baker. Mr. Hettrick advised that this car had been purchased from the Knowles Brown Motor Company, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, for \$740 cash, this money having been paid in \$20 bills by a man using the name of Carl Baker, who, in reality, was Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department, October 19, 1935, described as follows:

Age	-	21 yrs. (looks 24 or 25)
Weight	-	145 lbs.
Height	-	5' 7"
Hair	-	dark chestnut
Eyes	-	blue
Born	-	Louisville, Ky.
Residence	-	125 Church St., Cleveland, O.

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Mr. Hettrick went on to say that this man had been positively identified as the person who purchased the above car and, further, that a confidential informant of his had advised him, and he believed the information to be reliable; that Shaw, for several months previous to this, had frequented the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio; that he was well known to Shimmy Patton, Dan Gallagher, Art Hebebrand, Tip O'Neil and others connected with that club; that he had made an investigation and determined that the address of 125 Church Street, Cleveland, Ohio, given by Shaw at the time of his arrest at Akron, Ohio, was fictitious;

further, that at the time of his arrest at Akron, Ohio, Shaw was attempting to purchase an automobile and had in his possession seven new \$100 bills. Mr. Hettrick advised that Shaw had been released at Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Hettrick further advised, and the Cleveland files indicate, the following information: that Karpis and Campbell in September 1935, had on two occasions been seen at the Harvard Club. Mr. Hettrick did not divulge the name of his informant.

Mr. Hettrick subsequently called the writer to his office and introduced Postal Inspector Casey from Akron, Ohio. Mr. Casey substantiated the above information relative to Shaw; also Mr. Hettrick's statements that they were of the opinion that the Garrettsville mail train robbery was pulled by Karpis, Campbell and others, and at this time displayed numerous photographs, among them one of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, Tulsa P. D. No. 8009. At this time Mr. Casey also displayed a photograph of subject Alvin Karpis, Tulsa P. D. No. 8008, and also one of Charles E. Bowman, alias Dutch Bowman, Tulsa P. D. No. 8370. It was noted by the writer that Karpis' number, 8008, and the number of Nelson, 8009, would indicate they had possibly been arrested by the Tulsa Police Department at the same time. Mr. Casey advised that one of the witnesses to the above robbery had positively identified Nelson, alias Coker, as one of the bandits who took part in the Garrettsville robbery. Other than this he had no positive identification inasmuch as the witnesses were too frightened to make any identifications.

In view of the fact that Karpis and Coker were arrested at approximately the same time at Tulsa, Oklahoma, the writer is of the opinion that the records of the Tulsa Police Department might possibly reveal some information to connect Coker with Karpis at the present time.

A circular issued by the Post Office Department in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, train robbery is as follows:

At 2:14 pm on November 7, 1935, Detroit and Pittsburgh mail train No. 626 was held up by six armed bandits (Mr. Hettrick now advises there were only five) at the Erie RR station, Garrettsville, Ohio. The postal crew was forced at the point of guns to come out of the mail car at this time and the train crew was forced to line up with the railroad station employes. The bandits used machine guns, (Mr. Hettrick advising that these were Thompson machine guns with drums and without stocks); two of the bandits entered the mail car and took two pouches of registered mail and two ordinary mail pouches and escaped in a 1935 Plymouth, as above described.

Descriptions of the bandits as obtained from railroad employes and train crew are as follows:

No. 1

Age	-	About 40 years
Height	-	6'
Weight	-	170 lbs.
Build	-	slender
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American
		spare grey hair; smooth shaven

Mr. Hettrick advised that this man had heavy, bushy eyebrows, and appeared to be beetle browed.

No. 2

Age	-	about 35 yrs.
Height	-	5' 7"
Weight	-	135 lbs.
Complexion	-	sallow, smooth shaven; deep facial lines
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	foreigner
Dress	-	wore slouch hat and overcoat

This man carried a machine gun. Mr. Hettrick stated that the above statement to the effect that the above-described individual was a foreigner probably should not have been put in the description; also that he was probably not as tall as 5' 7".

No. 3

Age	-	about 40 yrs.
Weight	-	150 lbs.
Complexion	-	sallow, smooth shaven; protruding chin; hollow cheeks, prominent nose, puffed eyes
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American

No. 4

Age	-	about 45 yrs.
Height	-	5' 10"
Weight	-	170 lbs.
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American and smooth shaven

No. 5

Age	-	about 33 yrs.
Height	-	5' 10"
Weight	-	150 lbs.
Complexion	-	olive, long thin face; fine features
Hair	-	dark, slicked back
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American
Dress	-	wire cap and dark overcoat

The following interview was conducted by Special Agent E. D. Brown:

On December 6, 1935, agent interviewed Frank Noonan, operator of the Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 Euclid Avenue. The purpose for contacting Noonan was to attempt to learn from him any information which he might care to offer relative to recent developments at the Harvard Club. The conversation continued for a period of more than two hours.

During the conversation with Noonan he was reminded that the suspicious circumstances under which his pay envelopes were found in the house formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland had not yet been satisfactorily explained. Noonan then went on to make his usual explanation concerning the finding of these pay envelopes, which appeared in previous reports, but admitted that he is not entirely satisfied as to what took place. He advised he would gladly like to be of some assistance to the Cleveland Bureau office in locating the two remaining fugitives. He stated he has valuable criminal connections, both in Cleveland and Toledo, and also in other parts of the United States, but admitted that he is hesitating about going to these contacts for fear that some will in some way "put him in the middle" should he learn information which might lead to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, as these people would immediately point the finger to him. In this connection, he candidly admitted he is "considered right" with the underworld in Cleveland.

Noonan was questioned thoroughly as to Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton. He advised he has known these men for several years, and has frequently visited the Harvard Club, which they operate, but has been unable to obtain any further information as to their associations with members of this gang during the summer of 1934. He volunteered the information that a man known as Tip O'Neil has recently been released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., where he served about three years on a mail robbery charge. He is now spending a great deal of time at the Harvard Club and does not appear to be an employee, but a very close friend of Shimmy Patton. He advised he does not know the reason for O'Neil's association with Patton and knows O'Neil makes occasional trips away from Cleveland for purposes unknown to him, Noonan. He also stated he is well acquainted with O'Neil, and volun-

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 teered to attempt to secure some information concerning O'Neil's activities. It will be noted that informant [redacted] has advised us Tip O'Neil's wife was paid the sum of \$200 per month by Patton and Hebebrand while O'Neil was in the penitentiary; that O'Neil's actions at the Harvard Club are suspicious, and that he is with Shimmy Patten almost constantly. It is believed further information relative to O'Neil should be obtained; his residence located [redacted] a cover placed on his mail; also the advisability of a tap on his telephone should be considered after other investigation has been made.

Noonan advised that members of this gang apparently frequented the Argonne Club, 720 East Superior Street, Cleveland, at the time. The Argonne Club is a gambling establishment, which has been closed for approximately six months, it being located upstairs at this address. Noonan advised this place was actively operated by Frankie Zimmer and Frankie Merritt, both operating the club under the direction of Tommy McGinty, the well-known Cleveland gambler.

Noonan stated he believes that Patton and Hebebrand, if properly approached and made to understand that the government is in possession of full information as to their activities with members of this gang during the summer of 1934, they might offer assistance due to their fear of having the Harvard Club closed. He stated he will attempt in his own way to determine if Hebebrand and Patton are actually aware that the government is in possession of this information.

The question of payment of confidential rewards for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell was taken up with Noonan. He was made to realize this reward would be payable for information relative to the location of these two men furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation only. Noonan had stated he would like to collect this reward and stated it will be necessary for him to do so through a second person probably, as he would not want his name connected in any way with the location of these two men. He appeared quite interested and apparently, while agent was talking with him, was making some sort of plans in this direction. He admitted the detective business is not good.

Noonan stated he would rather confer with Special Agent Brown or Special Agent in Charge MacFarland direct as to any information he is able to obtain and would prefer not to be interviewed unless specific requests for information were made of him; that as soon as he obtains information which he believes might be valuable he will immediately confer with either Mr. MacFarland or with the writer.

Relative to the identity of the person or persons who tipped off members of this gang immediately after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon in September 1934, he stated he is satisfied the "tip" came from headquarters of the detective bureau in Cleveland. However, he would not give the reporting agent any indication as to the identity of the person who gave this tip.

It is believed Noonan may make a fresh effort to secure information for this Bureau, and it is believed his reason for assistance will be mainly because of his fear that he will some day become involved, because of the finding of his pay envelopes in the Karpis house, and, further, he would like to collect the confidential rewards which the Bureau will pay for the apprehension of these men. It is the writer's belief that as soon as he obtains any information along this line, Noonan will immediately confer with Mr. MacFarland.

In an endeavor to locate Grace P. Brooks of 1556 Onser Road, Cleveland, Ohio, who Mrs. Edith Dock, formerly Edith Marco, stated she visited during the winter months of 1929 or '30, it is noted that there is no such street by the name of Onser in the city of Cleveland; however, agent checked the apartment located at 1556 Ansel Road and interviewed Miss G. E. Herbert, clerk in the building office, and she stated that a Grace P. Brooks, who also used the name of Jane Brooks, had resided in the apartment from about the beginning of 1929 to approximately the end of 1931 or the beginning of 1932 but had left, stating that she was returning to Florida. Agent was further advised by Miss Herbert that some man, whose name she did not know, had resided with Grace Brooks at that time but he had left in a great hurry and Miss Brooks had later followed him and from Miss Herbert's recollection they had been engaged in selling bonds and in some kind of an oil company and had left when officers from some organization started to investigate them. All the photographs of various members of this gang in the possession of the Cleveland office were exhibited to Miss Herbert, but she was unable to identify any of them.

Miss Herbert stated that Fred Armstrong, whose present whereabouts were not known was janitor of the apartment at that time and probably could tell agent a good deal about Grace Brooks' activities. According to Miss Herbert, Fred Armstrong had recently been on the relief rolls and probably could be located through that organization. The forwarding records at post office station E, 105th and Euclid, were checked by agent, but no forwarding address was found for Grace P. Brooks or Jane Brooks.

In addition to the circularization of the various post offices in the state relative to G. R. Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, the following postmasters were personally contacted by agents of the Cleveland office in view of their proximity to Cleveland.

AT STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

Special Agent C. E. Smith interviewed Mr. E. E. Potts, Postmaster, and interrogated him relative to the identity of any individuals who had moved to Strongsville during the past few months, and he advised that one or two families had moved in as well as out; however, he did not have any information of value relative to them. Agent exhibited the photographs of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang to Potts, but he was unable to identify any of them nor had he heard of anyone by the name of Benton or Forth residing in Strongsville.

Mr. William Fetterman, Marshal of Strongsville, was interviewed by agent and various photographs of the gang were exhibited to him, but he was unable to identify any of them nor were the names of Benton and Forth familiar to him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Tyler M. Birch at the following post offices in the vicinity of Cleveland to ascertain if subjects had caused to be mailed or received any mail under their known aliases, including Benton and Forth. The identity of subjects or the reason for the interview was not disclosed to the various postmasters.

Berea, Ohio	Felix J. Moley, Postmaster
	L. H. Machtel, Ass't Postmaster
Ridgeville, Ohio	Miss M. Maddocks, Postmistress
Dover Center	Peter Arnsted, Postmaster
Elyria	R. B. Lersch, "
	Carl W. Martin, Ass't "
Grafton	Bertha M. Reising, Postmistress
Valley City	Ralph Feuchter, Postmaster
Medina	Neil Roshon
Brecksville	Charles J. Slezak

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Detectives Harry K. Manson and Merle Unkle of the Lucas County Prosecutor's office advised agent that they had been talking with one of their informants, and he advised them that Ted Angus had a cottage in or very close to Honor, Michigan, which is a short distance directly west from Traverse City, Michigan.

Detective Unkle further stated that Ed J. O'Donnell, formerly head of the slot machine racket in Toledo, had built two large cottages on a lake very close to Honor, Michigan, and Harry Jennings, former Chief of Police, of Toledo, Ohio, had built a cottage very close to the O'Donnell cottages. According to Unkle, Ed O'Donnell is now dead, but his widow still maintains the cottages. The Rand-McNally map shows that Honor, Michigan is located in Benzie County and is located just west of Traverse City.

Agent made inquiry at the Department of Commerce to ascertain if there was a landing field for airplanes in the vicinity of Honor and was advised that there was a landing field at Traverse City. Mr. Verney Royer, 3312 Manhattan Blvd., was interviewed relative to any information he may have secured from Russell Simpson and especially whether he had ascertained if Simpson had the photograph of various members of the gang in his possession that Simpson is supposed to have taken during the summer of 1934 at the Toledo Yacht Club. Mr. Royer stated that he had talked to both Simpson and Renz and was advised by them that they would be willing to meet agent and supply him with whatever information they had. Royer also stated that Simpson had remembered that Karpis had been out to the Casino Club and had been quite drunk, but appeared to be very alert at all times and had made the statement that he would be willing to surrender if guaranteed a fair trial, but felt the agents would probably kill him.

Agent made arrangements through Mr. Royer to meet Simpson at agent's hotel the following morning. However, Simpson failed to keep the appointment and agent was later communicated with by Mr. Royer, who stated that both Simpson and Renz were at his house and would rather contact agent there than at the hotel, whereupon Simpson was interviewed and stated that his real name was James Russell Simpson; that he resided at 2806 Stickney Avenue; that he also operated a motor boat and automobile repair shop at that address. Simpson advised agent that three men had called at his garage and dickered with him for the purchase of a motor boat, but the deal had fallen through as the men felt the price he asked was too high. Photographs of various members of the gang were exhibited to Simpson and he picked out the photographs of Karpis and Doc Barker as resembling the individuals who called at his garage and dickered with him for the motor boat. According to Simpson, the third man was standing outside in the driveway and he did not get a good look at him, and when Karpis and Doc Barker left his garage, the third man preceded them up the alley and all three disappeared. Simpson also identified the photograph of Doc Moran, but was unable to state where he had seen him. Agent interrogated Simpson relative to the photograph supposedly taken by him, and Simpson denied



ever attempting to take a photograph, although it will be recalled that he had stated to both Verne Royer and Detective Owen Green that he had a photograph. Simpson was then questioned relative to the remark he was supposed to have overheard that Karpis would surrender if guaranteed a fair trial, and Simpson stated that that was just his opinion of Karpis. Agent questioned Simpson relative to how he had identified Karpis and Barker last year and advised Royer of their identification at that time, and Simpson stated that he had seen some government photographs of the "bunch", at a point where the golf course is located, across the road being the Little Club, which was formerly the Casino Club, these government photos having been left by agents from the Detroit Bureau office, but he was unable to state where the photographs were at the present time.

Paul Renz was then questioned and stated that he resided at 1206 Moore Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and was a star at the golf course working under Mr. Royer. Renz also observed all of the photographs of the gang and stated that Weaver greatly resembled an individual who had purchased one-half dozen golf balls from him last summer, at which time four men who appeared at the golf course, two of them playing golf, one remaining in a car in the parking lot, and he could not state where the fourth man went. Renz was unable to identify the other three men. Renz was then questioned relative to the remark he had made to Mr. Royer that a party had been held at the Casino Club in the early part of October, at which party Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had been the guests of honor. Renz stated that he had been at a beer parlor, the Meyerbrau, located at the corner of Stickney Avenue and Ketcham Avenue, operated by a widow by the name of Mrs. Meyers, and while standing in the men's washroom had overheard a conversation between two men, one of whom stated that Al was in town and there was to be a party at the Crescent Club, which is the old name for the club located where the present Casino Club is now located, and the other individual said "Al who?", to which the other man replied - "Al Karp". Renz went on to say that when he heard this he became frightened and immediately left the washroom. He was unable to identify the individuals in the washroom.

Renz was then questioned if he had seen any photographs of various members of the gang, and he stated that he had observed the photographs that a government man had left at the golf course, but after he became aware of the fact through newspaper publicity that the gang had been at the Casino Club, he hid the photographs for fear of trouble of any members of the gang following him.

It will be noted here that during the time agent was questioning Simpson and Renz both of them appeared to be greatly frightened and very

nervous, and it was agent's impression that they were not telling all they knew. Agent later talked with Mr. Royer, and he stated that he would again discuss the matter with Simpson and Renz and endeavor to obtain all information in their possession and also convince them that they had nothing to fear by dealing with the government.

Agent will again contact Messrs. Simpson and Renz and endeavor to obtain a true statement of the facts in their possession relative to all they know about the activities of various members of the gang.

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The writer interviewed [redacted] and she stated that she had been unable to contact anyone in the Casino Club in view of the fact that it had just opened after being closed for twenty days, but she had ascertained that Rene Holtz was operating a place for Ludy Fleming, a former prohibition agent, at Point Place, Ohio, (near Toledo), and the place was known as "The Old Guernsey". [redacted] further stated that she intended to go out to this place and would endeavor to draw Rene into conversation and obtain any information possible.

Continuing, [redacted] stated that she had been thinking over what agent had discussed with her on his last interview relative to activities at St. Paul, and she was fairly certain that Jack Pfeiffer of the Hollyhocks Inn had warned the boys, as well as Earl Chrisman and herself, and not Harry Sawyer, but that Harry and Gladys Sawyer had taken care of their belongings for them when they had to leave St. Paul.

Confidential informant [redacted] was communicated with and stated he had been unable to obtain any information but stated that he had received a report that Ted Angus had found an old city ordinance which prohibited bowling after midnight in a place where liquor was served, and being quite incensed over the fact that he had been closed up for a period of 30 days for violation of the liquor law [redacted]

[redacted] and obtain all the information in their possession relative to Bert and Ted Angus contacting with the gang and the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell at the present time, if possible. [redacted]

[redacted] has agreed to do this, and the informant stated that as soon as he heard anything, he'd communicate by telephone with the Cleveland Bureau office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent B. M. Hirsh on December 5, 1935;

While discussing a matter concerning another case in which agent was interested with Mr. A. H. Hasemeyer, General Delivery, Superintendent at the Toledo Post Office, Mr. Hasemeyer advised that he had talked with one "Slim" Martin, known safe blower of this city, Toledo, on Saturday, November 30, 1935, and that Martin had indicated to him that Alvin Karpis had been frequenting a gambling joint located next door to the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio; that he was not certain of it, but thought that Martin had said something about the place having recently been closed but was expected to reopen. Mr. Hasemeyer further advised that Martin told him that Karpis had been frequenting a lot of the gambling places in and about Cleveland. Mr. Hasemeyer did not know how recently this was supposed to have occurred, but gained the impression it might have been rather recently.

In connection with his acquaintanceship with "Slim" Martin, Mr. Hasemeyer stated that Martin has called for General Delivery mail there for over 20 years and that by reason of this he has come to know him quite well; that Martin is an old timer in the game, having served time in four penitentiaries; further, that he was not the kind of person who disclosed information except that he did so on occasions when he bragged a little; that he, Hasemeyer, feels quite certain Martin has a real "in" as far as the underworld is concerned, relating the following incident to show that Martin did know what he was talking about:

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Just prior to the time Governor White of Ohio completed his term, a year or so ago, Martin named to Hasemeyer eight criminals then serving time in the Ohio State Penitentiary and stated that these eight criminals were to be pardoned by the Governor before he left office, at the same time telling Hasemeyer the sums which were being paid for their releases. Hasemeyer stated that although he does not know what sums, if any, were paid, nevertheless, some time later he read that seven of the eight persons named by Martin actually were pardoned by Governor White.

Mr. Hasemeyer further advised that he would rather not have agent talk to Martin concerning this statement inasmuch as he did not feel it would do any good and, further, because he felt it might hurt his own chances of getting information from Martin in the future.

The above information was furnished to Special Agent R. D. Brown by telephone on December 5, 1935.

The writer also contacted Mr. A. H. Hasemeyer and was advised by him that he had not seen "Slim" Martin since he had discussed the facts with Agent Hirsh, but stated that he would attempt to locate him and obtain more definite information relative to Karpis and, if possible, obtain the name of the individual from whom Martin is obtaining his information.

According to Hasemeyer, Martin has absolutely no use for a law enforcement agent and would refuse to talk to one and he felt that he would be better able to secure any information which Martin might have than an agent would. Mr. Hasemeyer stated that in the event he secured any additional information he would immediately contact Special Agent Hirsh at Toledo.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The DETROIT OFFICE will at HONOR, MICH., and in that general vicinity endeavor to ascertain whether Ted Angus has a cottage or camp in that district.

Will at the TRAVERSE CITY, MICH., airport, known as the Grand Traverse Airport, check the port log and ascertain if any planes bearing the numbers set forth in report of Special Agent J. L. Medala, dated at Chicago, Ill., 10-16-35, on pages 57-8 and-9, have landed there within the past year and ascertain all facts surrounding any landings.

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In connection with these leads it is suggested that they be held in abeyance until such time as SAC E. J. Connelley shall direct, in view of the fact that information has been presently received by the Chicago office from one of its informants that Karpis was proceeding north from Gary, Indiana.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will at SAPULPA, OKLA., ascertain the identity and connections of Miss Ida B. Smith, RR No. 3, Box 51.

Will at the TULSA, OKLA., Police Department ascertain if Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, Tulsa PD No. 8009, was in any way connected with Alvin Karpis, in view of the fact that Karpis number is Tulsa PD No. 8008, which would indicate that they had possibly been arrested by the Tulsa PD at the same time. The Okla. City office is requested to obtain and forward to the Cleveland office a photograph of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker.

The CINCINNATI OFFICE will on rural route 4, QUAKER CITY, OHIO, ascertain the identity of George Benton, to whom a 1928 Ford coach, mtr. No. A 484577, Ohio license T 768 R, is listed.

Will on rural route 1, GALENA, OHIO, ascertain the identity of George Benton, who has registered a 1928 Essex sedan, mtr. No. 879345, Ohio license ('35) No. F 9518.

Will on RFD 1, FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO, discreetly ascertain the identity of Mr. B. M. Rowley, with whom Mrs. Howard Emerson, alias Thelma Holst, alias Thelma Wilson; and Howard (Whitey) Emerson are residing, and such other information as is obtainable relative to their activities. The above information is set forth in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 10-28-35.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE will at CLEVELAND, OHIO, at 2818 Washington Boulevard, ascertain the identity and connections of W. J. Adams, to whom telephone number Fairmount 4095 is listed, which number was called by someone over Cash McDonald's telephone in Detroit, Michigan.

Will at CLEVELAND and TOLEDO, OHIO, keep in touch with its informants.

Will at CLEVELAND, OHIO,

Will at CLEVELAND, OHIO, through the relief rolls endeavor to locate Fred Armstrong, former janitor at 1556 Ansel Rd., and obtain from him all information in his possession relative to Grace P. Brooks.

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The CLEVELAND OFFICE will at EAST PALESTINE, OHIO, ascertain the identity and connections of George Benton, who owns a 1926 Overland coupe, motor No. 68744, Ohio license G 411 H.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Room 1403  
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December 13, 1935.

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*Edward G. Bremer*

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

Re: BREKID CASE

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telephone conversations with Mr. McIntyre of the Bureau concerning witnesses in Cuba whose presence is desired for the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 6, 1936, there are transmitted herewith for the Bureau's information copies of memorandum dated December 13, 1935, prepared by Special Agent (A) J. A. Genau, together with the copies of the communications referred to therein.

This matter will be followed closely with the bank officials in New York and the Bureau will be kept fully advised.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*

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R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: St. Paul  
cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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December 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Re: BREKID CASE

The writer conferred with Mr. A. P. BARRANCO, Counsel, and Mr. R. R. HUGHES, Comptroller of the National City Bank, with regard to their employees proceeding to St. Paul, Minn. to attend the trial of CASSIUS McDONALD, et al, on Jan. 4, 1936. These gentlemen stated that they are willing to cooperate with the Government in every way possible, and that the following employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank will proceed to St. Paul, Minn., as requested:

C. T. ELSNER, Sub-Manager  
E. DOMINGUEZ, Sub-Accountant  
NICHOLAS RODRIGUEZ, Teller

The conference had with Messrs. BARRANCO and HUGHES was substantially the same as shown in Mr. BARRANCO'S letter to Hon. GEORGE F. SULLIVAN, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minn., dated Dec. 10, 1935, and attached hereto together with a copy of letter dated at Habana, Cuba, Dec. 5, 1935, addressed to the National City Bank of New York, Habana, Cuba, by C. R. CAMERON, American Consul General.

The writer also conferred with SHERRILL SMITH, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York City, with regard to JOSEPH GARRIDO, Head Teller, and JOSE FRIJOO, Teller of the Chase National Bank, Habana, Cuba, proceeding to St. Paul, Minn. for the trial of CASSIUS McDONALD, et al, on Jan. 6, 1936. Mr. SMITH stated that this was the first knowledge that he had of a request being made for these employees to proceed to St. Paul, Minn.; that the trial of this case was being held during the busy season in Havana, Cuba; that the race track element from the United States would be in Havana in January; that JOSEPH GARRIDO, Head Teller, was one of their valuable men and was a very necessary employee during the winter season in Havana due to the fact that he must be on the alert in his duties in waiting on his window due to certain characters which follow the races.

Mr. SMITH stated that he and his bank desire to cooperate with the Government in every way possible; that he was also concerned about the health of Messrs. GARRIDO and FRIJOO in transplanting themselves from a tropical climate to a very cold climate such as is in St. Paul, Minn. during the month of January; that a Cuban has not very strong lungs and

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may be susceptible to pneumonia; that he has issued instructions to immediately communicate by air mail with the manager of the Havana Branch of the Chase National Bank to ascertain all facts surrounding the testimony to be given by Messrs. GARRIDO and PEIJO, and just what arrangements can be made to release these men if possible for their appearance in St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. SMITH requested that agent contact him personally about December 19 or 20, and he will then be able to discuss the matter more fully and render a final decision as to both employees proceeding to St. Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SHAW,  
Special Agent (A).

December 10, 1935.

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

12/12/35 - Via Air Mail

United States vs. Harry Sawyer,  
William Weaver, Cassius McDonald,  
et al.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the American Consul General at Havana to the local branch of The National City Bank of New York, dated Havana, December 8, 1935, in the above entitled case. You will note from said letter that the Consul General writes at the instance of the Department of State in Washington, in reference to a letter from the Department of Justice of December 2, 1935, in which the last mentioned Department requests the presence at St. Paul, on the trial of the above case, of certain officers and employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, and the production of certain papers and records belonging to said Branch, relating to the transactions mentioned in said letter. The witnesses and the papers and records aforesaid are to be used in behalf of the Government at said trial. We assume that the above request originated with you. As you doubtless know, the information and evidence to which your inquiry relates was furnished to the agents of the Department of Justice on the occasion of their investigations in Havana, last April or May.

The Consul General's letter has been referred by Havana Branch of National City Bank to Head Office at New York, for advice. The latter has in turn requested us, as its counsel, to write to you direct, in order to save time and to expedite, if possible, compliance with your request by arriving at an understanding on certain questions which it feels will necessarily arise in submitting the matter to the witnesses. These questions as you will understand, arise out of the special circumstances involved in this case in bringing to the United States witnesses from a foreign country not subject to the process of our courts, despite the Bank's desire at all times to cooperate with the Government in similar matters in every reasonable and proper way.

We are authorized by the Bank to say that it will arrange to produce, on the trial at St. Paul, the papers and records of its Havana Branch requested in your said letter, provided it is

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advised by its attorneys in Havana that it may legally send them out of that country. We believe that the attorneys there will find no objection thereto. We believe that it would be helpful if you were to furnish us or the Bank, in advance, with a list of the specific papers and records which you will require on the trial. We assume, of course, that the Government will reimburse the Bank for any reasonable expenses it may incur in transporting the records to and from Havana and St. Paul, whether by mail, express, or special custodian, if the last named should prove to be necessary.

With respect to your request that Nicolas Rodriguez, Teller, C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, and E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant, all officers or employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, shall attend and testify at the trial at St. Paul, we are authorized by the Bank to say that it will be pleased to release these three men from their bank duties for the time necessary to attend the trial, although the absence of the three at one time will result in no little inconvenience to the business of Havana Branch.

However, there are phases of the matter involving the persons attendance of these three men at the trial in St. Paul which the Bank has requested us to present to you. In the first place, the Bank feels that it should not instruct these men to leave their homes and journey to St. Paul. It would be quite different, as you will readily understand, if they were called upon to testify in a Cuban court, under legal process. In the second place, the Bank feels that the three men would be running possible serious risk to their health, such as pneumonia, in being transported at the height of the winter season from Havana's average temperature of 70° to St. Paul with an average temperature, as we understand, of 10° in January, especially in the case of Messrs. Rodriguez and Dominguez, who we are told have never been exposed to the rigors of a northern climate. The Bank will, however, present the matter to the three men so that each may decide whether he will undertake the trip. The Bank will be glad, of course, to have them do so, if they choose to comply with the Government's request.

We are also requested to ask you whether it will be absolutely necessary for all three men to appear at the trial. Upon further investigation you may find that you can dispense with the appearance of one or more of these witnesses. We shall appreciate your giving consideration to this point.

It would be in the interest of all concerned that you advise us promptly of the precise date, as nearly as the progress of the case may permit, when you will need the testimony of these witnesses. While the actual elapsed time of an all rail trip via Key West or Miami would be approximately four days, allowing for a few hours stop-over at New York, we recommend that if possible you advise us

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seven days in advance, so that the men may have two or three days to prepare for the trip and arrange for their absence from Havana Branch of the Bank. Also, would it be possible for you to arrange to call them to the stand promptly on their arrival, and can you give us an idea of the approximate length of their stay at St. Paul.

We quote from the Consul General's letter of December 5th as follows:

"It is proposed to allow each of the witnesses specified actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return."

In order that the Bank may be in a position to present the matter fully and clearly to the witnesses, we would like to have the following information:

Will the Government advance to each witness the amount necessary to purchase full transportation to and from Havana and St. Paul, or furnish them with the round trip tickets? The Bank, of course, cannot advance these expenses because the witnesses will not be engaged in the Bank's business. On the other hand, the Bank feels that the witnesses who are men of moderate salaries, and have no personal interest in the case, should not be asked to advance these expenses subject to later reimbursement by the Government.

Furthermore, as is stated in the letter, it will be necessary for the witnesses to supply themselves with proper clothing to meet the rigors of winter in St. Paul. Will the Government pay the cost of such added clothing as the witnesses may reasonably require? Doubtless, an estimate can be made of the requirements of each witness, and the probable cost. Again, the Bank feels that it cannot ask these men to make such expenditures subject to reimbursement by the Government. Is the Government willing to advance them the reasonable cost of such clothing, or supply the clothing itself?

On the proposed allowance of \$5.00 per diem from the date the witnesses leave Cuba until the date of their return, the Bank officers whom we consulted expressed the opinion that while this should be sufficient for the time spent in travel, it would not cover actual hotel expenses during their stay at St. Paul.

Cannot arrangements be made for the Government to pay the witnesses the full amount of their expenses, or to make a larger per diem allowance for the time spent on the trial, under an arrangement whereby the witnesses will not be required to advance these monies themselves?

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In conclusion, we wish to assure you of the desire of this office to cooperate with you in the matter in every possible way.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Havana Branch of National City Bank so that it may communicate with the American Consul General, and upon receipt of your reply we will confer with Head Office of the Bank, to the end that it shall forward the same to Havana Branch with its recommendations.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

Habana, Cuba, December 5, 1935.

The National City Bank of New York,  
Habana, Cuba.

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CARIBBEAN DISTRICT

Sirs:

The Department of State in Washington has referred to the Consulate General the Department of Justice's letter of December 2, 1935, in which they advised that there is pending in St. Paul, Minnesota, the case of United States v. Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, et al, charged with conspiring unlawfully to violate the provisions of the Federal Kidnapping Statutes in connection with the kidnapping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota. This case is set for trial on January 6, 1936, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

To establish McDonald's money changing activities in Cuba, it will be necessary to have as Government witnesses at this trial a number of persons who can testify and also produce certain documentary evidence. The United States Attorney at St. Paul advises that these persons either are citizens of Cuba or have been resident here for some time. He is therefore desirous of obtaining the attendance from Cuba of the following persons from the National City Bank, who should be available in St. Paul some time during the latter part of the week commencing January 6, 1936:

(1) Nicholas Rodriguez, Teller.

(2) C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, "and have with you then and there (a) all papers and records of your bank covering the purchase on September 5, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$11,000 in Cuban gold, in which transaction Juan Ruiz and Rene Bolivar, and a third party appeared; (b) all the exchange and other records of your bank covering the purchase on September 11, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$50,000 in small American bills from the Chase National Bank, of Habana, and (c) all the letters, papers and

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records of your bank showing and pertaining to the forwarding for mutilation to the Federal Reserve Bank of all ransom moneys found in your bank, paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer.

- (5) E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant in charge of Cash Department, "and have with you then and there all of the records of your bank (a) listing the bills, forming a part of the ransom moneys paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer which were found in the vault of your bank, and (b) showing the receipt, handling and disposition at the vault of your bank of \$72,000 in small American bills received at your bank on or about September 10, 1935."

The United States Attorney calls particular attention to the fact that certain witnesses are required to produce certain documentary evidence, and that these witnesses would be valueless to the United States without the documentary evidence specified above which is now in their possession.

It is proposed to allow each of the witnesses specified actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return. Inasmuch as these witnesses live in a warm climate, it is believed that they should be informed of climatic conditions in Minnesota, especially during the months of January and February, in order that they may supply themselves with the proper clothing.

It will be greatly appreciated by the United States Government if you will advise the Consulate General at the earliest possible date as to whether it will be possible for these three individuals from your bank, with the specified evidence, to appear as witnesses at the above mentioned trial.

This letter is being supplied you with extra copy, inasmuch as it is understood that you will be required to refer the matter to your home office.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Cameron,  
American Consul General.

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FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-17-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-6, 10, 12, 13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. THORNTON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

John Contos presently living at Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. Investigation at Columbus, Ohio, reflects that Mrs. Anna Duhl stored her furniture in 1928 and that it was subsequently sold for charges on 11-5-31. Former acquaintances advise Mrs. Duhl is now deceased. Stop placed with Bureau of Motor Vehicles on Plymouth Sedan used in mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the New York Office to the Director dated 10-29-35; report of Special Agent Hayne A. Thompson, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 12-6-35; Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 11-11-35; Circular letter from Cleveland dated 12-12-35.

**DETAILS:**

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Mr. Al. Haft, 247 S. High Street, advised that John Contos has been in Columbus, Ohio, but failed to make a contact and left for Baltimore, Maryland, and is now living at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, with his brother, Edward Contos. Mr. Haft further added that John Contos is "no good", and owes him the sum of \$50.00.

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In connection with the matter of interviewing John Contos, the attention of the Washington Field Office is directed to the reference letter from the New York office, a copy of which was furnished to the Washington Field Office. This letter indicated that [redacted] John Contos, claimed to know something concerning Alvin Karpis and a man known as Nichols, who, according to John Contos was a brother of Alvin Karpis.

The St. Louis office ascertained that John Contos had moved from the Monticello Apartments, 4536 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., leaving a forwarding address of 247 South High St., Columbus, Ohio.

E. L. Simpson, Office Manager of the Fireproof Warehouse and Transfer Co., 1018 North (not West) High Street, advised after consulting the records of the firm that a Mrs. S. A. Duhl, formerly living at 24 W. Livingstone Ave., Columbus, Ohio, stored her furniture with this firm on 10-16-28 and apparently went to Florida as they had several letters from her in regard to the charges on the furniture. As Mrs. Duhl did not keep up the storage charges, the furniture was sold at auction on 11-5-31 and brought the sum of \$44.20. The firm had two addresses of Mrs. Duhl, one being 439 Nacone Ave., Coral Gables, Florida, and the other being 25 N.W. River Drive, Miami, Florida. Mr. Simpson advised that the firm had written her regularly sending her monthly statements until the matter was finally closed. There was a notation that one George Carter had paid \$5.00 on the Duhl account and his address was 366 Ludlow St., Columbus, Ohio.

[redacted] had no record of Mrs. S. A. Duhl. Agent checked by reference to old city directories, and there is no information concerning Mrs. Duhl in these books, nor is there any criminal record on file at the Columbus Police Department. Inquiry at 24 W. Livingstone failed to develop any information concerning Mrs. Duhl.

William E. Barry formerly lived at 366 Ludlow St., and George Carter was a roomer at this address. Mrs. Barry had no recollection of Mrs. Duhl and informed Agent that Carter had been on relief and that she did not know his present address.

Mrs. Fouch of the F.E.R.A. gave Agent the address of George Carter and Agent contacted him at 114 Fulton St. Mr. Carter advised that he once roomed with Mrs. Duhl at 24 W. Livingstone St., and that he had gone into the storage company and paid \$5.00 on her account as he owed her the money and did this at her request. He advised that she had one daughter who had married several times and he recalls her only as Nettie Duhl. This daughter wrote him about one year ago and advised him of the death of her mother, Mrs. S. A. Duhl at Miami, Florida. He did not have the address of

this daughter and could not recall her name. Agent suggested the name of Meade to him as well as all of the known aliases of Meade but none of them made any impression on Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter is a very old man and is not able to give much information. He advised that Mrs. Duhl is a widow and lived alone in Columbus, as her daughter had never returned to visit her and finally sent her mother money to come to Florida to live with her in 1928. Mr. Carter could not supply the names of any friends of Mrs. Duhl.

With reference to the circular letter from the Cleveland Office, under date of 12-12-35, concerning the automobile used by five armed bandits during the robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, a stop card has been placed with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, covering this automobile and the Cincinnati Office will be notified immediately in the event of any transfer or re-registration on this car.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE** at Baltimore, Md., will interview John Contos at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, concerning any knowledge he may have of subject Karpis.

**JACKSONVILLE OFFICE.** The attention of the Jacksonville office is directed to the information contained herein relative to the alleged death of Mrs. Anna Duhl, inasmuch as the Jacksonville office also has a lead concerning this woman at Miami, Florida. It is suggested that a check of the death records at Miami may furnish some information concerning relatives of this woman.

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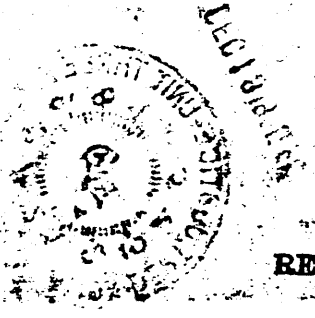
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Washington, D. C.

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December 14, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

At about 2:00 P.M. on December 14, 1935, Special Agent S. K. McKee telephonically communicated with me from Havana, Cuba. He advised that Mrs. Cassius McDonald, using her maiden name Edith Gordon, was recently in Cuba; that she secured the services of a Cuban attorney whose name and identity are unknown at this time, and that this Cuban attorney has contacted all of our witnesses in Cuba, has attempted to buy them off and when this failed, has, after a fashion, threatened certain witnesses. The attorney has also indicated to these witnesses that there is no telling what the United States Government might do to them when they get to St. Paul, and in this manner has attempted to dissuade them from proceeding to St. Paul.

McKee advised that he will learn the identity of this lawyer. He requested to know whether it would be advisable for him to contact this attorney and warn him in a mild manner not to contact our witnesses any further. I advised him nothing could be gained in having any trouble with this attorney and that whatever damage he was capable of has probably been consummated by this time.

McKee informed that there are twelve witnesses in all whose presence has been requested in St. Paul; that the State Department has now contacted all of these witnesses and has obtained agreements from five of these persons to be present in St. Paul. Mr. McKee indicated that he does not have any fear about the witnesses from the banks appearing in St. Paul in view of the pressure which is being brought to bear upon such witnesses by the home banks located in New York City. In addition to the five witnesses whose appearance is assured, McKee has contacted a sixth witness who has agreed to appear. McKee informs that Bolivar will be present at St. Paul. This man is a very important witness and will assist greatly in the conviction of Cassius McDonald. McKee further informed that Mr. Frazier of the Federal Reserve Bank, which is a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta, Georgia, will also appear at St. Paul. This man is likewise a very important witness.

McKee informed that Rodriguez, who is employed by the Na-

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tional City Bank in Havana, Cuba, has stated that it is too cold and he does not wish to appear in St. Paul. I informed McKee that I did not fear we would encounter any difficulty in having this witness appear in St. Paul in view of the splendid cooperation which is being rendered by the City National Bank of New York City in persuading the witnesses who are employed by the City National Bank in Havana, Cuba, to proceed to St. Paul.

McKee informed that one Munoz, who is associated with the Cuban Gold House, has indicated a reluctance to proceed to St. Paul because of the cold weather. I informed McKee that he should inform any witness in Cuba that the cold weather in St. Paul should not be considered a serious obstacle; that these witnesses will board steam-heated trains and will be in warm quarters until they arrive at St. Paul; that they will proceed from the train in heated taxicabs and soon thereafter will find pleasant accommodations in splendid hotels in St. Paul; that one hotel is located across the street from the Federal Building and, if necessary, these witnesses can proceed to the Federal Building in taxicabs. There would, therefore, seem to be no reasonable objection on the basis of cold weather.

Mr. McKee informed that there are two men employed by the National Hotel in Havana, Cuba, namely, Mrs. Ennis and Mr. Hernandez, who are reluctant to proceed to St. Paul because this is the busy season for them in Cuba. I told McKee that we thoroughly appreciate the fact that certain witnesses may suffer certain financial losses as a result of proceeding to St. Paul, but that we cannot consider this an obstacle to their proceeding. I informed him that he should ascertain from the State Department the amount of money which the State Department is willing to grant any witness who will not proceed for financial reasons. Mr. McKee asked if it would be possible for him to offer these witnesses any money. I informed him that I would take up the matter with Mr. Nathan and advise him subsequently.

Mr. McKee stated that while he does not like to live in Havana, Cuba, if it was the desire of the Bureau, he would be pleased to remain there contacting the prospective witnesses from time to time in order to insure their presence in St. Paul. I told him that I would take up this matter with Mr. Nathan and advise him of the Bureau's decision.

McKee stated that during the afternoon of December 14, 1935, he could be reached at telephone FO 1496, which is the residence of

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Willis George. He stated that the best time to reach him by telephone would be around 6:00 or 6:30 P.M. at the Hotel Presidente, Havana, Cuba.

I discussed with Mr. Nathan the possibility of McKee offering the witnesses a financial inducement which would compensate them for such loss as they might suffer in leaving their employment. It was the feeling of Mr. Nathan and myself that the importance of this case would seem to dictate the advisability of permitting McKee to offer the witnesses a financial arrangement which would be sufficient to induce them to proceed to St. Paul. The Bureau, of course, cannot under these circumstances indicate how much McKee will be entitled to offer, but in view of the expense which the Government has already incurred in the investigation of Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, it would seem that a wide latitude should be granted to Agent McKee in this matter. The importance of having these witnesses appear in St. Paul has already been made self-evident and it would be extremely unfortunate if the Bureau were not able to proceed with its prosecution of McDonald merely because the witnesses were not sufficiently reimbursed for any loss they might sustain as a result of proceeding to St. Paul.

McKee informed that the State Department would be willing to advance money for warm clothing, a round trip ticket, and \$5.00 a day per diem. I told McKee that if there were any little whims or caprices which were entertained by these witnesses, such as a request for overshoes or gloves, or warm hats or mufflers, that the Bureau would be more than pleased to satisfy these whims. I informed him that this matter could be taken care of by blue-slip.

After discussing this matter with Mr. Nathan, it was decided that Agent McKee should remain in Cuba contacting witnesses at the appropriate time until the witnesses had actually been removed from Cuba and were proceeding to St. Paul. It was my intention to advise McKee by cablegram of the results of my interview with Mr. Nathan, but it was deemed unwise to transmit a cablegram since McKee does not have in his possession a code book. With Mr. Nathan's permission I telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville Office at about 4:15 P.M. on December 14, 1935, requesting him to transmit the following information to Agent McKee telephonically:

"Ascertain identity of attorney reported to have contacted witnesses adversely. Take no other action in regard to him. Desire you remain in Cuba keeping in touch with witnesses until removal of



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witnesses has occurred. Ascertain from American State authorities in Cuba extent to which they will go financially in assisting witnesses to proceed to St. Paul and reimbursing such witnesses for any financial loss they may suffer as a result of their absence from Cuba. You are authorized to expend, if necessary, such sums in addition to those guaranteed by the State Department as will insure the presence of the witnesses in St. Paul."

I requested Mr. Alt to immediately forward Code B to Agent McKee so that code messages may be transmitted to him or by him from time to time. Mr. Alt informed me that in case Agent McKee is in need of money, he will arrange to furnish all of the money to McKee which the latter finds necessary for his purposes in Cuba.

I am proceeding to St. Paul tonight, December 14, 1935, at 9:00 o'clock and in keeping with the instructions of the Director, I will keep in close touch with the Cuban situation in order to insure the presence of those necessary witnesses in St. Paul at the required time.

With regard to Mrs. Cassius McDonald to influence our witnesses, it is felt that her action was prompted by advice from her husband. You may be assured that due to our cordial relations with Judge Joyce who will hear this case, I will be able to bring this matter to his attention in chambers so that he may act upon it in imposing sentence upon McDonald if he sees fit. Please be assured that I will handle this matter in a diplomatic fashion so that it will not react unfavorably to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

ELR:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

December 16, 1935.

Time - 10:34 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division telephoned Mr. Richmond and said that he would like to have a conference at once with someone in the Bureau on the situation involving the Cuban witnesses in the above entitled case. He said that the time is growing near for the trial, and there are some points which are not as yet cleared up.

Mr. Richmond said that he would see that someone conferred with him on this matter within a very short time, adding that a representative of the Bureau telephonically conferred with a Bureau Agent in Havana, Cuba, last evening, the results of which will probably throw some light on the situation.

Subsequently, Mr. Richmond went down to confer with Mr. Fisher on this matter.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-17-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F.S. DUNN.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. FUGITIVE - I.O. #1256; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. - I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (Victim)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Clarence Jack Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, field manager for T & P Oil & Gas Company, transferred from Ranger, Texas, and has offices and headquarters in Petroleum Building, Midland, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Chicago Bureau Office, dated November 27, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

Guy Pledger, Assistant Chief of Police at Ranger, Texas, advised that he was in Midland, Texas, on October 3, 1935, and learned from Dr. Shirey, a dentist, located in the Petroleum Building at Midland, that among other former Ranger Citizens living in Midland, Clarence Jack Campbell, field manager for the T & P Oil & Gas Company, had been transferred from Ranger and now maintained offices in the Petroleum Building at Midland. Chief Pledger was able to verify this information through inquiry of an employee of the T & P Oil Company at Ranger, Texas.

For the information of the El Paso Office, a copy of the above reference letter is attached to copies of this report for that office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

EL PASO OFFICE to conduct necessary investigation at Midland, Texas, as requested in reference letter.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 17, 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.

Referring to Bureau letter dated November 13, 1935 (reference Bureau file 7-576), please be advised that Mr. Henry F. Taylor, Senior Warden's Assistant at the United States South-western Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, was contacted on December 13, 1935, at which time he stated that Pat Reilly was transferred from the Reformatory to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on December 11, 1935; that the action of the Parole Board at El Reno was unfavorable, and that he doubts whether Reilly's application for parole will ever be given favorable consideration.

A copy of the Bureau letter of reference is being furnished to the Kansas City Office with its copy of this communication.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Mr. Connelley (Chicago)  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 18, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the temporary absence of Special Agent T. M. Birch from Cleveland, Ohio at Philadelphia, Pa., in connection with the necessity of him caring for his family due to the illness of his wife, it is my understanding that Special Agent in Charge J.P. MacFarland arranged with the Bureau for him to temporarily return to Philadelphia so that he could arrange his affairs so that in a very short time he could return to Cleveland, Ohio to continue the investigation which is being carried on there.

In view of the most recent developments this is particularly desirable, and it is requested that provided he can do so, considering the conditions which required his return to Philadelphia, he should immediately return to Cleveland, Ohio in connection with the work we are carrying on there in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

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

Special Agent in Charge.

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Cleveland

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P. O. BRAUER "V",  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

December 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 11,  
1935 in which you request to be advised of the present location  
of Browning Automatic Rifles Nos. 211,774 and 211,249, and .45  
caliber Colt automatic pistol No. 18,001.

Please refer to Bureau letter, dated October 24, 1935,  
addressed to the New York Bureau Office in the case entitled  
"Machine Guns in Hands of Criminals" and letter from the New  
York Bureau Office to the Bureau, dated November 12, 1935, in  
answer thereto, which are self-explanatory and which indicate  
that the above mentioned guns are presently being retained in  
the New York Bureau Office.

Carbon copies of these letters were furnished the  
Washington Field Office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VERPILLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with the activity of Special Agent S. K. McKee at Havana, Cuba, it is believed that he should be advised as to certain information obtained and hereinafter quoted notations taken from a memorandum book of Charles J. Fitzgerald, wherein reference is made to Fred Harris, and Cuban American Auto Company, San Lazaro 29 B, which is believed to refer to an individual and company at Havana, Cuba.

In connection with the location of Charles J. Fitzgerald living as J. C. Foster at 812 Hobart Avenue, the address of the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, Los Angeles, California, and as to whom we are maintaining a surveillance, S.A.C. Mason in telephonic conversation with me today indicates that in the examination of the apartment of Fitzgerald during his absence, they found an old memorandum book probably ten years old, in which appeared the following notations in the order indicated:

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T. Cudd Mrs. J. E. Shuman.

Fred Harris.

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San Lazaro 29 B.

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756 No. Flankington.

Wm. J. C.

Philip and Hembough 714 So. Hill.

Prospect 5084.

Van Dyke 0923

Struckler.

Gladstone 6944 Howe."

In connection with the above indicated notations, the offices to which copies of this letter are being furnished should endeavor to identify these street addresses and telephone numbers, with the information in their particular cities and the information obtained as a result of their prior investigations, in order to identify if possible these various persons who are in touch with Charles J. Fitzgerald. However, this investigation must be carried on very carefully, discreetly and confidentially, in order not to do anything which would arouse Charles J. Fitzgerald or cause him to become suspicious and leave Los Angeles at this time, as this would seriously interfere with our efforts to cover him by a surveillance, in an attempt to detect him contacting Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, with whom it is believed he will eventually make contact.

There was also located in his apartment a small box in which a watch had been contained of the J. H. Hudson jewelers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a Christmas card signed Siss.

There was also correspondence indicating that Fitzgerald under the name of J. C. Foster may be dealing in oil leases, or is carrying on some such operation as a cover for his fugitive status, and he has been in correspondence with George F. Getty Oil Company,



Carlsbad, New Mexico. He had a number of reports showing weekly oil drillings, etc. He also had some correspondence with Mr. E. V. Haley, La Caverna Hotel, Carlsbad, New Mexico. He also had a letter from E. Birch Harrison, president of the Carlsbad National Bank, referring to a paper prepared by Haley and J. U. Foster, and indicating he was filing this paper although it was not sworn to.

Fitzgerald has been creating the impression that he had a wealthy wife who has been sending him money to encourage him to stay in Los Angeles in order that she would be rid of him. Also Imogene Robertson has been exhibiting as much as a one thousand dollar bill to her friends, and indicated that she had obtained this from her "new daddy".

There was also found in the room a postcard dated July 28, 1935 from San Diego, California to Fitzgerald under the name of J. C. Foster, signed Eva Toots Eagy. There was also found in the room a printed envelope which bore the return address of Calice Eagy, 4525 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

AIR-MAIL

Dear Sir:

In re: BARKER

In connection with the efforts of the Chicago office to locate WILLIAM WALTER MEAD, investigation has been conducted at 1533 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, which is a building owned by Kate Mead, wife of William Elmer Mead. However the Internal Revenue Bureau has a lien against this building and is collecting the rents therefrom. Mrs. Mead resided at this address until on or about October 11, 1935 and her present whereabouts is unknown, but it is believed that she is no doubt with her husband William Elmer Mead.

Subsequent to Mrs. Mead's departure from 1533 West Fargo St. Agents conducting the investigation definitely learned that there was some first class mail delivered to this address for Mrs. Mead which mail has since disappeared from the mail box. The mail carrier has advised that he did not remove the mail from the box, and likewise E. A. Barker, the janitor of the building, and Mr. Charles P. Kenning, 1436 West Jarvis Street, Chicago, Illinois, the real estate operator who manages the building, have denied that they know the whereabouts of Mrs. Mead, and state they have not forwarded any mail to her.

Enclosed is a letter to Mrs. E. E. Mead, 1533 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, the return address of Jacksonville, Florida. It is requested that you take the enclosed letter to Mrs. Mead at 1533 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that you advise the Jacksonville office of the date of arrival of this letter, in order that the appropriate arrangements may be made with the post office at Chicago concerning the delivery of the same. It is also requested that the letter will not be delivered to the address 1533 West Fargo to the addressee, and that a receipt be placed in Mrs. Mead's mail box. Through

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This medium we expect to learn who if anyone is forwarding mail to Mrs. Mead and her husband William Elmer Mead. [REDACTED] and in this connection [REDACTED] Robert E. [REDACTED] North the results of an interview [REDACTED] Georgia.

Please give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLY,

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Atlanta

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Bureau (enclosure - 1 copy of copy letter)

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear W.E.

Just thought you might be interested to know that a few weeks ago I was questioned in Savannah by a government agent and he wanted to know all about you. I tried to get out of him what it is all about but the best I could learn was that the government wants you on some charge.

They pulled me out of bed one morning at the Savannah Hotel and really went after me to find out where you were. I did not admit I knew you.

I would have written sooner but I had a hard time finding the Chicago address. Sure hope you are not in too bad with the G. Be sure and destroy this letter and I hope the tip will mean some good to you. How-

Jack Lentz

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 18, 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

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated December 10, 1935 from Shearman & Sterling, attorneys for the National City Bank of New York, to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, Saint Paul, Minnesota, relating to the appearance of witnesses and the production of records from the Cuban branch of that bank, and a copy of the United States Attorney's reply to same.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc (2) Jacksonville (Encls.)  
cc New York  
cc Chicago  
cc Mr. E. J. Connelley

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C O P Y

SHEARMAN & STERLING  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
National City Bank Building  
55 Wall Street

New York December 10, 1935.

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

United States vs. Harry Sawyer,  
William Weaver, Cassius McDonald,  
et al.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the American Consul General at Havana to the local branch of The National City Bank of New York, dated Havana, December 5, 1935, in the above entitled case. You will note from said letter that the Consul General writes at the instance of the Department of State in Washington, in reference to a letter from the Department of Justice of December 2, 1935, in which the last mentioned Department requests the presence at St. Paul, on the trial of the above case, of certain officers and employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, and the production of certain papers and records belonging to said Branch, relating to the transactions mentioned in said letter. The witnesses and the papers and records aforesaid are to be used in behalf of the Government at said trial. We assume that the above request originated with you. As you doubtless know, the information and evidence to which your inquiry relates was furnished to the agents of the Department of Justice on the occasion of their investigations in Havana, last April or May.

The Consul General's letter has been referred by Havana Branch of National City Bank to Head Office at New York, for advice. The letter has in turn requested us, as its counsel, to write to you direct, in order to save time and to expedite, if possible, compliance with your request by arriving at an understanding on certain questions which it feels will necessarily arise in submitting the matter to the witnesses. These questions, as you will understand, arise out of the special circumstances involved in this case in bringing to the United States witnesses from a foreign country not subject to the process of our courts, despite the Bank's desire at all times to cooperate with the Government in similar matters in every reasonable and proper way.

7-576-8471 Encl

We are authorized by the Bank to say that it will arrange to produce, on the trial at St. Paul, the papers and records of its Havana Branch requested in your said letter, provided it is advised by its attorneys in Havana that it may legally send them out of that country. We believe that the attorneys there will find no objection thereto. We believe that it would be helpful if you were to furnish us or the Bank, in advance, with a list of the specific papers and records which you will require on the trial. We assume, of course, that the Government will reimburse the Bank for any reasonable expenses it may incur in transporting the records to and from Havana and St. Paul, whether by mail, express, or special custodian, if the last named should prove to be necessary.

With respect to your request that Nicolas Rodriguez, Teller, C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, and E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant, all officers or employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, shall attend and testify at the trial at St. Paul, we are authorized by the Bank to say that it will be pleased to release these three men from their bank duties for the time necessary to attend the trial, although the absence of the three at one time will result in no little inconvenience to the business of Havana Branch.

However, there are phases of the matter involving the personal attendance of these three men at the trial in St. Paul which the Bank has requested us to present to you. In the first place, the Bank feels that it should not instruct these men to leave their homes and journey to St. Paul. It would be quite different, as you will readily understand, if they were called upon to testify in a Cuban court, under legal process. In the second place, the Bank feels that the three men would be running possible serious risk to their health, such as pneumonia, in being transported at the height of the winter season from Havana's average temperature of 70° to St. Paul with an average temperature, as we understand, of 10° in January, especially in the case of Messrs. Rodriguez and Dominguez, who we are told have never been exposed to the rigors of a northern climate. The Bank will, however, present the matter to the three men so that each may decide whether he will undertake the trip. The Bank will be glad, of course, to have them do so, if they choose to comply with the Government's request.

We are also requested to ask you whether it will be absolutely necessary for all three men to appear at the trial. Upon further investigation you may find that you can dispense with the appearance of one or more of these witnesses. We shall appreciate your giving consideration to this point.

It would be in the interest of all concerned that you advise us promptly of the precise date, as nearly as the progress of the case may permit, when you will need the testimony of these witnesses.



While the actual elapsed time of an all rail trip via Key West or Miami would be approximately four days, allowing for a few hours stop-over at New York, we recommend that if possible you advise us seven days in advance, so that the men may have two or three days to prepare for the trip and arrange for their absence from Havana Branch of the Bank. Also, would it be possible for you to arrange to call them to the stand promptly on their arrival, and can you give us an idea of the approximate length of their stay at St. Paul.

We quote from the Consul General's letter of December 5th as follows:

"It is proposed to allow each of the witnesses specified actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return."

In order that the Bank may be in a position to present the matter fully and clearly to the witnesses, we would like to have the following information:

Will the Government advance to each witness the amount necessary to purchase full transportation to and from Havana and St. Paul, or furnish them with the round trip tickets? The Bank, of course, cannot advance these expenses because the witnesses will not be engaged in the Bank's business. On the other hand, the Bank feels that the witnesses who are men of moderate salaries, and have no personal interest in the case, should not be asked to advance these expenses subject to later reimbursement by the Government.

Furthermore, as is stated in the letter, it will be necessary for the witnesses to supply themselves with proper clothing to meet the rigors of Winter in St. Paul. Will the Government pay the cost of such added clothing as the witnesses may reasonably require? Doubtless, an estimate can be made of the requirements of each witness, and the probable cost. Again, the Bank feels that it cannot ask these men to make such expenditures subject to reimbursement by the Government. Is the Government willing to advance them the reasonable cost of such clothing, or supply the clothing itself?

On the proposed allowance of \$5.00 per diem from the date the witnesses leave Cuba until the date of their return, the Bank officers whom we consulted expressed the opinion that while this should be sufficient for the time spent in travel, it would not cover actual hotel expenses during their stay at St. Paul.

Cannot arrangements be made for the Government to pay the witnesses the full amount of their expenses, or to make a larger per diem allowance for the time spent on the trial, under an arrangement whereby the



witnesses will not be required to advance these monies themselves.

In conclusion, we wish to assure you of the desire of this office to cooperate with you in the matter in every possible way.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Havana Branch of National City Bank so that it may communicate with the American Consul General, and upon receipt of your reply we will confer with Head Office of the Bank, to the end that it shall forward the same to Havana Branch with its recommendations.

Very truly yours,

/s/ SHEARMAN & STERLING

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C O P Y

Habana, Cuba, December 5, 1935.

The National City Bank of New York,  
Habana, Cuba.

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CARIBBEAN DISTRICT

Sirs:

The Department of State in Washington has referred to the Consulate General the Department of Justice's letter of December 2, 1935, in which they advised that there is pending in St. Paul, Minnesota, the case of United States v. Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, et al, charged with conspiring unlawfully to violate the provisions of the Federal Kidnapping Statutes in connection with the kidnapping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota. This case is set for trial on January 6, 1936, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

To establish McDonald's money changing activities in Cuba, it will be necessary to have as Government witnesses at this trial a number of persons who can testify and also produce certain documentary evidence. The United States Attorney at St. Paul advises that these persons either are citizens of Cuba or have been resident here for some time. He is therefore desirous of obtaining the attendance from Cuba of the following persons from the National City Bank, who should be available in St. Paul some time during the latter part of the week commencing January 6, 1936:

- (1) Nicholas Rodriguez, Teller.
- (2) C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, "and have with you then and there (a) all papers and records of your bank covering the purchase on September 5, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$11,000 in Cuban gold, in which transaction Juan Ruiz and Rene Bolivar, and a third party appeared; (b) all the exchange and other records of your bank covering the purchase on September 11, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$50,000 in small American bills from the Chase National Bank, of Habana, and (c) all the letters, papers and records of your bank showing and pertaining to the forwarding for mutilation to the Federal Reserve Bank of all ransom moneys found in your bank, paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer.
- (3) E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant in charge of Cash Department, "and have with you then and there all of the records of your bank (a) listing the bills, forming a part of the ransom moneys paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer which were found in the vault of your bank, and (b) showing the receipt, handling and disposition at the vault of your bank of \$72,000 in small American bills

received at your bank on or about September 10, 1935.\*

The United States Attorney calls particular attention to the fact that certain witnesses are required to produce certain documentary evidence, and that these witnesses would be valueless to the United States without the documentary evidence specified above which is now in their possession.

It is proposed to allow each of the witness specified above actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return. Inasmuch as these witnesses live in a warm climate, it is believed that they should be informed of climatic conditions in Minnesota, especially during the months of January and February, in order that they may supply themselves with the proper clothing.

It will be greatly appreciated by the United States Government if you will advise the Consulate General at the earliest possible date as to whether it will be possible for these three individuals from your bank, with the specified evidence, to appear as witnesses at the above mentioned trial.

This letter is being supplied you with extra copy, inasmuch as it is understood that you will be required to refer the matter to your home office.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Cameron,  
American Consul General.

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Saint Paul,  
December 17, 1935

Shearman & Sterling  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
National City Bank Building  
55 Wall Street  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated December 10, 1935, regarding certain witnesses in Cuba who have been subpoenaed by the United States to testify for the government in the so-called Edward G. Bremer kidnaping conspiracy case, which is for trial in the District Court of the United States at Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing January 6, 1936.

At the outset of this letter I desire to express to you my keen appreciation of the spirit of cooperation manifested in your letter to me, and to assure you that I desire to cooperate with you and the employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank to the end that as little inconvenience and jeopardy as possible will attach to their appearance in Saint Paul as government witnesses.

Some time ago a conference was held at this office between Special Agents of the Department of Justice and the undersigned, with a view to eliminating any evidence or witnesses from Havana, Cuba, except evidence and witnesses absolutely required to establish competently the chain of evidence and events absolutely necessary to be established at this trial. As lawyers you will appreciate that in a case of this kind the government has the burden to establish to the degree required by the criminal law of the United States, to-wit: beyond a reasonable doubt, every element of the conspiracy charged in this case; and to that end certain testimony and evidence is altogether necessary in the premises. We cannot dispense with the testimony of any of the witnesses named.

With regard to the documentary evidence required, this office will undertake, after the originals thereof have been received in evidence, to obtain a court order immediately authorizing the substitution of photostat copies for such originals, in order that such originals may be released and returned to Havana upon the discharge of the witnesses identifying them at the trial.

You state it would be helpful if you might be furnished in advance with a list of the specific papers and records of the Havana Branch of the bank which will be required on the trial of said case. In answer to this suggestion I can only say that I have described as specifically as I can the documentary evidence in my letter to the Attorney General of the United States, which apparently was transmitted to the United States Consul at Havana, who, in turn, advised the Havana Branch of said bank, of the request made by me in that connection which appears in the copy of a letter from the American Consul General at Havana, which is attached to your letter to me. Not being familiar with the methods of bookkeeping and maintaining records employed in the Havana Branch bank, I can only state generally the papers and records of the bank which are required, which I have already done, and I feel confident that Mr. Elsner and Mr. Dominguez will understand from the general description just what papers and records are required to establish the transactions mentioned by the American Consul General in his communication.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in Washington, assigned a Special Agent to Saint Paul in connection with this matter who arrived here this morning. This representative of the Attorney General advised me that he was assured by his superior officer, prior to his departure from Washington last week, that the United States, in the matter of expense incident to these Cuban witnesses and the documentary evidence they produce, is ready and willing to bear all expenses necessarily coupled with their appearance in Saint Paul and their welfare and safety while in this jurisdiction, which includes proper clothing for this climate and taxi cab expenses between the hotel and the court house here to avoid, so far as possible, the exposure of these witnesses to the winter weather conditions which will exist here in January. I think those of us here appreciate fully the danger involved in the unnecessary exposure of these people to the rigors of our northern climate and you may rest assured that we will do everything possible to make them comfortable and to avoid any jeopardy to them.

You state in your letter: "It would be in the interest of all concerned that you advise us promptly of the precise date, as nearly as the progress of the case may permit, when you will need the testimony of these witnesses."

The last trial of this case consumed five weeks time. The Cuban phases of the case, at the trial thereof to be commenced on January 6th next, will be presented after all the other testimony and evidence is in the record. It is most difficult to say at this time just when the presence of the Cuban witnesses will be necessary in the circumstances. You understand, of course, that we would like to have them here several days in advance of the taking of their testimony, in order that we may have an opportunity to review the entire situation with them. We shall conform to your request as nearly as possible, however, and I am informed that one S. K. McKee, a Special Agent of the Department of Justice, has gone to Cuba and will reside at the Presidente Hotel in Havana, for the purpose of collaborating in the matter of bringing these witnesses to Saint Paul. I shall make an arrangement whereby I can wire Mr. McKee and he in turn can contact these witnesses six or seven days in advance of their appearance in Saint Paul, and in this way regulate the matter as nearly as I can. As soon as they have testified I shall see that they are immediately discharged and permitted to return to their homes.

With reference to your inquiry whether the government will advance to each witness the amount necessary to purchase full round trip transportation, it will be necessary for me to refer the matter to the Attorney General for advice in the premises, which I am doing, and asking that the Department advise you directly with reference to the financial arrangements that are being made or are to be made. As I have stated before I am assured this morning that the government intends to pay whatever items of expense are incurred by these witnesses in connection with their comfort and health--that is to say, that the government will furnish them with such winter clothing as will insure their comfort in this climate. I shall ask the Department of Justice to advise you more fully with reference to the plans that are being made to finance these witnesses in connection with their trip and their sojourn here in the city of Saint Paul.

Again thanking you for your very kind letter, I am

Yours very truly,

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney



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Post Office Box #2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

December 19, 1935.

Acting Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir: **REKID**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. B. Metcay, Detroit, Michigan, dated December 9, 1935, in the above entitled case, setting out a lead for the Boston Office to ascertain the details of the \$30,000 larceny by Cassius McDonald at Boston.

Your attention is invited to my letter of August 5, 1935, addressed to you, and sent in response to your teletypic message of December 7th, which sets out the details of the interest of the Boston Police in Cassius McDonald.

If you have not received this letter, a copy of it will be sent to you.

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Very truly yours,

U. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

December 18, 1935.

Time - 12:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent in Charge Alt telephoned me from the Jacksonville Office and said that he received last evening a telegram from the St. Paul Office asking for the names of the Cuban witnesses whose presence was assured. Mr. Alt said he was just advised by Agent McKee in Cuba that he has seven witnesses who have agreed to be present in St. Paul on the date desired. There are three witnesses at the National City Bank in Havana, and McKee is unable to learn what they are going to do. These witnesses are awaiting instructions from the main bank in New York. In this regard, Mr. McKee suggested that the New York Office go after the situation in New York vigorously. Mr. Alt said he is unable to furnish me with the names of the witnesses, for the reason that he does not know which of the witnesses the United States Attorney at St. Paul is going to subpoena; that there are five of them in the bank, but only three are going to be used; that, however, this information is in the possession of the New York Office.

At the National Hotel in Havana, there are four prospective witnesses, but the United States Attorney has subpoenaed only two of them, and Mr. Alt does not know their names. These witnesses have indicated to the American Consul in Havana that they would not go, but McKee believes he can put it over to them either today or tomorrow, and is working on them now. Mr. McKee believes that if the National City Bank in New York will instruct their witnesses to proceed to St. Paul and he, McKee, puts it over at the National Hotel, everything will be in line.

Thus, the main thing that is holding the matter up at this time is the delay in New York on the part of the National City Bank in instructing their witnesses to go to St. Paul.

I told Mr. Alt that the Bureau would take this matter up with the New York Office, and he, Alt, should advise the St. Paul Office in the premises.

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E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

December 16, 1935.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Div. 4*

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case.

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum pertaining to the recent developments in connection with the Bureau's efforts to have available at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, all witnesses residing in Cuba in connection with the trial of Cassius McDonald, et al. In addition thereto, the results of the conference with Mr. Fisher of the Department are also related.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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December 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM

Re: Bremer Kidnaping  
Case.

This forenoon Mr. Fisher of the Department called with reference to the Cuban witnesses who will be necessary for the successful prosecution of Cassius McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, stating that he desired to confer with the Bureau on the matter of having available all Cuban witnesses at the trial of Cassius McDonald and to determine the exact status of the Cuban witnesses at the present time. In this connection Mr. E. L. Richmond and Mr. Rosen conferred with Mr. Fisher, who proffered the following questions.

Mr. Fisher was concerned with the introduction of the necessary records which will have to be brought from Cuba to the United States and wanted to know whether the original records would have to be produced or whether photostatic copies, duly authenticated, could be introduced in evidence. He stated he was addressing a letter to Mr. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, in which he intended to raise the question as to the proper introduction of records which will come from Cuba.

Mr. Fisher wanted to know whether all of the Cuban witnesses would be available for the trial at St. Paul. He was advised of the recent telephonic information received from Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is in Havana, Cuba, to the effect that there are twelve witnesses in all whose presence has been requested at St. Paul; that the State Department has now contacted all of these witnesses and has obtained agreements from five of these persons to be present at St. Paul. In addition to the five witnesses whose appearances are assured, Mr. McKee has contacted a sixth witness who has agreed to appear. Mr. Fisher advised that inasmuch as all communications and requests in this matter would be directed through the State Department, he would be able to obtain complete cooperation through a Miss Marsh, who is in the State Department, and who is familiar with the correspondence as it relates to the obtaining of Cuban witnesses for the trial at St. Paul.

Regarding the payment of all expenses in connection with the traveling of the Cuban witnesses from Cuba to St. Paul and return, Mr. Fisher stated that all monies expended by the State Department

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would be recovered from the Department of Justice; that the Department of Justice had allotted \$10,000 to be expended in the trial of the defendants at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that this fund was almost all used up. However, Mr. Fisher stated he would exert every effort by direct contact with the Division of Accounts and impress upon the Division of Accounts of the Department the necessity of having the Cuban witnesses at St. Paul at the time of this trial. He inquired as to whether someone in the Bureau would be available to further impress upon the Division of Accounts the dire necessity of having the Cuban witnesses at St. Paul. He was advised that every assistance would be given him when the occasion presented itself and that he should feel free to call upon the Bureau at the appropriate time.

From previous correspondence in connection with the disbursement of funds to the Cuban witnesses, it appears that it was the belief that the State Department would determine the amount of money which it was willing to grant to any witness who will not proceed to St. Paul because of financial reasons. As a result of the conference with Mr. Fisher, it can be definitely stated that all funds are chargeable to the Department of Justice and that the expenditure of such funds is being made through the State Department.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the New York office which relates to the cooperation extended by the National City Bank with regard to its employees proceeding from Cuba to St. Paul to attend the trial of Cassius McDonald et al on January 6, 1936. Mr. A. P. Barranco, Counsel, and Mr. R. R. Hughes, Comptroller of the National City Bank, stated they are willing to cooperate with the Government in every way possible and that the following employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank will proceed to St. Paul as requested: C. F. Elsner, sub-manager; E. Dominguez, sub-accountant; and Nicholas Rodriguez, teller.

With reference to the telephonic conversation of December 14, 1935 between Special Agent S. K. McKee and K. R. McIntire of the Bureau, Agent McKee stated that Mrs. Cassius McDonald, using her maiden name, Edith Gordon, was recently in Cuba and that she secured the services of a Cuban attorney whose name and identity are unknown

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at this time. It appears that the Cuban attorney has contacted all of the Government's witnesses and has attempted to buy them off, and when this failed, has, after a fashion, threatened certain witnesses. Agent McKee stated the attorney has also indicated to these witnesses that "there is no telling what the United States Government might do to them when they get to St. Paul" and in this manner has attempted to dissuade them from proceeding to St. Paul. Agent McKee will endeavor to learn the identity of the Cuban attorney but was advised not to contact this attorney inasmuch as nothing could be gained from this contact and that whatever damage he was capable of doing has probably been consummated by this time.

With further reference to Mr. Fisher's contact with Miss Marsh of the State Department, who is familiar with the correspondence as it relates to the obtaining of Cuban witnesses for the trial at St. Paul, it should be noted that Mr. Fisher will communicate with Miss Marsh, who in turn will communicate with representatives of the State Department in Havana, Cuba, advising the Cuban representatives of the State Department of the presence of Agent McKee in Havana, Cuba, and of his official capacity as a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and that he is in Cuba at the present time for the express purpose of assisting in the consummation of all negotiations whereby the Cuban witnesses will proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota in connection with the instant trial. Mr. Fisher indicated that this, in effect, would result in the turning over of the entire matter to Agent McKee who will endeavor to have the Cuban witnesses available at St. Paul, Minnesota, in time to appear at the instant trial on January 6, 1936.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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- Miss Gandy .....

Time - 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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During a telephonic conversation which I had with Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein at the St. Paul Office, I mentioned the status of the Cuban witnesses in the forthcoming trial of the above matter, and informed him that the State Department has advised our Department that a number of the Cuban witnesses are reluctant to come up to St. Paul at this time, for various and sundry reasons. All of the witnesses are willing to come later in the year, but they don't want to come now. I told him that the Criminal Division of the Department wrote the United States Attorney at St. Paul an air mail, special delivery letter about this situation, and indicated that they might have to postpone the trial. I asked Mr. Stein to take this matter up with the United States Attorney and find out what he contemplates doing; that we are planning on sending Special Agent K. R. McIntire out there for the trial of the case, and if the case is going to be postponed, we, of course, don't want to send him.

Mr. Stein said that only last evening he talked with Assistant United States Attorney Heisey, who has charge of the prosecution of this case, at which time Mr. Heisey was preparing subpoenas for the Cuban witnesses. Evidently, he had not received the letter from the Criminal Division. I told Mr. Stein to get in touch with him at once, and suggest to him that he withhold any further action in this matter until he gets the letter from the Department.

I pointed out to Mr. Stein that if the Bureau is asked for a viewpoint in this matter, our position should be that there ought not to be a severance of trial among the defendants; that is, we think that all of the defendants should be tried at the same time. I told Mr. Stein that it is entirely possible that Cassius McDonald cannot be convicted without the testimony of the Cuban witnesses, and further, he ought to be tried with the others so that he can be more or less carried along with them. Therefore, if the question of postponement is presented to us, our position should be that there should be a postponement as to all of the defendants, rather than just a severance and postponement as to McDonald.

Mr. Stein said he would bear this in mind.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*

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Time - 5:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein telephoned Mr. McIntire from the St. Paul Office with reference to the situation of the Cuban witnesses in the above matter. He said that United States Attorney Sullivan has today addressed a letter to the Attorney General, a copy of which was furnished to him, Stein, and is being forwarded to the Bureau by air mail, special delivery. The last paragraph of this letter reads in part as follows: "The trial date, January 6, 1936, was set at the opening of the term at St. Paul on November 6, 1935, by the Court upon the motion of the Government, and over much objection on the part of Sawyer, so we cannot hope to secure a new date for the trial of this case."

However, Mr. Sullivan makes the suggestion that since it is his understanding that the Cuban banks are affiliated with the National City and the Chase National Banks of New York, if the proper instructions were issued by the two New York banks to the employees of the banks in Cuba, not much difficulty would be encountered in securing their attendance. Mr. Sullivan also suggests to the Department that he has learned that Special Agent McKee of this Bureau is on quite friendly terms with most of the Cuban witnesses, since he has interviewed them in the past, and that he thought the Department ought to try to make some arrangements to have Agent McKee visit the witnesses in an effort to persuade them to come to St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan also believes that the Department can make the necessary arrangements as to overcoats, winter supplies, etc, but that he believes it absolutely necessary that this trial be had without a severance. Mr. Sullivan says that if these witnesses are not brought to St. Paul for this trial, the Government cannot proceed to try McDonald; that to try Sawyer without McDonald being tried at the same time would probably result in Sawyer being acquitted.

Mr. McIntire inquired if Mr. Sullivan had made any statement relative to the legality of bringing books and records from Cuba into the United States to be used in evidence in this trial. Mr. Stein said that while Mr. Sullivan had not commented upon this, he is sure that Mr. Sullivan considers these books and records absolutely necessary for use in evidence in the trial of this case.

Mr. McIntire said that the suggestions of Mr. Sullivan would be taken under advisement by the Bureau.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 17, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
3900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated  
at Chicago, Illinois December 15, 1935, addressed to Carol  
Tankersley, now in imprisonment, Missouri, from Emily Gerbold, a  
sister of Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

WENDELL MURPHY, Jr.,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Carol:-

Received your cards package and letter sure was glad to hear from you also that you got home alright. Did you hear from Dorothy yet? I wish she would write me a few lines as I will always be worried about her

My mother isn't feeling so well as every Christmas and holidays she always gets the blues. We are all holding our breath as we never had a happy Christmas for the last 10 years

The baby is fine I sure do love that baby and only wish Ray could see him just for 5 minutes

Betty talks of you all the time she sure enjoyed your visit I did to as I forgot about my own troubles

I hope some day we can come to Okla. or better still you can come for a real visit

Write me real soon  
Your Friend Emily

P. S. Betty says thank you for the nice package.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WILLIAM J. HARRISON

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Mr. Tracy	.....
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\*Confidential\**

There is attached a reply to a letter addressed to me by Henry Simpson, Assistant Circuit Attorney at St. Louis, Missouri. I met the Circuit Attorney, Mr. Franklin Miller, and I think I met Simpson, when at St. Louis to deliver an address recently. I had previously met Miller. Miller's office is the office figuring in the prosecution of Agent Reed. While in the initiation of this case, under the pressure of newspaper attack, Miller's office insisted that the Grand Jury hear the evidence, the Grand Jury immediately indicting, and while, if Miller had withheld action at that time it might have been that we could have beaten the Grand Jury indictment, yet since that time Miller's office has been extremely agreeable and cooperative so far as a prosecutor's office can be, in affording the United States Attorney's office and ourselves all the delay that we have requested in the hearing of this case. As you know, this has resulted in a delay of over a year, which was necessary in view of the fact that one of our witnesses was unable to appear until September of this year. Miller's office, I do not believe, has over-aggressively prosecuted this case, and I would like, so far as may be possible, without jeopardizing any interests of the Bureau, to oblige them in any possible way. The attached inquiry is a little embarrassing inasmuch as it refers to Willie Harrison and the desire of Harrison's family for information which will prove his death for life insurance purposes.

I find that I.C. #7-576 refers to the identification of Harrison. I do not know whether the information in this Interesting Case has already been released to any press service, but assume that inasmuch as it has been made an Interesting Case, it is subject to release by any newspaper correspondent who may be given the privilege of examining our Interesting Case files. At least, I am informed that this is the accepted procedure. I gather, therefore, that the information in the release need not be kept from these people and the attached reply furnishes them with a record which I have prepared covering that part of the release beginning with the second paragraph on page two of the I.C. and continuing to the end thereof. I believe it will be safe to send this to Simpson.

Very truly yours,

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H. Nathan.

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PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION YESTERDAY THROUGH  
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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Handwritten initials: *Rosen*, *R*

CHARLES J. FITZGERALD LOCATED 512 SOUTH HOBART AVENUE LOS ANGELES AS J. C. FOSTER. THESE PEOPLE PROMISE FAITHFULLY TO SAY NOTHING AND THROUGH FEAR OF BELLE BORN LEARNING THEY GAVE THIS INFORMATION UNDOUBTEDLY WILL KEEP SILENT. ST PAUL IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION YESTERDAY AND TODAY CAUTIONED AS TO HANDLING INTERVIEWS WITH BELLE BORN IN ORDER NOT TO DISCLOSE OUR PRESENT INFORMATION OR CAUSE HER TO DO ANYTHING TO CONFLICT WITH OUR PLANS FOR SURVEILLANCE. UPON TELEPHONIC REQUEST LOS ANGELES LOCATED FITZGERALD LIVING AT ADDRESS AS J. C. FOSTER AND IDENTIFIED TWO WOMEN ASSOCIATES IMOGENE ROBERTSON AND MOTHER ALTA MORGAN ROBERTSON LIVING ACROSS STREET FROM FITZGERALD AT VICTORIA APARTMENTS. SUBJECT IN TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH WAUKEGAN ALSO A CALL MADE TO MURRAY COOK BORRACHICE, OHIO 11-13-35 WHICH CLEVELAND REQUESTED TO COVER CAREFULLY. LETTER RECEIVED BY FITZGERALD 12-9-35 WAS FROM [REDACTED] PARK AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS AND ST PAUL COVERING THIS SUBJECT. AIRMAIL LETTER TODAY GIVES DETAILED INFORMATION.

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December 14, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to our discussion of the inquiries concerning a story furnished by Mrs. Gus Winkler, you are advised that a check of the files fails to disclose any telephone call received at the Bureau from a newspaper man in New York, inquiring as to whether we had in our possession such a document.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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DIRECTOR AND SAC E J CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. ISABELLE BORN RELATES BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH CHARLES FITZGERALD WHILE EMPLOYED AS DOMESTIC FOR JACK DAVENPORT TEN YEARS AGO. RESUMED ACQUAINTANCE FIVE YEARS LATER WHILE ENGAGED IN BOOTLEGGING ACTIVITIES IN CHICAGO. THEREAFTER MAINTAINED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP RESIDING WITH HIM IN CHICAGO, TOLEDO AND SAN FRANCISCO. CLAIMS NEVER MET ANY OF HIS FRIENDS IDENTIFIED IN INSTANT CASE OTHER THAN AL WOOD OF TOLEDO. LEFT FITZGERALD IN TOLEDO MIDDLE OF JANUARY THIS YEAR. CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE HEARD OF OR FROM HIM SINCE THAT TIME BUT RELATES THAT IN FEBRUARY RECEIVED LETTER FROM FLORIDA SIGNED "FRIEND JIM" STATING FITZGERALD HAD DIED OF AN INFECTION. DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF WRITER OR ANY FURTHER DETAILS. HER FINGERPRINTS TAKEN AND FORWARDED CHICAGO AND BUREAU TODAY.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Special Agent in Charge Hanson telephoned me from the Los Angeles Office to furnish additional information relative to the activities of Charlie Fitzgerald out there. He said that since February 7, 1935, to July 7, 1935, Fitzgerald was living at 1036 South Menlo, Los Angeles. Former Special Agent in Charge J.E.P. Dunn resided in the building at this address. On or about September 8, 1935, Fitzgerald moved into the Benjamin Franklin apartments at 512 South Hobart Avenue, at which place he is now residing. Fitzgerald has been drinking rather heavily, and his condition requires the assistance of someone. With this in mind, he has picked up a girl named Imogene Robertson, a former telephone operator. She is now his companion, or secretary as she holds herself out to be. She occupies an apartment with her mother across the street from the building in which Fitzgerald maintains his apartment. Fitzgerald is living alone. He goes to see her every day, and they go out driving, and sometimes make business trips of a day or so. She has his automobile, which is a Chevrolet Coupe, cream wheels, 1935 California license tags 1V6737. The motor number of the car is N-481881. Fitzgerald does not arise until about ten or eleven o'clock in the morning, and the first thing he does is to call this girl, after which he usually goes over to her apartment.

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It appears that he is getting his money through the mail, and receives mail about once or twice a month. The manager of the apartment house in which Fitzgerald now resides says that Fitzgerald received three letters during the past month. One of the letters, they have ascertained, was received in Los Angeles on December 9, 1935, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, bearing Registry No. 17450. With reference to this number, Mr. Hanson said that he has communicated this information to Mr. Connelley who said he would talk to the St. Paul Office about the same. In the letters which Fitzgerald is receiving, he usually gets large bills; that is, denominations of five hundred dollars or a thousand dollars each. A further and minute check of the registry records in Los Angeles is being made for any additional information.

Apparently, Fitzgerald made a telephone call from the girl's apartment to Ashtabula, Ohio, calling telephone number 2513 and asking for Mr. Murray Cook at the Shallows Club. This call was made on November 13th at 12:30 A.M. The only other call to the Middle West which has been located thus far is one which was made on November 4th to Waukegan, Illinois, calling Majestic 1836. You will note that this call was made at about the time Belle Born was in Waukegan, and Mr. Connelley has taken official cognizance of this fact. The check on the telephone calls is going ahead with vigor.

Last Summer some time, Fitzgerald had an accident, at which time he broke his leg. He was in the hospital for quite a while, and while some of the

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alleged to have sent some telegrams. These telegrams were sent in code, and were signed with the name "Rosie". A check is going to be made on these telegrams, of course. \*

Mr. Hanson said that he has two men in the apartment next to Fitzgerald, and these men have reported that Fitzgerald has left his apartment and gone to the apartment of this girl; that their automobile is standing out in the street, and it appears they are going somewhere. Mr. Hanson said that while they are going to try to keep them under surveillance, if they are lost, they are not going to do much about it for the reason that we are more interested at this time in checking the mail, telephone calls, telegrams, etc. They have in mind, of course, as soon as possible, getting into his apartment, and that of the girl, in order to look around.

Mr. Hanson said that he has in mind placing telephone taps on his telephone and on that of the girl. I told him that when he gets ready to put these taps on, he should notify the Bureau, and we would authorize the installation of them. Mr. Hanson said that they couldn't get ready for these until about Thursday; that he has an appointment with the Special Agent of the telephone company this afternoon, at which time he will broach him on the subject.

Mr. Connelley has been furnished with all of the developments in this situation, and is supervising the activity in the auxiliary offices.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.



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DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

You will note from the attached memorandum that Charlie Fitzgerald, a subject of the Bremer Case, had been residing at 1036 South Menlo, Los Angeles, California, from February 7, 1935 to July 7, 1935, at which time he removed. Former Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn of the Los Angeles Office was residing at this address during this entire time.

Respectfully,

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

SPECIAL DELIVERY  
AIR-MAIL

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Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

The offices to which copies of this letter are being furnished for their information are requested to treat the information hereinafter set out as confidential, except insofar as it is necessary to impart such information to Agents specifically working on this particular case, and wherein this information will be of value to them in carrying out any leads necessary.

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In connection with the inquiry conducted by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. L. Madala in an effort to locate the supposed farm of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD at either Waukegan, Illinois or Hammond, Indiana upon my instructions Agent Madala interviewed

[redacted] who with considerable reluctance furnished the information hereinafter set out, it being necessary to give her to understand definitely that should she be responsible for harboring any of the individuals concerned, or aiding or abetting them in connection with their various crimes, she would be suitably prosecuted.

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The above information was communicated to acting S. A. C. Stein at St. Paul in order that it could be treated as confidential. He was informed however that it was to be considered in connection with their proposed interview with Belle Born on December 17, 1935; that with this information available they should handle the interview with Belle Born very cautiously, in order not to indicate to her that we had any information whatsoever as to the location of Fitzgerald, for fear that if they proceeded too far in their interview of her they might cause her if she knew the address of Fitzgerald, to communicate with him and cause him to leave his present address.

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The foregoing information was telephoned to S.A.C. Hanson, Los Angeles, California, and to Mr. Harold Nathan of the Bureau on December 16, 1935, immediately we had received same. The Los Angeles office was requested to make immediate inquiry to determine definitely that Fitzgerald was still at this address, and should he be located there suitable definite arrangements should be made for an immediate surveillance of Fitzgerald, together with a cover of his telephone, telegrams, mail, etc, and particularly that careful inquiry be made to

determine whether or not Karpis and Campbell are now in that vicinity and in association with him.

In subsequent telephone conversation on December 16, 1935 S. A. C. Hanson, Los Angeles, advised that they had ascertained that Fitzgerald had previously lived at 1036 Menlow Avenue, Los Angeles, California; that he was there at all times until he moved to 512 South Hobart Avenue, the latter being the Benjamin Franklin Apartments; that they had verified that there was a crippled man living at 512 South Hobart Avenue as J. C. Foster; that apparently former S.A.C. - J.E.P. Dunn was living at 1036 Menlow Avenue at the time Fitzgerald lived at this address. It was also ascertained that Fitzgerald apparently has a Chevrolet six coupe under the name of J. C. Foster with California license 1-V-6737, motor M-4818681; that a change of address was made upon this automobile from 1036 Menlow Avenue to 512 South Hobart Avenue on July 17, 1935; that apparently as the people recalled, at the first address, he had been receiving mail from the east, <sup>CONTAINING</sup> as much as one thousand dollars at a time; that he had been in a subsequent automobile accident and broke his leg.

Later in telephone conversation S.A.C. Hanson further advised that Fitzgerald had become intimate with a girl who was the telephone operator at 1036 Menlow Avenue; that she was now established in an apartment across the street from his present address of 512 South Hobart Avenue; that apparently Fitzgerald had turned over his Chevrolet coupe to her for her use; that Fitzgerald had been receiving letters in which was contained money, and he had exhibited to persons there upon the receipt of such, one thousand and one hundred dollar bills; that he had received three letters this month; that it was believed they were from Minneapolis; that he is also apparently associated with some woman who calls at this place about two or three in the morning, an ugly dark complected woman who has been seen to enter the apartment but has not been seen to leave, although possibly she could go down into the garage on the elevator and not pass the desk in going out.

In later conversation S.A.C. Hanson, Los Angeles, California advised that Fitzgerald had been living at 1036 Menlow Avenue from February 7, 1935 to July 17, 1935; that he registered as J. C. Foster, Dayton, Ohio; that this girl he had picked up with was IMOGENE ROBERTSON who also is known as Martha Jean Robertson; that this girl in connection with her employment had indicated her father was A. F. Schaffer, her

mother being Alta Morgan Robertson. She indicated her birth place as Indianapolis, Indiana. She is now living with her mother at the Victoria Apartments across the street from 512 South Hobart Avenue. The mother is apparently a worthless individual who engages in drinking parties with Fitzgerald and her daughter, the daughter being given to very heavy drinking. At the time of Fitzgerald's previous injury and when he was taken to the hospital he turned over to the Robertson girl \$1500.00, and upon the insistence of the hotel people she placed this money in the bank in a joint account for herself and Fitzgerald.

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On November 13, 1935 at 12.30 A.M. a call was made by Mrs. Robertson to Ashtabula, Ohio, telephone 2515, and the party calling asked to speak to Murray Cook at the Shallows Club.

This girl Imogene Robertson is described as age 27 to 28 years, height 4 feet 1 or 2 inches, 120 pounds, dark brown hair, gray eyes, heavy drinker.

In connection with the mail received by Fitzgerald, a letter was received at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, 512 South Hobart Ave. for Fitzgerald under the name of J. C. Foster, December 9, 1935 from Minneapolis, Minnesota, being a registered letter, number 17450. In connection with the mail previously received by Fitzgerald at the Menlow Avenue address this was mostly via special delivery, and as they recall some came from Waukegan, Illinois and some from St. Paul, Minnesota, and some of these special delivery letters contained money. There have been no long distance telephone calls from the Menlow Avenue address except one call to Long Beach, California which is being checked. He also sent several telegrams, particularly at the time he was injured as they would not operate upon him until he had notified his relatives, and these telegrams are being checked. Fitzgerald at the present time occasionally uses a cane and is apparently crippled in one leg.

The Los Angeles office has established two Agents in the apartment of the manager next to the apartment of Fitzgerald, and they are endeavoring to get a location across the street from this apartment for suitable surveillance.

In telephone conversation with Acting S.A.C. Stein, St.Paul, he was requested to check registered letter number 17450 today - December 17, 1935.

In this connection Belle Born is at present being interviewed at the St.Paul office together with her attorneys William McMeekins and another young attorney from Mankato, and she so far has indicated that she has known Fitzgerald nine or ten years, having met him in Chicago while hauling liquor; that she has lived with him from time to time; that last year she was in Toledo, Ohio with Wood and Eileen Hoyt and that she and Fitzgerald came to Chicago; that Fitzgerald went to California alone on the train and entered the Vallejo Hospital; that she subsequently followed him to California and visited with Mrs. McKenzie; that in February, 1935 while in California she received a letter with a blurred postmark from Florida, signed "friend Jim", advising her that Fitzgerald had died.

The St.Paul office was requested to encourage this woman to believe that she has successfully put over her false statement in this connection, in order to dissuade her from possibly taking any direct action as towards Fitzgerald if she believed we knew where he is presently located.

In telephone conversation with S.A.C. McFarland, Cleveland, Ohio he advised he has arranged to have suitable check made at once to determine the possible setup at Ashtabula, Ohio as to Murray Cook.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #2544  
Boston, Massachusetts.

December 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

51520

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID-

Reference is made to your letter of December 7, 1935 advising that Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons had been in conversation with one J. E. Maenner, Ponce de Leon Hotel, and he had been informed by the latter individual that he had previously been interviewed by me with reference to one "Kokomo Joe".

I have no recollection of this interview, nor do the files in this case reflect any such interview.

It is suggested that Maenner be contacted again and questioned as to the date and place of his interview with me, and all other circumstances which may assist me in locating any record which exists thereof.

*Ed. George Barron*

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Very truly yours,

G. D. McKean,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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POST OFFICE BOX 500  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

From time to time in connection with this case and the Kansas City massacre case, reference has been made to one GUS, TOMK alias Gus, tavern alias Old Gus, whose identity has never been definitely established, although apparently he was associated with Vern Miller, Frank Nash, George Costa, Gus Winkler, Charles J. Fitzgerald and probably the Barker boys, and is believed to have participated in various bank robberies with different members of the gangs above indicated.

It was also reported that possibly he together with Charles J. Fitzgerald killed Gus Winkler at Chicago as a result of a difference over certain money which Winkler owed them, which had been previously put up to return certain assets to the Lincoln National Bank in connection with the robbery of that bank. Nothing however, is definitely known of any specific acts of this party.

By reference to report of Agent G. C. Dewey, Omaha, Neb. December 24, 1934, it is indicated that Charles J. Fitzgerald together with three other men was supposed to have robbed the Emmet County State Bank, Ketherville, Iowa August 20, 1929 obtaining \$2000.00. It is indicated that associated with Fitzgerald was one ELMER TOMK, formerly of Ketherville, Iowa and who supposedly had a brother still living in Ketherville. Another party referred to as having been associated with them in the Emmet County bank robbery was HARRY HARRIS alias Slim Morgan, Minneapolis Police Department No. C-7622, who was subsequently killed, and whose body was found August 18, 1931 near Red Wing, Minnesota.

The information above set out apparently was obtained from the files of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of Iowa at Des Moines.

It is requested that immediate effort be made to identify Elmer Stone. Particular efforts should be made to obtain a picture of him and if such picture is obtained it is believed it should be

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*George O. ...*

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forwarded to the Denver office for the purpose of having it exhibited to prisoner ARTHUR JOHNSON alias Red Price, serving a life sentence for murder in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, who previously gave us considerable information as to Gus Stone, and who should be able to identify him.

Johnson was interviewed by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, as per his report dated February 21, 1934 at Salt Lake City. At that time Johnson described Gus Stone as being about 42-43 years of age; height about 5 ft. 10 1/2 in.; weight about 165 pounds; rugged build; dark hair; dark eyes; dark complexion; looks like a Jew and has a nose like a Jew. He also indicated that Stone's girl was known as Ginger; that she was about 22 or 23 years of age; 5 ft. 7 in. in height; 120 to 135 pounds; medium complexion; light brown hair; light brown eyes.

Please endeavor to ascertain if Khan Stone is one and the same as Gus Stone, and if such is the case there is a possibility that he also might have been involved in the Hamm kidnaping, although there is nothing definite to indicate this except one statement of Byron Bolton.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

December 16, 1935

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

Number: 7-576-8486

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Specimens: Four .45 caliber copper alloy jacketed bullets.

Examination requested by: Cleveland Bureau Office

Date received: 12-11-35

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: BAUGHMAN  
PARSONS

The four above bullets have been examined and from the rifling marks remaining on these bullets, it is believed that they were all fired from a Thompson sub-machine gun. These bullets upon being compared with each other, showed sufficient similarity to establish that all four were fired from the same gun.

These bullets have been compared with all specimens of that type contained in the Laboratory files, but no identification has been made. These bullets are being placed in the Laboratory's file of unidentified specimens recovered at scenes of crime and will be marked in the file as "D-30", "D-31", "D-32" and "D-33". The marks remaining on these bullets are rather distinct and it is believed that the gun from which they were fired can be identified.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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 December 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Cincinnati

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
Mr. A. J. Connelley-Chicago

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case  
Removal of Cuban Witnesses  
to St. Paul.

*H. J. P. [unclear]*

At about 5:15 P. M., December 12, 1935, I received a telephone call from Mr. Clinton Stein, Acting Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office, advising that he had conferred with Mr. Sullivan, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, with regard to the removal of Cuban witnesses to St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan had informed Mr. Stein that he had directed a letter to the Department informing that it would be impossible to obtain a continuance of the trial against McDonald, Sawyer and Weaver beyond January 6, 1936; that the Government had asked for a continuance from November 12, 1935, to January 6, 1936, and could not, therefore, ask for another continuance.

Mr. Sullivan indicated that unless McDonald were tried together with Weaver and Sawyer, the Government could not hope to obtain a successful prosecution against McDonald if he were to be tried at a later date separately. He also indicated that unless McDonald were tried together with Weaver and Sawyer, the Government could not hope to be successful in its prosecution of Sawyer.

In his letter Mr. Sullivan indicated that the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba, are owned by banks bearing the same title in New York City, and it might be possible to suggest to those in charge of the said banks in New York City to bring pressure to bear upon their employees in Havana, Cuba, instructing said employees to honor any request made by the United States Attorney at St. Paul suggesting their presence and further suggesting their producing such books and records as might be necessary. Accordingly, at about 6:40 P. M., on December 12, 1935, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Whitley, of the New York Office, giving him the names of the witnesses who are presently employed by the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba, requesting that he immediately get in touch with those in charge of the said banks in New York City making efforts to have the superior officers of such banks instruct

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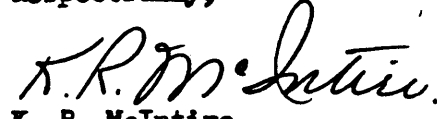
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Respectfully,

  
K. R. McIntire.

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Respectfully,

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E. R. McIntire.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 18, 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:

REKID

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received by the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated December 14, 1935, from Leonard K. Thomson, Manager of the McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida, and the United States Attorney's reply.

These communications related to the comfort of witnesses proceeding from that territory to St. Paul in the forthcoming trial.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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MR A L LISTER  
Hotel 550 Rooms  
550 Baths  
Miami, Florida

Leonard K. Thomson, Manager  
Executive Office

December 14, 1935

Honorable George F. Sullivan  
U. S. District Attorney  
Federal Courts Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I am writing you at the suggestion of the Honorable Judge Halsted L. Ritter, of the Federal Court, in Miami, with reference to subpoenas received by my Auditor, James Finley, and one of my clerks, Roy Stager. They have received notice to appear in your court on the 9th of January in connection with the case of Alvin Karpis. I have spoken to Judge Ritter because of the fact that these two young men are residents of Miami, living here with their families year-around, and not in a position to make a trip at that time of the year, first because they have no overcoats nor heavy clothing that would be required and their physicians are of the opinion that it might be detrimental to their health to attempt to go into a cold section with the temperature probably sixty or seventy degrees lower than they are accustomed to.

Would it be possible to have the Registration Card, Departure Book, and other records required sent to you together with a certified copy of testimony required? I realize the importance of cases under the jurisdiction of your court, but have discussed this with my physician and he is of the opinion that anyone living in Miami year-round might find it extremely dangerous to their health to go into the cold climate, particularly unless they were well clothed.

In so far as the testimony of either of these young men, they can only verify the records, as it would be impossible for the Clerk to recognize any individual guest, with the number of persons they are registering throughout the year. I would appreciate your assistance and cooperation in any arrangements that can be made so that these men would not have to make this trip during this time of the year.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Leonard K. Thomson, Manager

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Saint Paul,  
December 17, 1935

Leonard K. Thomson,  
Manager,  
The McAllister Hotel,  
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter, dated December 14, 1935, relative to the appearance in the United States District Court at Saint Paul of James Tinley and Roy Stager, your auditor and your clerk.

I am assured by the Department in Washington that everything will be done to insure the comfort, welfare and safety of these government witnesses and I am referring your letter to the proper authorities in order that they may assure you in detail of just what is being done in this connection. I understand that the government is preparing to furnish overcoats and heavy clothing for a large number of witnesses who will come from warm climates and I shall undertake to have the authorities, in charge of these arrangements, inform you directly with reference to the arrangements that are being made.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 18, 1935,  
together with the enclosures, in the above entitled matter.

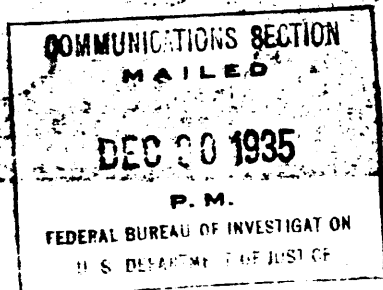
Please be advised that every effort is being made by the  
Bureau through the cooperation of the Department and the Department  
of State to furnish appropriate wearing apparel to those witnesses  
who will appear at the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6,  
1936 in connection with this case, so that these witnesses may be  
suitably clothed to insure their comfort, welfare and safety.

You are instructed to inform all interested persons of  
the Bureau's intention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-18-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN E. BRENNAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><i>copy</i></p> <p><i>ad</i></p> <p>GRABELLE BORN relates became acquainted with Charles Fitzgerald while employed as domestic for Jack Davenport ten years ago. Became acquainted five years later while engaged in bootlegging activities in Chicago. Thereafter maintained close relationship, residing with him in Chicago, Toledo, and San Francisco. Claims never met any of his friends identified in instant case other than Al Woods of Toledo. Left Fitzgerald in Toledo middle of January this year. Claims not to have heard of or from him since that time, but relates that in February received letter from Florida, signed "Friend Jim", stating Fitzgerald had died of an infection. Does not know identity of writer or any further details. Interview terminated leaving BELLE BORN under impression Agents accepted her statement concerning death of Fitzgerald in corroboration of information previously obtained indicating that he is dead.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, 12-14-35.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Anderson</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-8490	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 20 1935
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**DETAILS:**

ISABELLE BOHN, accompanied by Attorneys Robert Phan of Mankato, and Thomas McMeekin of St. Paul, called at the Bureau Office, pursuant to previous arrangement, on December 17, 1935, at which time the purpose of the interview sought with her was outlined to her attorneys. Mr. McMeekin stated that he and Mr. Phan had consulted with BELLE BOHN prior to coming to the Bureau Office and had advised her to answer any questions pertaining to her association with any persons who might in some manner or other be subject of an investigation conducted by the Bureau, but stated that they desired to have it agreed beforehand that no prosecution of BELLE BOHN would result by reason of any information which she might supply concerning violations of the National Prohibition Act, most of which violations, so it was understood, were barred by the statute of limitations anyhow, in reply to which Mr. McMeekin was informed that this Bureau was not concerned with the National Prohibition Act but only with information which might be obtained from BELLE BOHN relating to persons alleged to be involved in the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER.

At the beginning of the interview it was stated to BELLE BOHN that the Bureau desired to know whether she was acquainted with Charles Fitzgerald, and if so, whether Fitzgerald was dead or alive, and that the reason for the latter question was because information had been developed indicating that he may have died within the last year.

BELLE BOHN stated that some time, possibly around the last of February of 1935, while she was in Mankato, Minnesota, she received a letter, the postmark on which was somewhat blurred but which she believed to have been from some point in Florida, which letter stated that Fitzgerald, whom she knew as Murphy, had told the writer of the letter to communicate with BELLE BOHN if anything happened to him, and went on to state that Charlie had died of an infection; that this letter was signed "Friend Jim", and that she does not know the identity of the writer and has received no further information regarding the alleged death of Fitzgerald.

BELLE BOHN was questioned by Special Agent K. E. McLatire and Agent and the following story was told by her:



She stated that she has known Mrs. Jack Davenport of Minneapolis for many years and worked for her as a domestic in Minneapolis for three or four years up to about nine or ten years ago; that while so employed Charles J. Fitzgerald called at the Davenports and he was introduced to her as S. J. MURPHY; that after leaving the employ of the Davenports she became engaged in bootlegging activities which often required her presence in Chicago, and that about five years after meeting Fitzgerald, while engaged in the liquor traffic, she was with some people likewise occupied in Chicago, and while having dinner in a restaurant these people met Fitzgerald in the restaurant and he was again introduced to her. She stated that she recognized Fitzgerald and told him that she had met him at the Davenports five years before; that she was entertained by Fitzgerald during her stay in Chicago on that occasion, and from that time on he would communicate with her at Mankato and ask her to come to Chicago, and he would meet her on these occasions at the station, and she would stay with him for possibly a month at a time in Chicago and then return to her home in Mankato; that in August or September of 1933 she met Fitzgerald in Chicago and he left, stating that he was going to Canada, and she returned to her home in Mankato with the understanding that Fitzgerald would come to Mankato for Thanksgiving dinner; that at the time she left him in Chicago he was suffering from a leg injury which he told her he had suffered in an automobile accident; that on the occasion of this visit to Chicago she and Fitzgerald obtained an apartment, the address of which she does not remember, but which was near 71st Street; that they did not give up the apartment in Chicago when Fitzgerald left ostensibly for Canada and she went to Mankato. She stated that she next saw Fitzgerald at Mankato about Thanksgiving time of 1933 and went back to Chicago with Fitzgerald shortly after Thanksgiving and stayed at this apartment until about the first of December, when Fitzgerald left stating that he was going to Rochester, Minnesota, to have his leg treated; that she returned to Mankato over the Christmas holidays, and went back to the apartment in Chicago about the middle of January 1934. Fitzgerald returned to Chicago about two weeks later, at which time he was walking with a cane and said he had been in a hospital at Rochester and that he was getting along all right, and that his leg which had been fractured was healing nicely.

BELLE BORN stated that Fitzgerald told her that he was running a night club in Chicago but that he had never taken her to this night club, and during her stay in the apartment with Fitzgerald they had no visitors and she met no friends of his. She

stated that she stayed with Fitzgerald at this apartment until about April or May, at which time she accompanied him to Toledo, Ohio; that Fitzgerald told her that he had an interest in a distillery in Canada and that it would be necessary for him to make his headquarters in Toledo to carry on his liquor business; that a couple of years before this she had met some people in Chicago named WOODS, who then lived in Chicago or Calumet City; that when the trip to Toledo was discussed Fitzgerald said that they would stay with the WOODS as WOODS was then living in Toledo; that when they arrived in Toledo they did stay with WOODS and his wife Allyne; that she left Toledo a short time after her arrival and went back to Mankato and stayed a couple of months and then returned to Toledo. She is unable to give the dates but recalls that she was in Toledo on the Fourth of July of 1934; that while in Toledo, Fitzgerald took her to theaters, restaurants, etc., but never took her to any night clubs and never introduced her to any friends of his, and that she met no one other than a MR. and MRS. JAMES, who visited the WOODS on several occasions. She stated that she does not know the first names of either MR. or MRS. JAMES, but understands that JAMES was running some sort of a gambling place in Toledo.

Photographs of various of the members of the Karpis- Barker gang and their associates were exhibited to BELLE BORN at this point but she could not, or would not, identify any of them. She stated that while in Toledo, Fitzgerald was driving a Buick car which was purchased in Chicago; that in the latter part of August she made a trip back home and returned to Toledo, leaving Fitzgerald in Toledo at this time, and it was on this occasion that Fitzgerald stated that a physician in Toledo had recommended that he go to a warmer climate, and that he had obtained the name of one TOBY WILLIAMS, who operated a hospital at Vallejo, California, and intended to go to this hospital for further treatment; that in the latter part of August, as she recalls, she went to Chicago with Fitzgerald by train; that she did not know at this time whether she wanted to continue on to California but did want to visit an old friend of hers, Mrs. Willie Heeney (sister of Mrs. Jack Davenport), and told Fitzgerald that she would stay in Chicago for a few days and might possibly join him later in San Francisco; that Fitzgerald continued on to San Francisco and stated that he would meet her at the William Taylor Hotel or at the Vallejo General Hospital should she decide to go to California; that she stayed with Mrs. Willie Heeney one night and then left for San Francisco, and upon arrival met Fitzgerald at the William Taylor Hotel. Fitzgerald had not been to the hospital as yet, and before going introduced her to a Mrs.

McCarthy, a rather elderly grey-haired woman, whom Fitzgerald stated was a guest of the hotel who had relatives in Oakland, California, and whom he had known for some time. She stated that Fitzgerald obtained a room at the Vallejo General Hospital, and that during the time he was there, or about the latter part of September, she went to Los Angeles, California, to visit Mrs. George McKenzie, a friend of many years, with whom she stayed for about six weeks, and then returned to San Francisco. She visited Fitzgerald at the hospital and upon learning that he could be released, remained until he was discharged from the hospital and then went back to Toledo with Fitzgerald, this being in November of 1934; that they stayed with WOODS in Toledo; that she went home to Mankato Christmas of 1934 and stayed over New Years, and then returned to Toledo and that about the middle of January she found it necessary to return to Mankato as her aunt was ill and had no one to take care of her, and it was at this time that Fitzgerald told her that he was going to Florida and that she would hear from him later. She has heard nothing from Fitzgerald since that time, and the only information she has obtained was from the person signing the letter "Friend Jim" referred to above.

She stated that she knew nothing concerning a farm or any property which Fitzgerald owned near Chicago or at any other place, nor did she know any persons who were acquainted with Fitzgerald other than as stated above.

It might be stated that Mr. Thomas McMeekin informed BELLE BORN that he had appeared with her at the Bureau office with the understanding that he had instructed her to tell all of the truth concerning her association with Fitzgerald, and that he himself was not satisfied with the explanation she gave as to the reason for separating from Fitzgerald in Chicago enroute to California, but she maintained that there was no other reason than as she had stated above.

At this time a telephone call was received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, who conveyed information pertaining to the present whereabouts of Fitzgerald, and who instructed that no indication be given to BELLE BORN that the Agents conducting the interview did not credit the information supplied by her, so that in compliance with these instructions, no indication was given to BELLE BORN that the Agents doubted the

veracity of her statements, in fact it was represented to her at the outset, and at the conclusion, of the interview that the Agents were satisfied that Fitzgerald was dead and merely wanted further verification of his death.

Fingerprints of BELLE BOHN were obtained by Special Agent K. R. McIntire and were forwarded to the Bureau and a copy forwarded to the Chicago Office.

The investigation of the matter relating to the whereabouts of Fitzgerald, which was the subject of the telephone conversation referred to above, will be set forth in a following report.

In view of the information supplied by Special Agent in Charge Connelley, the matter of setting forth leads for San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other points where verification might be obtained of the statements of BELLE BOHN, will be left to the discretion of Special Agent in Charge Connelley.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION,

DECEMBER 19, 1935

Transmit the following message to: **SAS CLEVELAND**

**RUDE**

**BREKID AGENT WILL DEPART FROM INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE TOMORROW REPORTING  
TO YOU TOMORROW TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE AT ASHTABULA, OHIO**

**ROVER**

*Edna J. M. O'Brien*

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 13, 1935.

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Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case.  
Removal of Cuban Witnesses  
to St. Paul, Minnesota.

*Handwritten notes:*  
See  
G. P. ...

In keeping with the instructions of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Whitley of the New York office at 1:55 P.M. on December 13, 1935, with regard to the above matter.

Mr. Whitley stated that his office has interviewed Mr. Hughes, Comptroller of the National City Bank of New York, who has informed him that the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has already communicated with the said bank in the hope of removing the Cuban witnesses to St. Paul. Mr. Hughes has indicated that they will work with us. He stated however, that this is the busy season in Cuba and that it is going to be hard to replace the tellers in the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba during the time that their services as witnesses will be required in St. Paul. He indicated, however, that this matter could be taken care of all right in Cuba. He also stated that the climate in St. Paul is extremely cold and that the bank is a little bit reluctant to order these witnesses to proceed to St. Paul since they might come down with pneumonia. He indicated, however, that if these men were clad in warm clothing there would be little likelihood of their catching cold. He said that he did not feel it was the responsibility of such tellers of this bank to go to the expense of providing themselves with suitable clothing for cold weather. I told Mr. Whitley he could tell Mr. Hughes the Bureau would be willing to supply the witnesses with the necessary warm clothing. I also advised Mr. Whitley that in the event they were reluctant to proceed to St. Paul, he could advise the officials of the bank that we would be willing to let them remain in Cuba until such time as their services were absolutely necessary; that they would then be advised telegraphically to proceed to St. Paul, and they could travel by airplane if this was not objectionable; that the Government would see that they were put on immediately upon their arrival in St. Paul, and that they could return to Havana, Cuba, by plane. It would appear, therefore, that the Government could dispense with the services of these witnesses in such a manner that they would not be away from Havana for a period of more than seven or eight days.

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I told Mr. Whitley to impress this fact upon the officials of the banks in New York City. Mr. Whitley indicated that everything looks very good insofar as the matter of having the witnesses from the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba, proceed to St. Paul is concerned.

Mr. Whitley stated that his office has also communicated with Mr. Sherill, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York. Mr. Sherill is a former Special Agent of the Bureau. Mr. Whitley was informed that Mr. Sherill knew nothing about this matter, that he wanted to cooperate with the Bureau, but that he first wanted the full details in the matter. He is therefore communicating with his branch bank in Havana, Cuba to ascertain the number and identity of witnesses who have been requested to proceed to St. Paul, and also to ascertain the identity of the books and records which will be necessary for trial purposes. Mr. Whitley indicated that he will keep in close touch with Mr. Sherill and will advise the Bureau immediately. He indicated that there is a very good possibility that Mr. Sherill will order such witnesses as the Government desires to proceed to St. Paul in keeping with our request.

Mr. Sherill presented the same arguments with regard to clothing. I told Mr. Whitley that the Bureau would stand the expense of furnishing these witnesses with the necessary warm clothing. I told Mr. Whitley that if he has any difficulty in persuading Mr. Sherill to order the witnesses to proceed to St. Paul, he should inform Mr. Sherill that this is undoubtedly the most important case which the Bureau has ever handled; that we are presently trying two men in St. Paul who are very dangerous gangsters, and a third man, namely Cassius McDonald, who is an international confidence man of the first rank; that he will never be prosecuted unless the Government prosecutes him, and that if we are deprived of the necessary witnesses from Cuba, we might just as well fold up now and not go forth with the trial; that if we were compelled to proceed to trial without the witnesses, it would mean that Cassius McDonald could not be tried; that if he were tried at a later date it appears very obvious that the Government would not succeed in convicting him if tried separately; that unless he is tried together with Sawyer and Weaver, the Government's chances for convicting Sawyer are very slender. I told Mr. Whitley to impress Mr. Sherill with the extreme importance of this case and the dire necessity of having the necessary witnesses present at the proper time. He said he would follow this matter very closely.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.



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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Egan
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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

*Edward A. Bremer*

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FBI LOS ANGELES 12-20-35 TWO PM

DIRECTOR

SAC CONNELLEY

PHONE BREKID. DEVELOPMENTS HERE TODAY CONCERNING FITZGERALD ARE THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED THAT HIS SECRETARY THE ROBERTSON WOMAN MADE STATEMENT YESTERDAY THAT SHE HAD LEFT FORMERS EMPLOY. LEAVING WORD AT HIS APARTMENT THAT IF HE GOT DRUNK SHE SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED. ASCERTAINED THAT ONE KNOWN JOINT BANK ACCOUNT OF THE TWO WAS CLOSED ON DECEMBER 17. FURTHER THAT FITZGERALD CONTEMPLATED LEAVING HERE BY PLANE ON NIGHT OF DECEMBER 19 FOR VISIT TO CHICAGO EVIDENTLY TO RETURN HERE. HOWEVER, HE CANCELLED THESE PLANS AND HAS INDICATED INTENTIONS REMAINING HERE THRU HOLIDAYS.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P.O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California

December 19, 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:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of December 3, 1935, (7-576) addressed to the Kansas City Office wherein it is requested that offices receiving copies of that letter interview the parties noted therein within their respective districts with a view to obtaining information as to who purchased the underwear and other articles of clothing which were worn by victim Bremer upon his release from the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois.

Reference is also made to letter from the Kansas City Office to this office dated December 7, 1935, which enclosed a copy of the receipt executed by Mrs. Rodney Davis, mother of Volney Davis, for the money and property of Volney Davis.

Appropriate arrangements to interview Volney Davis at Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary were made through Assistant Warden Major C.J. Shuttleworth. In this connection it should be stated that there are no interview rooms provided in the Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary for the interview of prisoners, and previous interviews in the past with prisoners have been conducted in a vacant part of the cell block near the solitary confinement cells. On this particular occasion, however, all of the solitary confinement cells were occupied and it was therefore necessary for Major Shuttleworth to arrange a vacant cell on the opposite side of the cell block and in view of the prison library for Agent to conduct interview with Volney Davis.

*Volney Davis*

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*Wade*  
*copy 12-27-35*  
*and*

In accordance with arrangements made with Major Shuttleworth, Agent W.R. Ramsey of this office proceeded to Alcatraz Island to interview Davis. On the day in question dental calls had been arranged for various other prisoners in order that the fact that Davis was held out of the regular work detail on this particular day would not be noticeable.

Upon being brought out of his cell, however, on the occasion of this visit of Agent Ramsey to Alcatraz, Davis asked Major Shuttleworth if any one was there to see him and upon being advised that such was the case stated that he did not desire to see any one. However, he was requested by Major Shuttleworth to personally make this statement to the person desiring to see him.

Davis then came to the cell where Agent was waiting to interview him and stated in a loud voice, obviously intended for the other prisoners to hear, "I don't want to talk to anyone." He refused to come into the cell which was improvised for an interview room. However, with a view to dissolving the attitude of Davis, Agent Ramsey advised him that he did not desire to secure any information from him but desired to show him some papers of interest to him. Davis then hesitated and Agent advised him that the day in question had been set aside as a dental call day and that other prisoners in addition to Davis had been held out of the regular working ranks and that therefore no prisoner would know of this interview with him. Agent Ramsey also advised him that his, Agent's, presence was unknown to other prisoners and that this meeting with Agent would not be known. Davis immediately stated that "I know different" and that with "These cons in here I can't do it."

At this time Agent exhibited to Davis the copy of receipt signed by Mrs. Rodney Davis for the money of Davis which had been turned over to her. Davis looked at this receipt and read it, but immediately handed it back and said he did not want to be interviewed, that he could not be interviewed in view of the attitude of the convicts at Alcatraz, and immediately walked back to the guard requesting to go to his cell.

In spite of Davis' refusal to be interviewed on this occasion, a later attempt will be made to interview him.

Very truly yours,

  
Jay C. Newman  
Special Agent in Charge

AIRMAIL  
WER:MG  
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cc - Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati, Detroit,  
Cleveland, Omaha, Kansas City.

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**R WHITLEY**  
**FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE**  
**370 Lexington Avenue Room 1408**  
**New York City NY**

**URGENT WIRE IMMEDIATELY RESULTS YOUR CONTACT WITH NATIONAL CITY BANK**  
**CONCERNING HAVANA WITNESSES**

**DECODE**

cc - Bureau ✓  
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 E. J. Connelley, Chicago,  
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*Ed. Gandy*

Case

Post Office Box 4807  
Jacksonville, Florida  
December 19, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Post Office Box 213  
Chicago, Illinois.

DEC 21 1935

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID.

*Ed George Bremer*

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Very truly yours,

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E. A. 213  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
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Post Office Box 4807,  
Jacksonville, Florida

December 19, 1935

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

DEC 19 1935



Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Referenced is your letter of December 18, 1935, enclosing a letter addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley, 1535 West Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, bearing the return address of Post Office Box 4807, Jacksonville, Florida.

The above information is in confirmation of telegram sent you this morning.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY  
to Bureau  
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*Ad. George Bremer*

E J CONNELLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

URGENT PURSUANT REQUEST YOUR LETTER YESTERDAY  
LETTER MAILED WILL LEAVE JACKSONVILLE TOMORROW MORNING  
CHICAGO SATURDAY MORNING SEVEN YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FULLY  
COMPLIED WITH

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11:00 AM

cc Bureau

St. Paul

Cincinnati

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**H E ANDERSEN  
 FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
 232 Uptown Station & Federal Courts  
 St Paul Minn**

**NEEKID TWO WITNESSES NATIONAL HOTEL HAVANA HAVE ASKED TO PROCEED TO STPAUL**  
**ALT**

**DECODE**

**RAA:MFS  
 cc - Bureau  
 E. J. Connelley, Chicago,  
 Cincinnati**

*Ed - George Bremer*

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December 19, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,

Aberdeen, South Dakota.

*ALL Field Offices*

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

Dear Sir:

In the near future the Bureau will issue an identification order on William Elmer Mead. In order that all offices will have a thorough understanding of Mead's background, his habits, contacts, friends, and method of operating, it is requested that each office immediately prepare a summary report of all the information in its files and furnish the same to all interested offices. Mead's criminal activities and places of residence have never been limited to any one particular area, for which reason it is felt that each office in the country should be furnished with all pertinent available data concerning Mead. It is desired that these summary reports be prepared and forwarded to interested field offices not later than January 20, 1936.

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As a matter of assistance in this investigation, the Bureau is transmitting under separate cover to each field office five positive photostatic copies of Mead's handwriting which he has signed in handwriting, using the name of C. E. Carter; ten positive photostatic copies of Mead's handwriting which he signed using the name of W. E. Mead; two photographic copies of Mead's fingerprint card, showing the mutilated condition of his fingerprints, the same card bearing his signature as C. E. Carter, and two photographs of Mead. Communications Section transmitted to each office under separate cover five copies of a group photograph of Mead showing him in a standing position, and five copies of a bust photograph of Mead.

*Copies of this letter sent to SAC's MEC*

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
DEC 19 1935

For your confidential information, Mead is wanted for questioning in connection with the Bremer Case. In 1933 at St. Louis, Missouri, one Martin Wunderlich, 530 Noyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, was mulcted out of \$200,000 in a confidence scheme by Mead. In order to enable himself to continue in his road construction

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work, Wunderlich borrowed \$100,000 from Edward George Bremer. This information should not be disclosed to anyone other than Special Agents since it might jeopardize Wunderlich's financial position with bonding companies. The Bureau feels that Mead may have some knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping and the request is therefore being made of each field ~~thorough investigation looking toward his~~ apprehension.

Mead, as one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 1922, charged with Mail Fraud. A bond of \$10,000 was posted by Mead on April 2, 1934, which bond was later estreated and a capias was issued for his failure to appear.

From information developed in the investigation of the Dillinger case, it appears that Mead, using the alias of Lane, has been familiar with Louis Piquett and Arthur O'Leary for some time. Piquett and O'Leary introduced Dr. William Loeser to Mead at Elgin, Illinois during the spring of 1934. Arrangements were then made for Loeser to proceed to Louisville, Kentucky, where on May 26, 1934, he altered the fingerprints of Mead.

Mead has used the following aliases:

J. W. Reed	E. E. Laird	one Clark
John Henry Foster	Edward E. Gaynor	C. L. Lane
Edwin Elza Gaynor	C. C. Chase	C. E. Charles
Charles E. Carter	John J. Meadows	Frank Taylor
G. C. Chase	William E. Reed	William E. Meade
J. W. Barker	"Judge"	J. C. Walters
J. H. Parker	J. W. Read	J. W. Parker
"Christ Kid"	one Fuller	Frank F. Taylor
		Dr. John P. Carver

Kate Mead, the wife of William Elmer Mead, has used the following aliases:

Marie Mead	Mrs. C. C. Chase
Katherine Mead	"Klondike Kate"
Kate Schmidt	"Frisco Kate"
Kate Schmitt	"California Kate"

She is described as follows:

Age	45 years	Complexion	Medium
Height	5 feet 4 to 5 inches	Hair	Brown turning grey
Weight	165 pounds	Eyes	Blue
Build	Heavy	Nationality	American
		Scar on inner forearm of right arm.	

SAC Aberdeen


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Mead's description is as follows:

Age	58 years (1935)
Height	5 feet, 10 to 11 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Grey (partially bald)
Mustache	Grey
Eyes	Blue (occasionally wears eyeglasses)
Nationality	American
Occupation	Confidence man
Peculiarities	Speaks with a querulous voice; frequently uses "Ain't" and double negatives; apparently has worn a toupee; left eye blinks nervously; left shoulder and left side of face partially paralyzed; right corner of mouth is drawn down when speaking; religion, Catholic; marital status, married.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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SACS DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY

PHONE BREKID. DALLAS WILL REFER REPORT GLEASON 12-17-35 AS TO TRIP 12-21-35  
 PAMPA TEXAS TO TULSA OKLAHOMA EULA BEE CAMPBELL, AND ARRANGE IMMEDIATELY TO  
 DETERMINE WHEN SHE MAKES THE TRIP, WHO SHE CONTACTS AND ADVISE OKLAHOMA CITY  
 IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY TAKE UP DISCREET SURVEILLANCE IMMEDIATELY SHE ARRIVES  
 TULSA AND WHICH SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN CONNECTION OKLAHOMA CITY SURVEILLANCE NOW  
 BEING MAINTAINED AS TO MOTHER AND FATHER CAMPBELL AT TULSA. IF NO OTHER SUITABLE DEFINITE  
 CHECK/CAN BE ARRANGED BY DALLAS THEN AN AGENT SHOULD PROCEED ON THE BUS TRIP WITH CHILD  
 UNDER COVER. OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD CHECK CAREFULLY PACKAGES MAIL EXPRESS OR OTHERWISE TO  
 CAMPBELL HOME TULSA.  
 DALLAS SHOULD CONTINUE INQUIRY BY HAVING AN AGENT CONTACT ALL SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
 THEIR DISTRICT APPROXIMATELY TEN DAY INTERVALS UNTIL DEFINITE INFORMATION OBTAINED.

CONNELLY

CC CINCINNATI, ST PAUL, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, CLEVELAND.

PLEASE ACK

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AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAINTAIN SUCH SURVEILLANCE

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Post Office Box 6807  
Jacksonville, Florida  
December 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your memorandum to all field offices dated December 12, 1935, requesting that an appropriate flash card be placed with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in their respective districts for the purpose of securing information concerning 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number PJ 22172, serial number 2419837, please be advised that the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has informed that application to register this car has not been made in the State of Florida; that a Stop card has been placed in his files, and in event application is made to register this car for title or tag the Jacksonville office will be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul.

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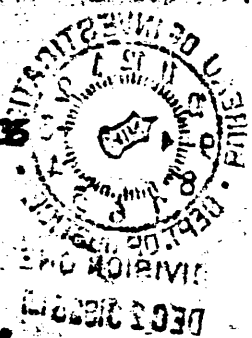
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*Ed. George O'Brien*

610 Glenn Ward Hotel Building,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

December 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.



RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218,  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping,  
Aberdeen file 7-8

Dear sir:

With reference to circular letter issued by the  
Cleveland Office under date of December 12, 1935, in the  
above matter, a stop order has been placed with the Motor  
Vehicle Departments at Pierre, South Dakota and Bismarck,  
North Dakota, against 1935 Plymouth Sedan Motor #PJ-322,772,  
Serial #2,619,857.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

WH:MR  
cc: Cleveland  
cc: Bureau

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1200 BANKERS' BUILDING  
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DECEMBER 19, 1935

J. H. HANSON  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
617 Federal Building  
Los Angeles, California

BREKID REFER REPORT GLEASON DALLAS DECEMBER SEVENTEEN AND MAKE  
SUITABLE INQUIRY ADDRESSES GIVEN LOSANGELES

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RECID AGENT J H JONES LEAVING CHICAGO THREE THIRTY AM  
TOMORROW ARRIVING VIA PLANE LOS ANGELES THREE FIFTY PM  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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December 18, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 13, 1935 instructing that appropriate steps be taken to return Buick automobile, motor number 2845179 to Helen Ferguson at an early date.

Please be advised that on December 17, 1935 Special Agent R. C. Suran conferred with Assistant United States Attorney R. P. Drymalaki concerning this matter and Mr. Drymalaki stated that in his opinion it would not be necessary to file a petition on behalf of Helen Ferguson in order to return the said Buick automobile to her. However, Agent Suran suggested to him that perhaps, although not necessary, it would be better procedure to have such a petition filed inasmuch as this Buick was in the possession of this Bureau by Court order.

Mr. Drymalaki, after further consideration of the matter, stated that he would file a petition requesting that the court return the said automobile to Helen Ferguson and that the petition would be filed some time during the present week.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 19, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype, dated December 17, 1935, which advised that on November 13, 1935, at 12:30 am a telephone call was made from the apartment of Mrs. Robertson, which is known as the Victoria Apartments, Los Angeles, to Murray Cook of the Swallows Restaurant at Ashtabula, O., telephone number 2513, which information was also telephonically communicated to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland on December 17th, 1935.

Special Agents E. J. Wynn and C. E. Smith made a search of the Ashtabula city directory and ascertained that the Swallows (not Shallows) is a restaurant and cocktail lounge located at 1107 Prospect Street, Ashtabula, Ohio, telephone number 2170. The city directory further reflects that Edward S. Dempsey, of 1301 Bunker Hill Road is manager of the Swallows as well as a restaurant and beer parlor located at 4504 Main Street, Ashtabula, Ohio, and his wife, Irene, is President of the Ashtabula Distributing Co., located in the rear of the Swallows Restaurant.

The city directory further reflects that Murray Cook, occupation - attorney, resides at 1301 Bunker Hill Road, together with Mrs. Nora Cook, widow of H. D. Cook, and Edward S. Dempsey and Irene Dempsey; telephone No. 2513 is listed to Mrs. Nora Cook at 1301 Bunker Hill Road.

Mr. Mark Miller, postmaster, and Mr. H. L. Watrous, assistant postmaster, were interviewed and advised that H. D. ("Hi") Cook was the father of Murray and Nora was his, Hi's, widow. Nora Cook's maiden name is Barrett and she has resided in Ashtabula practically all her life and bears an excellent reputation.

It was learned that H. D. Cook was killed in an automobile accident at the outskirts of Painesville, Ohio, about April 1929. The elder Cook had built up a fortune in excess of \$300,000 through sales of gasoline stations to The Standard Oil Company. The elder cook bore an excellent reputation in business and was considered scrupulously honest; however, he was

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known to be a very crooked poker player and was barred from all the larger games between Cleveland and Chicago. Mr. Miller advised that Murray Cook had been more or less of a spendthrift and had attended some school in Michigan, the exact school not known, and had been admitted to the Bar; however, he did not practice at his profession.

About 1921 he married a girl by the name of Pauline Miller, who, he thought, was from Toledo, Ohio. Murray and Pauline separated approximately eight years ago and were divorced in 1930. During the time they were married Pauline and Murray had purchased an apartment house at 917-27 Banker Hill Road and it was Mr. Miller's impression that Pauline had put up \$10,000 of the original amount, and on June 21, 1922, a local building and loan association, of which the postmaster is a director, loaned them \$14,000 to complete the building. However, the notes on the mortgage and the taxes have not been paid, and the building association is endeavoring to foreclose on the mortgage. As a result of this action the association has been endeavoring to cause service to be made upon Pauline Miller through her attorney, Mr. T. Warren, of Ashtabula, Ohio, who has either failed or refused to supply the association with her present address; however, a waiver of personal service was signed by Pauline through her attorney, and at the present time the association is collecting the rent on the apartment.

A check of the register records at the Ashtabula Post Office reflects that on December 11, 1935, Mr. T. Warren, attorney for Pauline Miller, forwarded a registered letter bearing No. 2499 to Pauline Miller at 3211 River Road, Toledo, Ohio. Continuing, Mr. Miller stated that it was his recollection Murray Cook took over the active management of the Swallows about eight or nine months ago and the present bank report shows a steady increase and better rating.

Edward S. Dempsey, who operates a joint restaurant and cafe at 4504 Main Street, Ashtabula, Ohio, according to Mr. Miller, is a first engineer on boats operating on the Great Lakes out of Ashtabula, O., and while he has never known the man intimately stated that he does not know of anything wrong about him. About fifteen years ago Mr. Dempsey married Irene Cook, a sister of Murray Cook, and at present she is president of the Ashtabula Distributing Co., which is a beer distributing company controlled by the Cook family.

Agents proceeded to the Swallows and found same to be a rather high-class restaurant and cocktail lounge, which has a small platform for an or-

chestra of about six members, dance floor surrounded by tables and with a bar on one side of the room. Both the interior and exterior of the Swallows appeared to be very clean and neat.

During the time agents were in the Swallows they engaged in conversation with Murray Cook relative to various brands of liquors for the purpose of observing him.

The following description of Murray Cook as noted by Agents Smith and Ryan is herein set forth:

Name	-	Murray Cook
Age	-	28 to 40
Height		5' 10"
Weight		180 lbs.
Hair		dark chestnut, receding at temples; slightly bald spot on top; parted on left side;
Eyes		dark, slightly pepped
Teeth		good
Complexion		medium
Scars and marks		light colored molds on left and right cheek bones, left and rt. cheeks and right upper lip

Appearance and peculiarities		well groomed; pleasant disposition; used left hand to serve and pour drinks and wash glasses.
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A check of the occupants of the Miller apartment located at 917-27 Bunker Hill Road was made at agents' request by Mr. Miller through the bank, and it was ascertained that all had been in there more than six months; that they are all local people, known and respectable.

Mr. Miller was asked upon all first class rail lines, including the Swallows and the 1501 Bunker Hill Road. Miller stated that he recalls rumors to the effect that Pauline Miller had been traveling in Florida, Los Angeles and Chicago; however, he was unable to furnish any definite information relative to her present whereabouts.

It was deemed advisable upon the basis of this information to endeavor to ascertain the present whereabouts of Pauline Miller by tracing the registered letter sent her at Still River Road, Toledo, Ohio, before conducting any further investigation at Ashtabula, Ohio, and in this connection Special Agent B. M. Hirsch conducted an investigation at Toledo, Ohio, and ascertained the following pertinent facts:

Special Agent B. M. Hirsch telephonically communicated with the writer today at 4:30 pm from Toledo and advised that he had ascertained from the mail carrier that registered letter No. 2499 had been received at that city on December 12, 1935; that it was addressed to Pauline Miller or Mrs. A. V. Watkins, Still River Road, Toledo, O., and had been delivered to Mrs. A. V. Watkins. A return receipt was requested. The carrier recalled that about one and one-half or two years ago he had delivered a registered letter from an attorney by the name of T. Warren to Mrs. Watkins. According to the carrier, there has not been much correspondence between Warren and Mrs. Watkins. Mrs. Watkins is the mother of Pauline Miller.

It was mentioned by the mail carrier that he does not recall seeing Pauline Miller since last Christmas. He remembered, however, that Mrs. Watkins received a letter about one week ago from some place in California, probably San Francisco or Los Angeles, which bore the return address of P. Miller. He was not positive of this, but will make further effort to verify the same.

According to Agent Hirsch, Still River Road is in a nice residential section of Toledo. Mrs. Watkins, upon the death of her husband, received quite a bit of money, and Agent Hirsch ascertained that Pauline and her brother spent about \$150,000 in a very short period of time, owning about five or six cars and "hitting all the high spots". Mrs. Miller later married Dr. Watkins, who is an advertising dentist. The boy went to work. Pauline is said never to have been engaged in any gainful occupation. Agent Hirsch has been unable to develop anything criminal about the activities of Dr. Watkins.

Agent Hirsch also ascertained that there was a bit of publicity about Dr. and Mrs. Watkins about three years ago. It seems that they were returning from the LaTabernilla Tavern and met with an accident in which Mrs. Watkins was injured and laid up for quite awhile. This tavern is supposed to be operated by an honest man, but it does contain gambling tables. However, it is considered respectable. The entrance is by card.

Pauline Miller is supposed to be about thirty years of age and good looking; a nice dresser. She is said to have married a baseball player, but Agent Hirsh was unable to develop any more information in this regard, that is, as to his name, occupation, where the marriage took place, etc.

A further check will be made at Ashtabula in an endeavor to ascertain long distance telephone calls made in connection with the Swallows, the home of Murray Cook and also the restaurant operated by Edward H. Dempsey, and other investigation pursuant to your telephone conversation this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Los Angeles



1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 19, 1935.

*George O'Brien*

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Confirming your letter of December 18, 1935, with  
and E. J. Wynn of this office, effective December 18, 1935,  
1501 Bunker Hill Road,  
Street, Ashland, Ohio, please be advised that  
made in connection with an official investigation.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

MJW/MSB

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F. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward G. Bremer*

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PHONE BREKID REFER TELETYPE CHICAGO OFFICE 12-17-35 RELATIVE TELEPHONE

CALL MADE TO MURRAY COOK ASHTABULA OHIO FROM FITZGERALD LOS ANGELES. MURRAY

COOK IS OPERATOR OF SWALLOWS RESTAURANT. <sup>ch</sup> IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF KARPIS AND

CAMPBELL CONTACTING THERE SAC CONNELLEY SUGGESTED THAT THIS OFFICE REQUEST BUREAU

FOR TWO AGENTS TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE AT SAID RESTAURANT AGENTS TO BE SELECTED

SHOULD BE INCONSPICUOUS TYPE SMALL OF BUILD LEVEL HEADED AND CONSERVATIVE DRESSERS.

SPECIAL AGENT B M HIRSH OF THIS OFFICE WILL START SURVEILLANCE THIS RESTAURANT

TOMORROW. OTHER AGENTS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED THIS OFFICE UNSUITABLE THIS ASSIGNMENT

AND ARE KNOWN AT ASHTABULA. ADVISE

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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
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- Mr. Harbo .....
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- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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SAC CONNELLEY

PHONE. BREKID. REFERRING SAC CONNELLEYS TELETYPE YESTERDAY AND BUREAU LETTER DATED DECEMBER 5, 1935 TO KANSAS CITY OFFICE REQUESTING INTERVIEW WITH VOLNEY DAVIS. EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW DAVIS ON DECEMBER 10, 1935 RESULTED IN HIS REFUSAL TO BE INTERVIEWED DUE TO LIGHT WHICH IT PLACED HIM IN WITH OTHER INMATES. WARDEN JOHNSTON WAS PERSONALLY CONTACTED BY AGENT RAMSEY OF THIS OFFICE AT ALCATRAZ TODAY AND HE ADVISED ATTITUDE OF DAVIS HAD NOT CHANGED, DAVIS REFUSING TO BE INTERVIEWED.

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*Alvin Karpis*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/17/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/4, 10, 11/14/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. W. BLEASON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

McNeels have moved from R # 1, Electra, Tex., to R # 2, Iowa Park, Tex. They also send and receive mail at Holliday, Texas. Mail covered by [redacted] 35, and tracing [redacted] 17-35. Harry Campbell apparently not in contact with Mildred or Eula Bee Campbell or Mrs. Gibson. Investigation at Pampa indicates Mildred Campbell has remarried and is now Mrs. R. Mackie [redacted]

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Special Agent E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 27, 1935.

**DETAILS: AT ELECTRA, TEXAS:**

W. N. Owen, Rural Mail Carrier, Route 1, Electra, Texas, was interviewed by Agent at the Post Office in Electra, Texas, on December 4, 1935. Owen advised that he is now out of contact with Howard L. McNeel and wife, Myrtle, who, with their family consisting of four children, formerly lived on a farm on Owen's mail route; namely, Route 1, Electra, Texas. Owen informed that the McNeels moved from the farm and consequently his route in July, 1935, and he believes the McNeels now live on Route 2 out of Iowa Park, Texas, on a Cappock Oil Lease. He stated the McNeels, therefore, since July, 1935, must receive their mail at the new address mentioned above. Owen further advised that [redacted] informed of all mail [redacted]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Beary</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
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communications to the McNeels, and that the last mail package from Buffalo, New York. He could not recall particular details of the package, but said the information concerning the package and his recollection had been given by [redacted] [redacted] thought was [redacted] Agent E. J. Dowd, as [redacted] all mail "spoiled" by him before [redacted] 1935, and came to the attention of the Dallas Office.

Owen further informed that the rural mail carrier on Route 2 out of Iowa Park, Texas, is one Boyd, but whose first name is unknown to him. Agent asked Owen if Boyd were the type of person and the type of mail carrier who would understand the situation and cooperate as he, Owen, had done, and Owen was somewhat doubtful. He stated that Boyd is about fifty years old, had been in ill health, and is inclined to be rather "cranky." Owen further stated, however, that he has had only a few contacts with Boyd, and these only by reason of the fact that their mail routes intersect at one point. [redacted] [redacted] Postmaster at Iowa Park, Texas, and place the mail cover through him, and inquire of him concerning Boyd's ability to serve as a confidential informant in this case.

Since Owen has been a most dependable contact at Electra, Texas, Agent asked him if he could suggest any other person to take his place, and he advised that O. E. Whisnand, County Highway Officer, residing in Electra, Texas, was not a talkative person, and might be able to assist in determining definitely whether Harry Campbell is living with the McNeels or associated with them in their new vicinity or making contacts of any kind through them. Owen informed that he believed Special Agent E. J. Dowd had either consulted Whisnand on a prior occasion or had referred to Whisnand as a dependable person. Owen stated that H. G. Whisnand, a younger brother of O. E. Whisnand, was at present Constable in Electra, but is inclined to be talkative.

Agent's visit renewed Owen's interest in this case and he promised to advise the Dallas Office at any time that he receives any information that might be helpful in locating Harry Campbell.

Efforts to contact O. E. Whisnand were unsuccessful for the reason that he was out of the city, at Wichita Falls, Texas, at the time of Agent's transactions in Electra.

The investigation reported above was made on the second day of Agent's present road trip, and Agent returned to Iowa Park, Texas, from Amarillo, Texas, on December 14, 1935, and the investigation requested in reference letter to be made at Electra, Texas, was made at Iowa Park, Texas; however, efforts to contact O. E. Whisnand at Electra, Texas, were again unsuccessful on December 14, 1935.

At Iowa PARK, TEXAS:

he would gladly cooperate in any way to assist the Department of Justice.  
[redacted] the past few Postal  
[redacted] been robbed three times;  
[redacted] locate [redacted] the cases [redacted] however  
[redacted] submitted by [redacted] that he now has mail [redacted]  
[redacted] cases. Mr. Burrows [redacted] he would cover all mail [redacted]  
[redacted] Myrtle McNeel, and [redacted] George W. [redacted]  
[redacted]. He [redacted] advised that he would cover all communications mailed  
[redacted] persons. The mail cover was placed December 14, 1935.

Agent inquired of Mr. Burrows as to whether or not Boyd, the mail carrier on Route 2, Iowa Park, was the type of person and type of mail carrier who would cooperate in this matter. Burrows advised that Boyd was the type of man and carrier who would understand the situation and appreciate the confidential aspect of the case; that he is at present cooperating fully with Burrows on the mail covers referred to.

E. P. Boyd, Rural Mail Carrier, Route 2 out of Iowa Park, Texas, advised Agent that he delivered McNeel's mail to their box. He informed Agent that McNeel's mail box is located at a point where the Iowa Park and Holliday road intersects the Whachita Falls and K. M. A. road. He stated he had never met any of the McNeels, except Mrs. McNeel; that the McNeels do not receive "a great deal" of mail and seldom send out any mail. Mr. Boyd was of the opinion, however, that the McNeels might get some of their mail, as well as send mail, through the Post Office at Holliday, Texas, which is located only a few miles from Iowa Park. Boyd further advised that the McNeels received "quite a few" small packages. Mr. Boyd suggested that the McNeels might put mail in other boxes located near their own in order that all mail sent out by them would not be observed, and he promised to be very alert in watching all mail which he extracts from the boxes near that of the McNeels.

On Tuesday morning, December 14, 1935, the Dallas Office received a letter from E. C. Burrows, enclosing tracing of an envelope addressed to Mrs. Howard L. McNeel, Route # 2, Iowa Park, Texas. The return address as shown by the tracing is as follows: Mrs. J. C. Baltz, 24124 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, California. The envelope was postmarked Los Angeles, December 8, 1935, Arcadia, Cal. 6.

#### AT HOLLIDAY, TEXAS:

Agent interviewed J. W. Stegall, Postmaster, and Mrs. Mabel Darden, Clerk, Holliday, Texas, on December 14, 1935, and the mail cover referred to later in this paragraph was [redacted] that date. Mrs. Mabel Darden advised that she would examine very closely all mail received and sent by Howard L. McNeel, Myrtle McNeel, and the four McNeel children. Mrs. Darden informed Agent upon examination of the money order records as follows:

That on 9-11-35, Money Order No. 71422, in the amount of \$1.45

was sent by H. L. McNeel, from R 2, Iowa Park, to the Ingersol Waterbury Co., Waterbury, Conn.

That on 9-19-35, Money Order No. 71479, in the amount of \$3.00 was sent by H. L. McNeel to W. F. Quarri Co., Chicago, Illinois.

That on 11-1-35, Money Order No. 71897, in the amount of \$7.00 was sent by H. L. McNeel to the same company in Chicago.

Mrs. Darden stated that the McNeels used to get mail out of the Holliday Post Office, but that they had not received or sent any mail there for a long time; however, she promised that she and Mr. Stegall would handle the mail cover conscientiously.

On Tuesday morning, December 17th, the Dallas Office received a letter from J. W. Stegall reporting that a letter had been deposited on the morning of December 16th with the following description:

McNeel  
R.2 Iowa Park  
Texas

Mrs. I. W. McNeel  
3284 Olympic Blvd.  
Uptown  
Los Angeles, Cali.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 17th, the Dallas Office received the following letter from J. W. Stegall, dated December 16, 1935:

My dear Sir:

The son of H. L. McNeel got M. O. B. in amount of \$3.00 made to W. F. Quarrie & Sons, 35 East Whacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. This order was secured this afternoon and mailed by the boy."

AT PAMPA, TEXAS:

Sergeant R. H. Routh, Texas Highway Patrol, a resident of Pampa, Texas, was interviewed by Agent at the office of Sheriff Earl Tally, Pampa, Texas, on December 10, 1935. Sergeant Routh advised that until very recently he has carefully watched the home of Mildred Campbell, wife of Harry Campbell, and the home of Mrs. Ralph E. Gibson, mother of Mildred Campbell, with special reference to any strange automobiles or any automobile that might have brought Harry Campbell to Mildred or Mrs. Gibson, but that he had made no observation indicating that Harry Campbell is with them at the present time or has "slipped" in to Pampa to see them. He did not know if Harry Campbell has been in communication with them at any time. Sergeant Routh explained that because of the nature of his work he is very familiar with cars and license plates, and has a book in his possession at all times



to which he can refer when in doubt as to any license. He informed that he has always been interested in this case since he first worked with Special Agent E. J. Dowd and interviewed Mrs. Gibson on the pretext that there was a defect in the registration of her car, and through her learned of Mildred Campbell's location in Pampa. Routh is of the opinion that Harry and Mildred must be definitely out of contact with each other, basing his opinion on the following reasoning: That when he and Agent Dowd learned from her that Harry had a sister who was a school teacher at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who gave Harry money occasionally when he needed it, that she, Mildred, and daughter had made some trips to Tulsa to see Harry's folks, therefore, Mildred and Harry must have been definitely separated and out of contact with each other or she, Mildred, would not have given that much information. Further, that if Mildred and Harry had not been out of contact at the time that information was given by her, then upon further consideration she probably notified Harry of what she had said, and that after that they would not be apt to communicate with each other. However, Sergeant Routh evidenced renewed interest in this case and promised that he would gladly make immediate and continued effort to verify definitely whether or not Harry is now or in the future making any contact with Mildred or Mrs. Gibson.

E. C. Rupp, Clerk, Pampa Post Office, a former resident of Casper, Wyoming, where he knew Mildred Campbell and her mother, and who had previously promised his assistance, was interviewed in the Post Office on December 11, 1935. Mr. Rupp advised that he had not seen Mildred Campbell in Pampa for at least a month; that he was under the impression that some person had told him Mildred Campbell had remarried and was now living on a ranch, the location of which he could not state; that he was quite sure the information as to Mildred's remarriage and removal to a ranch had come to him from Charles Yantes who lives in the cottage next door to the one occupied by Mrs. Gibson in Pampa. Agent inquired of Mr. Rupp whether Charles Yantes was the type of person who could be established as a confidential informant, and Mr. Rupp informed that it would be inadvisable to consult Yantes for the reason that Yantes "would talk" and is referred to around Pampa as "Huey Long." Rupp stated that Mrs. Gibson has given up Box 611 in the Post Office and now has Box 1673, through which box he was quite certain both Mrs. Gibson and Mildred Campbell receive mail. It was Rupp's opinion that Mr. R. E. Gibson, husband of Mrs. Gibson, is a respectable person and does not live with Mrs. Gibson. Rupp further advised that about six weeks ago his young son, who sells and delivers Liberty Magazines, was in Mrs. Gibson's neighborhood looking for a former customer, and saw and talked with Mrs. Gibson. Rupp could not inform, however, definitely whether or not Harry Campbell has been in communication with Mildred or Mrs. Gibson, or whether or not Harry is with them at the present time. During the course of the next reported interview, Cecil, Rupp was called back into the Postmaster's office and instructed by the Postmaster, in Agent's presence, to watch the mail of Mrs. Gibson and Mildred Campbell very closely, with particular reference to any mail coming from Cleveland, Ohio, or vicinity, in accordance



with the desire expressed in reference letter.

David E. Cecil, Postmaster, Pampa, Texas, was interviewed in his private office at the Post Office. Mr. Cecil advised that he sees Mildred Campbell quite often, and that it has not been many days since he had last seen her in Pampa. He informed that only a few days before Agent's visit he had seen Mildred in company with a young man who did not appear to be more than 17 years old, in a grocery store buying groceries. Mr. Cecil stated that Mildred looked "ragged and worn down", and with the young man was riding in an "old wreck Ford Coupe." He is of the opinion, therefore, that she does not have much money; that Harry has definitely "ditched her"; and that she and Harry are not in communication. Mr. Cecil had not seen Mrs. Gibson for a long time. He recalled the following incident: Two years ago he was opening a Christmas package in his office that had arrived for Mrs. Gibson, and while he was in the process of unwrapping the package in search of information that would assist in this case, Mrs. Gibson called at the Post Office for the package; however, he was able to get the package to her with little delay, with an explanation that it had been misplaced in another box. No information was obtained, and this incident will, of course, be treated with utmost confidence, and is cited only to evidence that Mr. Cecil will give effective cooperation in this case.

Agent made specific inquiry of Mr. Cecil as to Eula Bee Campbell, daughter of Mildred Campbell, to ascertain whether Eula was attending school in Pampa for the purpose of determining whether Mildred had moved from Pampa, and also made known to Mr. Cecil a desire to verify definitely whether or not Mildred had remarried. Mr. Cecil then suggested that if Eula were attending school in Pampa it would be the Baker School, since she would now be about nine years old.

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[redacted] would tell him if Eula was in school or had transferred to another place. Upon further consideration, and before calling [redacted] it was further suggested by Mr. Cecil that if a proper pretext was arranged for [redacted] to work on, [redacted] would cooperate fully, and might, [redacted] ascertain much more than the fact of her attendance. After several possible pretexts were discussed, Mr. Cecil accompanied Agent to [redacted] at the Baker School where it was ascertained that Eula Bee Campbell was attending the Baker School, and has been in attendance there for the last three years.

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[redacted] recalled that not very long ago [redacted] engaged in a conversation with a man who was repairing a sidewalk in Pampa, and that this man had told [redacted] that Mildred Campbell was his wife. Mr. Cecil has promised that he would make discreet inquiries to learn the history and identify of Mackie. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] talked to as being about 25 or 26 years old, Mr. Cecil did not think that person (apparently Machie) could be the same person he had seen in the grocery store with Mildred Campbell, but Mr. Cecil admitted that he may have been mistaken in judging the man he saw to be about 17 years old.

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At [REDACTED], Texas, Agent placed a mail cover with Mr. Cecil, cover-  
ing mail to Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. [REDACTED] and  
Miss [REDACTED]. This mail cover was placed on December 11, 1935, and  
would not only make particular reference to [REDACTED]  
from Cleveland, Ohio, but would cover all mail from any point to the above  
mentioned persons.

AT WHITE DEER, TEXAS, Agent interviewed Alice Pipes, Postmistress,  
and placed a mail cover on mail sent to E. E. Gibson. Upon the advice of  
Alice Pipes that mail sometimes came to E. E. Gibson for Mrs. E. Gib-  
son, a mail cover was placed on mail addressed to her at White Deer,  
Texas. For the information of [REDACTED], Texas, is only  
about 20 miles [REDACTED] that communications  
addressed to [REDACTED] her at her husband's  
residence at [REDACTED] does not  
know Mr. Gibson personally; she knows only [REDACTED]  
for mail at the Post Office at White Deer. This mail cover on the mail of  
Mr. and Mrs. Gibson was placed on December 11, 1935.

Mail tracings have been received at the Dallas Office as a result of the following mail covers as follows:

(1) From [redacted], Texas:

One tracing of letter addressed to "Ralph Gibson, White Deer, Texas, Box 611", return address: Edna Vroman, 1131 East Yellowstone, Casper, Wyo.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
2222 S. Haskell Ave  
Tulsa, Okla

Mrs. Mildred Campbell  
Pampa Texas  
Box # 1672

This letter was postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dec. 13, 1935. At the bottom of this tracing appeared a notation by the Postmaster: "So me this looks like Harry Campbell's writing - Yours truly, David Cecil, P.M."

One tracing of letter addressed to Mickey Mackie, Pampa, Texas, return address: Edna Vroman, 1131 East Yellowstone, Casper, Wyoming, postmarked, Casper, Wyo., Dec. 12, 1935, 9:30 A.M. At the bottom of this tracing appeared a notation made by the Postmaster: "This is Mildred Campbell's letter says Mr. Rupp who lived in Casper Wyo - Yours truly, David Cecil."

Return address: Mrs. Mickey Mackie, Pampa, Texas, return address, 308 Central Cheyenne, Wyo. Postmarked Cheyenne, Wyo., December 13, 1935, 10:30 A.M. This letter was received in Pampa December 16, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

#### THE DALLAS OFFICE

At Pampa, Texas: When an Agent again visits Pampa, interview Postmaster Cecil, to ascertain if he has obtained any information concerning R. R. Mackie, which may explain his true identity and relationship to Mildred Campbell, and what part, if any, he is playing in this case. Determine if Mr. Cecil or Mr. E. C. Rupp have secured any leads in this case concerning the Mackies and Gibsons.

#### THE DALLAS OFFICE AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

Will make appropriate investigation based upon the trip of Eula

Bee Campbell to Tulsa as described in the body of this report. It is suggested that Oklahoma City Office have Agents place the occupants of Harry Campbell's father's home, as well as the home, under suitable surveillance. It may be that because Eula Bee Campbell will be there during that period, Harry Campbell might try to see her at the house or at some point to which Harry's father may bring her for the purpose of a meeting. She may be taken directly from the bus upon arrival in Tulsa to some location other than her grandfather's home. The Dallas Office could have an Agent in Pampa to report directly to Agents in Tulsa on the morning of December 21st the bus taken by Eula Bee and the time of her departure and a description of her clothing as she boards the bus in Pampa, and advise Tulsa whether accompanied or alone.

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It is not known in the Dallas Office whether or not investigations have been made at the addresses in Los Angeles, California, which mail has been addressed and from which received, as indicated in the body of this report, and a lead for such investigation by the Los Angeles Office is being left to the discretion of the supervisory office.

ADDENDUM BY S. A. C.

All mail tracings mentioned herein as having been received by the Dallas Office are being furnished with copies of this report to the Chicago Office for the use of Mr. E. J. Connelley

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 19, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

DEC 21 1935

Dear Sir:

REKID

In compliance with your request of  
the 18th instant, I am enclosing two copies of the  
photograph of Eddie Green, alias Eugene Green, Minnesota  
State Penitentiary #7529.

Very truly yours,

E. K. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encls.

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

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*Ed George Bremer*

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

*Handwritten:*  
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 Edward A. Brennan

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SACS ST PAUL AND SAN FRANCISCO

PHONE. BREKID. EDNA MURRAY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISES VOLNEY DAVIS TOLD

HER VOLNEY, FRED BARKER AND GEORGE GOETZ MET IN BOAT HOUSE REDWING,

MINNESOTA NIGHT OF PAYOFF THAT HARRY SAWYER DIRECTED VOLNEY DAVIS TO

THIS PLACE- THAT WILLIAM WEAVER HAD APARTMENT FROM ABOUT TWO WEEKS

BEFORE JANUARY IV, 1934 OVER MOONLIGHT GARDENS NIGHT CLUB RUN BY ONE

MILLER POSSIBLY ON LAKE STREET ST PAUL WHERE WEAVER, FRED BARKER, GOETZ

ETAL MET DURING AND BEFORE PAYOFF.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL INTERVIEW VOLNEY DAVIS FOR DEFINITE LOCATION OF

THIS BOAT HOUSE OTHER DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS. ST PAUL WILL CHECK

ADDRESS WEAVER AND ENDEAVOR TO GET IDENTIFICATIONS AT SAME OF ANY

SUBJECTS WHO WERE THERE. ALSO MAKE ANY CHECK POSSIBLE AT REDWING TO

IDENTIFY BOAT HOUSE PARTICULARLY ANY OWNED OR RENTED BY SAWYER ETAL.

CONNELLY

*Handwritten:*  
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CC OKLAHOMA, KANSAS CITY, CINCINNATI

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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F B I LOS ANGELES 12-18-35 9-30 P.M. GBC

DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. INVESTIGATION HERE TODAY CONSISTED OF CHECKING PERSONAL EFFECTS OF FITZGEARLD, REVEALING THAT HE IS APPARENTLY ENGAGED IN PURCHASE OF OIL PROPERTIES IN CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO HAVING CORRESPONDENCE FROM GEORGE F. GETTY OIL COMPANY, HOLLEY LA CAVERNA HOTEL, AND WITH E BURCH HARRISON, PRESIDENT CARLSBAD NATIONAL BANK, ALL OF CARLSBAD. ALSO WITH A FRED HARRIS, WHO IS POSSIBLE CONNECTED WITH CUBAN-AMERICAN AUTO COMPANY, SAN LA MARO, 99 E, EVIDENTLY HAVANA ADDRESS. OTHER NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OBTAINED WERE FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO CONNELLEY. PHYSICAL SETUP IN VICINITY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS, 312 SOUTH HOBART BLVD., LOS ANGELES. WHERE FITZGEARLD IS RESIDING IN APARTMENT 603, MAKES SURVEILLANCE OF HIM DIFFICULT. FITZGEARLD HAS HOUSE TELEPHONE CONNECTED THROUGH SWITCHBOARD IN APARTMENT. HE REMAINS THERE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY NOON EACH DAY WHEN HE TELEPHONES HIS SECRETARY IMOGENE ROBERTSON WHO RESIDES IN APARTMENT 107 VICTORIA APARTMENT, 527 SOUTH HOBART BLVD., LOCATED ON WEST SIDE OF STREET, WHEREAS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APAR. IS LOCATED ON EAST SIDE. HE THEN GENERALLY CALLS AT HER APARTMENT AFTER WHICH BOTH OF THEM DRIVE AWAY IN FITZGEARLD AUTOMOBILE WHICH IS KEPT IN THE GIRLS CUSTODY IN THE GARAGE LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE VICTORIA APARTMENT. ENTRANCE TO GARAGE IS ON HOBART BLVD. TELEPHONE IN GIRLS APARTMENT IS DIRECT LINE NOT OPERATED THROUGH AN HOUSE SWITCHBOARD. IT APPEARS MOST OF FITZGEARLD TELEPHONE CALLS ARE SENT OUT

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DIRECTLY BENEATH FITZGERALD APARTMENT AND WHICH WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE TAPPING OF FITZGERALD PHONE TO THAT APARTMENT, BUT PERMITS NO SURVEILLANCE OF MOVEMENTS IN OR OUT OF BUILDING. NO APARTMENT IS AVAILABLE IN VICTORIA APARTMENT BUT HAVE HOPES OF OBTAINING WITHIN FEW DAYS IN THAT BUILDING APARTMENT 201 IN BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WHICH IS FACING ON HOBART BLVD. AND WHICH WOULD PERMIT SURVEILLANCE OF BOTH VICTORIA AND BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENT ENTRANCES, INCLUDING GARAGE ENTRANCES. NOT DEFINITE AS YET WHEN THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE. AT THIS TIME ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE A FRONT APARTMENT ON THIRD FLOOR IN GRAYSTONE APARTMENT LOCATED ON EAST SIDE AT 520 SOUTH HOBART BLVD. NEXT TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS AND DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM VICTORIA APARTMENT. THIS LATTER APARTMENT WOULD BE IDEAL SITUATION FOR SPOT TO MAINTAIN TELEPHONE TAP OF FITZGERALD AS WELL AS COMPANIONS APARTMENT ALSO SURVEILLANCE OF BOTH ENTRANCES. UNABLE TO SECURE COOPERATION OF TELEPHONE COMPANY TO INSTALL TAP AND DO NOT HAVE MAN SUFFICIENTLY EXPERIENCED TO HANDLE JOB. BECAUSE OF FACT NEIGHBORHOOD CONSISTS CHIEFLY OF HIGH-TYPE RESIDENCES. UNABLE TO LOCATE SUITABLE SPOTS FOR MAINTAINING AGENT TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE. FITZGERALD APARTMENT LOCATED IN MIDDLE OF BLOCK APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED FEET LONG. STREET BEING INTERSECTED BY BUSY STREETS, MAKING IT PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE CONTINUE WITH SURVEILLANCE SUCCESSFULLY UNLESS FITZGERALD CAR IMMEDIATELY PURSUED. COULD NOT MAINTAIN MEN IN CAR ON STREET WITHOUT FACT BEING REPORTED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND AROUSING CONSIDERABLE SUSPICION IN NEIGHBORHOOD. TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED ADVISING THAT SA J. M. JONES ENROUTE LOS ANGELES BUT TRANSMITTING THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONCERNING SETUP.

HANSON

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WASHINGTON FBI WASHINGTON DC GHB

503a U.S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
December 17, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.



Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Under date of December 9 the Reno Evening Gazette received the following letter:

"Enclosed please find a one dollar bill for the insertion of the PERSONAL notice in the Evening Gazette. Not being familiar with your standard of rates for personal notices I've enclosed what, I believe, will be sufficient for a nominal number of insertions. The personal notice is to read (husky)

"Catherine, please be at Lido Apts. Hollywood in January. Memory un-restored when you were at Tahoe in 1930, and Richter's in S.S. in 1935. Baited, I refused to follow false clues. Wish to acknowledge you..(Signed) Catherine"

Mr. Graham Sanford, editor, called Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin and referred the letter to him for whatever action he deemed advisable, stating that it was possible, since members of the so-called Bremer gang were one time in Reno and Lake Tahoe, this might have some connection with their location. He further advised he would not place this ad in the paper if the Government desired to have it withheld. He was advised that the Government had no objections to inserting the ad and accordingly same was placed in the newspaper December 13.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be conducted at the Lido Apartments to determine if any of the fugitives wanted by the Government might possibly be located there, and to conduct what further investigation you might deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Dec. 21, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/13-14-16-17-18/1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. P. SULLIVAN</b> <b>DPS:JMS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Jess Doyle interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Doyle provided little information of value as to the location of fugitives in this case, and denied knowledge of information connecting Police Officers Tom Brown and William Crumley, St. Paul Police Department with Bremer kidnaping. Edna Murray interviewed at Missouri State Penitentiary stated that Volney Davis informed her during ransom negotiations that Brown was keeping the gang informed of the Bureau's activities.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter to St. Paul October 31, 1935; letter from Omaha to the Bureau November 11, 1935; letter from San Francisco to the Bureau November 15, 1935; Bureau letters to Chicago November 19 and December 12, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

JESS DOYLE was interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary on December 13 and 14, 1935. Doyle was questioned at length concerning his knowledge of the connection between members of the Karpis-Barker gang and members of the St. Paul Police Department. He stated that he had no definite information indicating that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were kept advised and tipped off when raids were imminent. In general it was Doyle's opinion that the members of the gang and other badly wanted fugitives were comparatively safe in St. Paul from Police interference as long as they had the proper connections. However, Doyle stated that he did not know what these connections were or how they came about. He was questioned

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thoroughly as to his connection with Harry Sawyer from the time he first went to St. Paul in the late fall of 1932 until he left St. Paul in January 1934. He stated that in the late fall of 1932 while he, Fred and Doc Barker and Kate Barker resided in St. Paul, Fred Barker told him that in case he should ever be arrested or get into difficulty he should immediately get in touch with Harry Sawyer. Fred Barker did not mention what action Harry Sawyer would take in order to secure the release of Doyle should he be arrested. He did not mention the name of Detectives Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley, and Doyle stated that he could not recall any members of the gang mentioning Crumbley or Brown, in connection with the possible "fixing" of cases or tipoffs to members of the gang concerning Police raids. Doyle stated that he could recall having seen Brown on only two occasions; that on one occasion while he and Fred Barker were parked in a car drinking beer at the parking lot immediately in the rear of Sawyer's place on Wabasha Street, a car drove up which contained a tall heavy set man who was driving, and who was in civilian clothes. With this man was a Police Officer. Fred Barker left the car and went over and engaged the two men in conversation. Upon his return Doyle stated that he is certain that Fred Barker mentioned that the tall man was named Brown. Doyle stated that he never met officer Bill Crumbley and does not know of any possible connection he may have had with members of the gang.

In connection with the letter from the Omaha office to the Bureau dated November 11, 1935, reporting interview had with Doyle in which Doyle mentioned that a man in the State Apprehension Bureau at the State Capital, St. Paul, was used to tip off the gang, Doyle stated that it was his understanding that this man was one and the same as Brown; that he felt certain that Brown at that time held the position in charge of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, and had an office in the State Capital Building in St. Paul; that it was merely hearsay with him but that he understood that it was through Brown that the mob was tipped off; that apparently the information concerning Police raids was given to Harry Sawyer, inasmuch as it was the custom of the gang to immediately install a telephone in their apartments, and this telephone was to be used for no other purpose than the reception of telephone calls from Harry Sawyer concerning tipoffs of Police raids. Doyle stated however, that he could not recall any occasion when a telephone call of such nature was received. In connection with the above letter in which mention is made of the fact that Doyle stated that it was his opinion that some of the "higher ups" implicated in the Bremer kidnaping had not been apprehended, Doyle stated that this statement was in answer to a question put to him by the interviewing Agent, who asked him whether he thought that all of the "higher ups" implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case had been apprehended. Doyle stated that he did not. When asked for a reason for his statement he

stated that he felt certain that inasmuch as it was generally known that the St. Paul Police Department was "crooked" it was his idea, not based on any information or knowledge, that undoubtedly some members of the St. Paul Police Department had previous knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping. He stated that he had no information indicating that Brown and Crumley were in any way involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

Reference is here made to a separate report submitted by this Agent, setting out the activities of Doyle prior to and during the Bremer kidnaping. It will be noted here that Doyle stated that in the Spring of 1933 he became involved in several arguments with members of the gang; that he was firmly of the opinion, based on facts, that they intended to "bump him off" and as a result he was not in close contact with them and did not know that they intended to kidnap Bremer, and inasmuch as he left St. Paul on January 15, 1934 he does not have any information concerning activities of the gang during the time that Bremer was being held.

Concerning the incident which occurred on March 4, 1933 at which time the gang is reported to have been advised of a Police raid by Gladys Sawyer, Doyle stated that approximately two or three days before the above date, he, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had rented an apartment at 1290 Grand Avenue. Volney Davis likewise was residing in another apartment in the same building; telephones had not yet been installed in the apartments. At about 8 P.M. on the above date Jess Doyle returned to his apartment alone. A squad car containing three policemen was parked in front of the apartment building. As Doyle drove up to the side of the building Gladys Sawyer was standing beside an automobile, and a man was sitting in the automobile, but as it was dark he did not know who it was, although he stated possibly it may have been Pat Riley. Gladys Sawyer asked Jess Doyle where the rest of the gang was and he informed her he did not know, whereupon she advised him that the Police were going to raid the apartments. Doyle stated that he thereupon went downtown and attempted to locate the rest of the gang but failed to do so. Upon his return Gladys told him that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis had been there but had gone and that they would meet him at Harry's saloon. Contrary to Gladys Sawyer's wishes Jess Doyle entered the rear of the building and packed two suitcases. On leaving the apartment building, being under the impression that the squad car had pulled away he stated he left the building by the front entrance, and saw that the car was still parked immediately in front of the apartment building. He walked right past this squad car without being stopped by the officers. He thereupon proceeded to Harry Sawyer's saloon where he met Karpis and Fred Barker outside. He stated they told him they had seen Volney Davis, Doc Barker and mother Barker

and that they were on their way to Chicago. They did not enter the saloon and Doyle stated he did not see Sawyer. Fred Barker, Karpis and Doyle thereupon proceeded to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he left a wardrobe trunk in the apartment and the rest of the gang left their clothes there; that he did not know what happened to these articles subsequently and has no information indicating that these things were returned; that he never did recover his wardrobe trunk and contents. He recalls however that some months subsequently when he was again in St. Paul he went to Harry Sawyer's place and saw some bed linen that had been in the apartment and he was asked by one of the young fellows who worked for Sawyer and whose identity he does not know, whether they belonged to him. He stated that he denied to this young man that they were his property. Doyle stated he has no information indicating that the clothes that were left in the apartment were taken by the St. Paul Police and later turned over to Sawyer to be given back to members of the gang.

Doyle was questioned thoroughly as to his subsequent activities which he related in much the same words as contained in the written statement obtained from him upon his arrest in Kansas City in February, 1935. He was likewise questioned as to statement made by him that he saw Alvin Karpis in the vicinity of the County Jail at Fairbury, Nebraska on June 12, 1935. Doyle stated that he was brought to Fairbury on about June 12th, remained overnight in the county jail, and was then transferred to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, and on June 17, 1935 was returned to Fairbury for a preliminary hearing, at which time several witnesses faced him. He stated that he was placed behind a barred window of the courthouse and while awaiting arrival of the witnesses he saw a dark blue 1935 four door Dodge sedan parked immediately outside, his attention originally having been attracted by the fact that a young man was sitting inside looking up from the driver's seat, at the courthouse. Doyle stated that he recognized the man as Alvin Karpis. After approximately ten minutes the young man got out of the car and walked across the street. Doyle stated he is absolutely certain of his identification; that Karpis was dressed in a gray snap brim hat and light gray suit; that he went out of sight in crossing the street and returned about ten minutes later and was still sitting in the car looking up at the courthouse when Doyle was called out of the room. On Doyle's return he stated that Karpis and the car were gone. Doyle stated that no one was with Karpis, and he has no idea of the reason for Karpis' presence there other than that Karpis and other members of the gang might possibly have figured they might have an opportunity to "bump him off".

Doyle was questioned at length concerning possible knowledge on his part of contacts of Karpis and Campbell. He thereupon stated that in the Fall of 1934 while he was traveling through Missouri and Oklahoma he obtained information indicating that members of the gang were attempting to locate him. Doyle stated that he felt certain they would locate him for only one purpose and that was to kill him. On one occasion at the Sportmans Club on Southwestern Boulevard in Kansas City a bartender, when he learned that Doyle's name was Jess, stated that two men had been in the saloon a few days before inquiring for him. Doyle felt certain that these men were members of the gang, and he decided to hunt for them rather than have them hunt him. He went to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma where he contacted Al Sherwood, at that time employed by Tom Hill. Sherwood told him that Fred Barker and Harry Campbell had passed through on their way from Chicago to Florida; that they intended to visit relatives of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that they inquired for Doyle and desired to know his address. Sherwood likewise told him that a man named Bill Donald whom he described identically with William Weaver, was likewise with Fred Barker; that he (Sherwood) had received a letter which he had in his possession, from Weaver, inviting him to go fishing at his place located about five or six hours from South Coffeyville. Doyle stated that Sherwood likewise stated that a slender young man who looked like an Englishman, had also stopped at his place making inquiry about Doyle. Doyle stated he felt certain from this description that the man referred to was Alvin Karpis. He stated that he had no information indicating that Volney Davis was acquainted with or visited Al Sherwood's place. However it is to be noted that William Weaver was apprehended upon information originally obtained by Volney Davis from Al Sherwood.

Doyle was also questioned as to the statement he had made in a previous interview to the effect that Karpis had contacts from coast to coast. He advised that he had no information concerning any possible contacts of Karpis, and had no idea where Karpis or Campbell might be located at the present time.

Doyle was questioned concerning his knowledge of the Hamm kidnaping, concerning which he stated he had no information.

With regard to Charles Fitzgerald, Doyle stated that he recalled that during the Fall of 1932 while in Sawyer's saloon he saw an elderly man conversing with Sawyer; that this was the only time he ever saw this man, but that later in conversing with Volney Davis who was speaking of "Old Chuck", he recalled the man he had seen in Sawyer's



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saloon. Davis at that time stated that in South St. Paul bank robbery which was perpetrated on August 30, 1935 Fitzgerald was badly wounded; that one leg was shorter than the other; that Fitzgerald was taken to Willie Harrison's home on Waltham Street at Calumet City, Illinois and later received treatment in a hospital which he believed was located in Denver, Colorado. Doyle however was not certain of the location of this hospital. He stated that he had heard that Fitzgerald was considered an outstanding bank stickup man, especially good in "casing" banks; that Fitzgerald had been a close friend of Harrison, and that both Harrison and Fitzgerald were heavy drinkers. Boyle recalled that at the time he saw Fitzgerald in Sawyer's saloon, someone was kidding him about being a big owner of real estate. Boyle however did not know the location of any real estate that Fitzgerald might own. Boyle was questioned as to any information he might have obtained from Volney Davis after the kidnaping of Bremer and stated he recalled that Davis on one occasion mentioned to him that Karpis had talked about going to Canada where he had relatives. Doyle likewise stated that he did not believe there was a close connection between members of the Karpis-Barker gang and the Syndicate in Chicago; that the Syndicate felt that members of this gang were "too hot" to deal with. He stated however that during the trial of Arthur R. Barker and others in St. Paul in the Spring of 1935, he overheard a trustee whose name and identity he did not recall, mention the fact that Harry Campbell was in St. Paul trying to get a lawyer for Wynona Burdett. Boyle had no further information regarding this statement. He was questioned concerning the possible contacts of the mob in the vicinity of Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio and other parts of the country, with negative results.

EDNA MURRAY was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri on December 16, 17 and 18, 1935, as is noted in separate report submitted by this Agent and which report contains information of possible value in the prosecution of Sawyer and Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. Edna Murray reiterated her statement that she believed there was a close connection between Officers Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley and members of the Barker-Karpis gang. She stated that she felt certain in her own mind that it was through Brown that Sawyer was tipped off concerning raids to be conducted by the St. Paul Police Department at apartments where the mob resided. She stated that she had on various occasions seen Brown in Harry Sawyer's saloon speaking with Sawyer and other members of the gang. She could not recall however, seeing Brown in the company of Sawyer or any of the other members of the gang shortly prior to the Bremer kidnaping, nor could she recall having seen Brown visiting any of the apartments where the gang resided. In general Edna Murray stated that it was her idea that



when Brown learned that a raid was to be conducted, he would get in touch with Sawyer who would in turn notify members of the gang so that they might move before the raid took place. Edna Murray stated that during the time that Bremer was being held, while she was residing with Wynona Burdett and Paula Harmon in the vicinity of 65rd Street and University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Volney Davis visited the apartment on one occasion and advised that Tom Brown was keeping the gang informed of the activities of the Bureau; that Brown had ascertained that Doc Barker and other members of the gang were suspected of the kidnaping, and brought pictures of Doc Barker and several other members of the gang to Harry Sawyer, and advised him of the Government's suspicions. She also stated that she understood from general conversations she had with Davis at that time and thereafter that Brown was to get a "cut" out of the Bremer ransom money. She recalled that in the latter part of November, 1934 when she and Davis visited Elmer's saloon in Bensenville, Illinois on the occasion when Davis obtained from Farmer the \$500.00 he had given Farmer for the purchase of a machine gun, Farmer stated to Davis that he had \$10,000 coming to him; that Doc Barker had stated that they had cut Brown out of his share of the Bremer ransom money. At that time Davis stated to Farmer that if that were true he would not receive \$10,000 but only his share which would be \$1000. On an occasion shortly before this while at Kahn's Barbecue stand located on North Avenue near Elmhurst, Illinois when Doc Barker, Russell Gibson and Byron Bolton drove up, and while she was engaged in conversation with Doc Barker and Russell Gibson, Doc Barker stated with reference to Detective Brown: "I guess you saw where that dirty ----- killed Van Meter". Edna Murray stated that she understood from Davis that Brown was deprived of his share of the Bremer ransom money because he had double crossed Van Meter by "putting him on the spot". She stated that she recalled Davis advising her on one occasion that in the Spring of 1933 shortly after the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 16, 1932, for which robbery Lawrence Duval is serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary, a man named Hankins was to be put on trial for this robbery. Davis informed her that it was intended that Duval was to be brought to Minneapolis as a witness. Detective Brown notified Karpis and some of the other boys in Chicago of the route that Duval was to take when he was to be brought from the Minnesota State Penitentiary to Minneapolis, in order that the mob might make arrangements to release Duval. She stated however that Davis told her that the plans were made to release Duval but that they fell through because Duval was for some reason not brought to Minneapolis.

Edna Murray when questioned concerning the places visited by the mob, stated that while they were residing in Maywood, Illinois the gang occasionally visited the Moulin Rouge night club, which was operated by Joey O'Brien. Edna stated that this night club was located on First Avenue in Maywood, Illinois and was approximately one quarter of a mile north of Roosevelt Road on the right hand side of the street.

She also stated that the gang occasionally visited a night club the location of which she described as follows: From her residence at that time on Second Avenue in Maywood, they drove south to Roosevelt Road, turned left and went to the first through thoroughfare, then turned right and at the first intersection there was located on the south east corner a place called Buck's. This place was operated by a man named Buck who was acquainted with Karpis, Campbell and other members of the gang and was apparently very friendly with them.

When questioned further as to the possible contacts of Karpis and Campbell, Edna Murray stated that she recalled that in the latter part of November, 1933 shortly before she and the rest of the mob left Reno, Nevada for St. Paul, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney and another member of the gang, whose identity she could not recall, made a trip to Las Vegas. On their return Karpis mentioned visiting a night club at Las Vegas which was operated by a friend of his. She was not certain whether this Las Vegas referred to by Karpis was in Nevada or New Mexico. She further stated that shortly after his release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1932 Davis stayed for a while in Los Angeles where he had several friends. She stated that Harry Campbell likewise has acquaintances in Los Angeles, and indicated that Davis undoubtedly would know of these acquaintances of Campbell. She further stated that shortly before she and Davis left Sandusky, Ohio in the summer of 1934 she and Davis made a trip to Buffalo, N.Y. Before leaving Karpis asked Davis whether he wanted the name and address of a friend of Karpis in New York City. Davis advised Karpis at that time that he did not intend visiting New York.

Edna Murray stated that she had no information concerning other acquaintances of Karpis and Campbell and had no idea where they might presently be located; that she was not acquainted with Shimmy Patton and Arthur Heberbrand or any other acquaintances or hangouts of the gang, in the vicinity of Cleveland or Toledo, Ohio, nor had she ever heard of any woman called Edith at Toledo. She recalled having heard the name "Nig" Cousins. She was questioned at length concerning possible knowledge on her part regarding the Hamm kidnaping, concerning which she stated she had no information.

Regarding Charles J. Fitzgerald however, she stated that it was her information, obtained from Davis and others of the gang, that Fitzgerald financed the mob in the kidnaping of Bremer; that Fitzgerald at that time was living at the Eleanor Manor Apartments, 7130 Cyril Ave. Chicago, Illinois; that during the time Bremer was held Davis mentioned to her that Fitzgerald was living in that apartment; that they had intended moving into that apartment house but changed their mind because he did not desire to "turn the heat" on the apartment house by his presence there, and warned Edna not to mention to any of the rest of the gang that Fitzgerald was residing there.

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December 19, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Karpis suspected of Kidnaping  
Caleb J. Milne.

Mr. Suydam telephoned me and stated that the Associated Press had just received a message from New York that Alvin Karpis was suspected in the Milne case. I advised Mr. Suydam to make no comment because if the Bureau is reported in suspecting Karpis, then the newspapers will inquire if Mahan and Robinson are logical suspects. I further advised that, as a matter of fact, we don't know who to suspect.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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December 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Emrich, I have caused a search of the files of the Identification Division to be made for a possible record of Mose Don East. Please be advised that a search of the files, on the basis of the information furnished, fails to disclose any record of this person.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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Director  
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United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your telegram of December 18th, 1935,  
I desire to advise that Special Agent (A) Lee A.  
Beckstead will report to the United States Attorney  
at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6th, 1936, to  
testify in connection with the trial in the Brekid  
case.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul to the Phoenix Office under date of December 16, 1935, enclosing subpoena calling for my presence in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, to testify in the above styled case.

It will be noted that the U. S. Attorney has advised that my presence will be necessary in view of which I shall make arrangements to be present on the date indicated unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

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1 Mr. Connelley, Chicago.  
1 St. Paul

H. E. Andersen  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	DATE WHEN MADE 12-18-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/25-12/14/35	REPORT MADE BY 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.	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Additional confidential informants developed at Tulsa, Okla., but no additional information of value obtained. Mrs. R. De Wilson, Arondale, Okla., interviewed regarding visit with her sister, Wynona. Confidential informant at South Coffeyville, Okla. re-interviewed, but no further information obtained. Numerous informants re-interviewed at Tulsa and vicinity, but no additional information of value obtained. Surveillance being maintained at Campbell home in Tulsa continuously by three Agents, but no information of any apparent value has been obtained to date. Parents of Campbell and Laura Campbell, Harry's sister, re-interviewed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated 11-25-35; Letter from SAC E. J. Connelley to Cleveland Office, dated 11-19-35; Personal and confidential letter from SAC Connelley dated at Chicago, Ill., 11-26-35; Letter from SAC Connelley to Oklahoma City Office dated at Chicago, December 13, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: Through the cooperation of Mr. R. M. Campbell, Toll Traffic Superintendent, and Robert Burns, Division Traffic Superintendent of the Telephone Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Gordon (Dicia) Carpenter, sister of Mrs. L. B. Webb, previously mentioned as a confidential informant in this case at Tulsa, Oklahoma, was confidentially interviewed by the writer at the telephone office in Tulsa. Mrs. Carpenter is the wife of Gordon Carpenter, who is a brother of Tom Carpenter, previously mentioned by this Agent on numerous occasions as being a former associate of Harry Campbell and who is now in jail at either Sedan or Independence, Kansas, where he is being tried on some thefts and burglaries that he committed with Campbell. Mrs. Carpenter and her husband live in Apartment 305, 6 East 11th Street, in Tulsa, and they can be reached over telephone 2-0712,</p>			
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which is in the hall near their apartment. Mrs. Carpenter claimed that she has seen Harry Campbell only once, which was on about April 20, 1935 when Campbell and Wright stayed with her and Gordon all night in Tulsa, following which she and her sister, Mrs. L. B. Webb, and Tom Carpenter, were arrested by the police in Tulsa, the details of which are set out in the report of this Agent dated at Oklahoma City December 6, 1934. She was at first very hesitant about anything she said and was extremely nervous and frightened. She later, however, talked freely and said that she had not seen nor heard anything definite of Harry Campbell since he left Tulsa sometime in 1933. She stated that she is very friendly with Laura Campbell and that she has visited her on numerous occasions, usually at her work, however, and has only seen the elder Campbells on one or two occasions. She is of the opinion that Laura knows something about the whereabouts of her brother, Harry, though she does not believe that Laura would tell a soul in the world as she appears to be extremely careful about anything she says about her brother. She said that she had no idea where Harry Campbell is at the present time and would not know anything about how to get in touch with him. She manifested a willingness to cooperate by advising the writer of any information she receives regarding Campbell or his associates, but she stated positively that she would not go out and try to get any information regarding him, as she does not want to see him again and does not want to be associated with anyone who has any connection with him. She stated that she is aware of the fact that she barely missed being sent to prison for harboring Campbell and Wright, and is so thankful for the fact that she did not get into any serious trouble over this that she does not want to be associated with them or their associates again. Mrs. Carpenter is a long distance toll checker at the Telephone Company and works different shifts each week. She said that she did not mind her husband knowing that she had been interviewed and in fact would tell him about this interview and advised the writer that if he wishes to contact her further that it will be all right to see her at her apartment at any time. While it is felt that the intentions of this girl may be as she states, it is not felt that she would likely communicate any information of any consequence she hears of Harry Campbell, especially due to the fact that she would be too frightened to do it. She stated positively that if she thought Campbell was at the home of his parents or any other place she would not go around there, regardless of the amount of money that would be offered her. She and her husband, Gordon, visited Tom Carpenter when he was in the County Jail at Sedan, Kansas on two or three occasions and Harry Campbell's name was mentioned several times in their conversation with him and she is definitely of the opinion that Tom Carpenter has no information regarding Campbell's present activities and does not believe he has seen Campbell since Carpenter and she were arrested in 1933.

Gordon Carpenter, husband of Mrs. Carpenter, mentioned above, was interviewed by the writer at the latter's hotel room for a period of five hours. Carpenter, at first, was frightened and reluctant to talk freely, though later admitted to the writer that he had "made some money" with Harry Campbell, and indicated that he had been on probably two or three different jobs with him though he did not wish to enumerate or explain these particular jobs. The admission Carpenter made of being implicated with Campbell and others on some jobs indicated that he was being frank and honest with the writer, especially in view of the fact that his brother, Tom, is now being prosecuted in Kansas

for burglaries he helped Harry Campbell and others perpetrate; the admissions of Carpenter, of course, being made upon the promise of the writer that said information would not be divulged to any State officers. Gordon confirmed what his wife said regarding their visits with his brother, Tom, by stating that he felt positive that Tom Carpenter had no idea where Campbell is at the present time and has had no connections with him since Carpenter's arrest by the Tulsa police in 1933 in connection with harboring Campbell and Wright. Carpenter is of the opinion that Campbell is cunning and that he uses a lot of judgment about what he does and who he contacts. He said that it is possible that Campbell is in Tulsa, but he does not know if he shows up around Tulsa, as he has been seen in the vicinity of Tulsa and has been seen by some of the people. He believes, however, that the only sure person that Campbell is in contact in the vicinity of Tulsa is his sister, Laura. Both Harry and Laura, he said, are extremely fond of each other and so much so, Gordon advised, that they are sure that the next time they see each other, they will be together. He has the opinion that Laura and probably her family are in Tulsa, but he has no definite idea about how this is accomplished. His reason for believing this is that he knows the family and he knows that they are in Tulsa, especially because they feel sorry for her sickly condition and he believes that she will live very much longer. He also advised that he has very little contact with his sister, Edith, and he does not believe that she would cooperate with him in any way. Carpenter said that on several occasions he had asked Laura what she heard from Harry and he was sure that she had heard nothing from him, but she rather smiled when she talked to him, indicating, Gordon believes, that she really knows something that she would not disclose it. He also stated that Harry is very fond of his mother and he would not be surprised, he said, if Campbell would walk into his home for a visit with his mother and sister, Laura. He said that Campbell often did this when he was around Tulsa, though he does not know whether he would do it now or not, in view of the fact that he is "so much hotter now than he was then". Carpenter said that he operated with Campbell such a short time that he has very little of his contacts, but does know that he has some connections with the Hill and the McCabe brothers of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and with "Burrhead" Keady, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and seemed to hang out around Keady's place. The writer has been advised on two or three occasions of a man who was connected with Campbell at one time and Carpenter advised that he was a very good man in Tulsa, who is most reliable concerning any information of the possible that Campbell would see him, but he believes he would not be able to do it.

The writer stated the different photographs of Campbell that he had seen and that the one taken by the Sheriff's Office in Tulsa in 1933 is the latest and best likeness of Campbell, it being very characteristic of his usual pose. It might be stated here that a negative of this photograph was found in the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa and while Mrs. Wilson, the Sheriff's wife, did not want to part with the negative, she had several prints made at the writer's request, which were furnished the Bureau and interested offices. Carpenter said that Campbell has a habit of standing around with his hands in his pants pockets, with his head tilted slightly to one side and rather nervously kicking his feet about. He did not know of Campbell ever being lame and never noticed his limp.

When asked if he would cooperate with this Agent by obtaining any information, that he might be able to, regarding Campbell's activities, he said that while he would feel like a "rat" in doing so, he believed that it was his duty as a citizen to do so and as he is broke and without a job at present, he would also be happy to receive the remuneration the Bureau will pay for the confidential information leading to Campbell's arrest, and he promised definitely to advise the writer of anything he hears concerning Campbell, though he stated that he would not go out looking for this information and hopes he never sees Campbell again. He would not go to Campbell's home, he said, if he thought he were there, for any amount of money as he has an idea that Campbell may have dis-trusted him at one time and he does not want to take the chance of being killed. He will visit Laura from time to time, he says, and if he obtains any information from her he will advise the writer of it. Carpenter does not know Karpis and could furnish no information concerning him. He said that he has no idea as to whether Karpis and Campbell are together at the present time.

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[redacted] previously mentioned as confidential informants in this case, have been interviewed again since the typing of the reference report and advised that they have received no information since they were last interviewed. [redacted] and confidential informant [redacted] of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and confidential informant [redacted] of Skiatook, Oklahoma, have also been re-interviewed, but advised that they have obtained no further information since they were last interviewed by the writer.

Frank D. Billingslea, alias Pistol Billingslea, who is presently employed by the Hicks Night Club on the Oklahoma side of the Oklahoma-Kansas line on U. S. Highway No. 75, near Caney, Kansas, advised the writer that he has worked as a card dealer for Tom Hill, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, over a period of several years, when he has not been in the penitentiary. He said that he was well acquainted with Fred Barker and is slightly acquainted with Karpis, but was in Leavenworth Penitentiary when Harry Campbell was operating around Oklahoma and does not know him personally. He said that he has heard nothing about Karpis and Campbell being down in this part of the country and sincerely hopes that they do not come around his place, as "We don't want that kind of men around here". He promised in a rather earnest way that if he receives any information regarding either of these fugitives he will immediately advise the writer.

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[redacted] confidential informant at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, has been interviewed on two occasions since the typing of the report of reference, and advised on both occasions that he has obtained no information concerning these fugitives.

[redacted] South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, was again interviewed and talked probably a little freer than he has ever talked with this Agent before. He talked of being arrested and being taken to Independence, Kansas by State officers and of making a \$10,000 bond and explaining his innocence in that case. It might be stated here that this charge is in connection with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believes that he is the only person in that part of the country who is well acquainted with Karpis, and stated that "I know "Chi", as well as I do my own brother." He believes that if Karpis ever comes to the vicinity of Coffeyville that he will contact him.

He is not so sure, however, that Campbell would contact him if he came around there, but he believes that he will get in touch with "this boy I told you about", and he will tell me what he knows. This boy, as indicated in reports before by this Agent, is apparently Milt Lett.

Numerous efforts were made to re-interview Milt Lett, but he could not be located on the streets of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma or Coffeyville, Kansas, and his car was not seen at his home near Wann, Oklahoma until December 11, 1935, when his car was observed parked in the yard at his home. He was contacted there and the writer suggested that we meet some other place for a conversation and he said that he believed that it would be less suspicious to talk right there in the automobile in his yard, as his mother would then suspect that this Agent was a car salesman. Milt stated that he had received no information whatever, since he was last interviewed. The reason he has not been around home, he said, is because he had been working for Ted Thornton, who is operating or getting ready to operate a small night club on the Missouri side of the Missouri-Kansas line on the road between Nevada, Missouri and Fort Scott, Kansas. This is partially confirmed by the fact that Lett told the writer of another pick-up order which the police and Sheriff's Office had for him at Coffeyville, Oklahoma, which he found out about and discussed the matter with Ted Thornton, then went to the Sheriff at Iola, Kansas and submitted to arrest for the theft of some guns that were stolen at Iola and recovered from a merchant at Coffeyville, Kansas. He said the Sheriff at Iola was of the opinion that there had been no actual theft of these guns and, therefore, did not desire to arrest Lett. This is also partially confirmed by a letter received from Lett, Milt, at Iola, Kansas, dated December 11, 1935.

Lett said that Thornton, who has been in some kind of a dairy business at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma for several years, is opening a small night club between Nevada, Missouri and Fort Scott, Kansas, as indicated above, and that he, Milt, is trying to get to be some sort of a partner with him, though he has no money to invest. If his plans work out as he wishes them to, he will be working at this night club all the time and can be contacted either there or at his home near Wann, where he may be on some week ends. Lett would not admit any association with Campbell or any of his associates and said that he did not believe that he would recognize Campbell or Karpis if they were to come to him. However, he seemed to be interested in continuing to cooperate with this Agent and asked again the amount of money the Bureau would pay him for the confidential information that would result in apprehending these fugitives. He said that even \$1000.00 would be more money than he had ever seen and as long as these fugitives are doomed to be caught anyway and in view of the type of work they are now engaged in, he said that he would not feel a bit bad about turning either or both of them in. When the interview was partly over, the writer offered Lett some money to help him along a little until he got started with the business he is trying to get into, and he refused it, stating that he had a little money at the present time and did not need it and is perfectly willing to work on a C.O.D. basis. At the expiration of the interview, the writer again attempted to give him some money by making it under the guise of a Christmas present, for the confidence and good will that the writer was enjoying, and this was done to build up more fully a confidence, and good will with Lett, to make him more secure as a confidential informant, but he again refused and told the writer to give that money to his wife for Christmas, again stating that if he needed the money he would take it, but he did not need it and would not ask for

anything until he had earned it. When asked if he still had the writer's address he stated positively that he had it in his billfold and that he will advise of any information he receives regarding either of these fugitives. He will be contacted frequently in the future.

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With further reference to the letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau dated November 6, 1935, Mrs. R. D. (Esther) Wilson, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, a sister of Wynona Burdette, was interviewed for some time and freely discussed her visit with Wynona at Milan, Michigan, some time ago. The details she related about the things she and Wynona talked about are almost exactly the same as those set out in the above mentioned letter as overheard by Agent Muzzy. She did not, however, say that she had any information about Harry Campbell having been at his home at any time since he left Tulsa with Wynona in 1935. She was questioned concerning this and as to her ideas as to whether Campbell made some contact with his folks and she said that she did not know and did not believe that he would fear that he would be caught in doing so. She was then asked if she did not think Campbell had called to see his mother when he called by the Wildred Jones home at Turley, Oklahoma in April, 1935 and she said that he may have, being so close to home, but she had not heard of him doing so. She was asked if Wynona had ever said something to her about how Harry kept in touch with his family or how he communicated with them and she said that Wynona had never told her anything about this and she did not believe that Wynona knew. Wynona has asked her, she said, to call on the Campbell family for her, but she has never done it, to date, and does not like the idea as she does not think she has any business at the Campbell home and does not want to get mixed up with them in any way. She said that the only person she knows of who has said anything to her about having ever seen or heard anything of Harry Campbell is Mark Whinnery, [redacted] and she did not put any confidence in anything he has ever said because she knows that he is "so unreliable and the biggest liar I know of". Mrs. Wilson said that she is pleased to have Wynona where she is at the present time so that she and the other sisters know that she will not get into any trouble or be killed by being with Harry Campbell and she and all of her sisters want her to stay there until Harry Campbell is apprehended and taken completely out of circulation. She says that she is satisfied that Wynona will not be paroled as long as Campbell is a fugitive and for that reason she and her other sisters would be very anxious to cooperate with this Bureau by transmitting any information they have which would result in apprehending Campbell, whom they all dislike and feel is the sole cause of Wynona's being in the trouble she is at the present and being an inmate of a penitentiary. Mrs. Wilson seemed sincere when she said that she would cooperate in every respect and it is apparent that she and her husband are working in coordination in this regard, as she remarked that her husband still has the writer's telephone number and address in his billfold and they intend to advise this Agent of anything they hear regarding Campbell or any of his associates. Mr. R. D. Wilson was also interviewed again by this Agent in the presence of Agent L. E. Kingman and Agent Kingman discussed this matter with Mr. Wilson while the writer was interviewing Mrs. Wilson. It is apparent that Wilson is very bitter toward Campbell and that he would be pleased to hear of him being apprehended or killed and he seems sincere when he says that he fully intends to advise this Agent of any information he receives and this opinion is also felt by Agent Kingman.

Mrs. Chuck (Eunice) Hughes, and Mrs. Mark (Ruth) Whinnery, sisters of Wynona Burdette, and the latter's husband, Mark Whinnery, have been re-interviewed



but they have no further information to offer and each of them expressed a willingness to continue their cooperation with this Agent by furnishing any information they might receive.

It was ascertained that John Cromer, who is mentioned in the report of this Agent dated August 2, 1935, was employed by the Home Undertaking Company, 2025 South Phoenix Street, West Tulsa, Oklahoma. Inquiry at that place revealed the fact that Cromer is presently residing in Beggs, Oklahoma and is apparently connected with an Undertaking Company there. He will be interviewed in the near future.

Theed Palmer, previously mentioned as an acquaintance of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, according to information obtained from Postmaster Tom Whittenburg of Skiatook, Oklahoma, is presently engaged as an oil driller near Drumright, Oklahoma, and his present address is apparently General Delivery at Drumright. While living in Skiatook he was living with an Indian woman by the name of Mary Wilson and is apparently working with Roy Wilson, a nephew or son of this Wilson woman. He will be interviewed in the near future for any information he can supply regarding Harry Campbell and his present whereabouts.

The Oklahoma City Office is in receipt of a letter from the Jacksonville Office, dated December 7, 1935, regarding the confiscated Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702, which was purchased by Harry Campbell under the name of G. F. Summers, at Gainesville, Florida, requesting that the relatives of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma be interviewed to ascertain if they will accept this automobile. G. C. Campbell and Lissa Campbell, Harry's parents, and his sister, Laura Campbell, were interviewed in this respect and expressed a willingness to accept this car if there are no storage charges against it or if the storage charges are not too great and if the car can be properly registered in Oklahoma in the name of G. C. Campbell. The details of the handling of this car are being handled in a separate case. Campbell's relatives were asked if they had received any word from Harry lately and they stated that they had not and seemed extremely anxious to make this agent believe that they had not received any word from him. They talked freely of him and of the cause of his getting into serious trouble, and what a good boy he was when he was home. They said that the last time they saw him was in 1933 and at that time he still had a noticeable limp caused by the accident he had in Wyoming when his leg and head were severely cut. They do not remember or at least would not say, which leg was affected, but they said that the top of his head would likely show several prominent scars.

These relatives were interviewed on two different dates and on the second date Mr. Campbell followed the writer out of the house onto the porch where a conversation with him was continued for a few minutes and Campbell stated that he did not wish the writer to speak of or indicate this to any of his family, but about a year before Harry left Oklahoma he and his father got into an argument over some unnamed man and since then Harry and his father have not been on speaking terms. Campbell then said "but we don't hear a thing from him and haven't heard for about a year—it was about a year ago that we heard from him through another party". This is likely the time that Campbell came by the Mildred Jones home at Turley, Oklahoma on the 28th day of April, 1935 when he probably stopped by to see his mother, according to the rather indefinite information which has heretofore

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been furnished this Agent by [redacted] of South Coffeyville. Campbell's folks seemed to think a lot of him but are resigned to the fact that he will be killed when he is apprehended, especially because of the fact that he is apparently associated with Alvin Karpis, the so-called American Public Enemy No. 1.

During the conversation with Campbell's relatives, they advised that they originally came from Mercer County in western Pennsylvania, and regarding that, the attention of the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Offices especially is called to a mail tracing received by the Oklahoma City Office, indicating that Mrs. Campbell had received a letter without a return address which had been mailed from West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. [redacted] is quite possible that the letter was from a friend or relative of the Campbell family.

With reference to a letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 19, 1935 to the Cleveland Office, inquiries were made at the Post Offices at Wann, South Coffeyville, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, regarding any money orders that might have been cashed by Milt Lett or any member of the Campbell family. At Wann and South Coffeyville, it was ascertained that no money orders of this description had been cashed. Money orders which are cashed at Tulsa, Oklahoma are all filed together in the day's business and it appears at the present time as if it would be impractical to endeavor to make a check of money orders which may have been cashed in Tulsa, especially in view of the fact that no information was obtained at Brunswick and Cleveland, Ohio that money orders were purchased by the person who mailed the letters to Milt Lett at Wann, Oklahoma. Inquiries were made in the neighborhood of the Campbell home at 11th and Rockford Streets in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Crown Drug Store, Superior Cafe, and four different grocery stores, but no information was obtained that any member of the Campbell family or any other person was in the habit of getting money orders cashed at any of these places.

Inquiries were also made at the four banks in Tulsa as to whether George C., George, Lissa, Laura Lee, or Pearl Campbell have bank accounts or a safety deposit box with any of these banks, but no account was had with any of these banks.

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It was ascertained that Mrs. L. B. (Irene) Hoffman, sister of Volney Davis, had moved from 1115 South Yorktown, to 1720 North Atlanta Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was interviewed there and expressed a good and cooperative attitude toward Bureau Agents. She believes that her brother, Volney, has been treated fairly by the Government and has no ill feelings toward any Agent. She said that she knew Harry Campbell when he was a young boy, but had never seen him after he



became a man. She is only slightly acquainted with members of the Campbell family and stated that she was visiting with them about two years ago and asked if they had received any word from Harry and they told her that they were not hearing anything from him. She does not believe that the Campbell family would tell her anything if they knew, though she says that she would be willing to cooperate with this Bureau and furnish any information she receives that would help to apprehend Campbell and this she promised to do.

With reference to a letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Oklahoma City Office, dated at Chicago, Illinois December 15, 1935, Mrs. Melissa Devan has been interviewed by this Agent on numerous occasions and has furnished some bits of information regarding small petty offenses in other matters and has expressed a willingness to advise concerning any information she might receive regarding the location of Harry Campbell. She has communicated with this Agent several times and it is believed that she will advise of any information she receives regarding Campbell or his associates. She will be contacted frequently in the future.

Regarding Harold Wright, alias Fat Wright, a brother of Glen Leroy Wright, a close associate of Harry Campbell at one time, this man was interviewed by the writer and stated that he knew Harry Campbell personally though he is not acquainted with Karpis. He said that he had never been an associate of Campbell or his brother, Glen, on any jobs, though he knew that several officers around Tulsa, Oklahoma believed that he had run several errands for these men while he was delivering his papers to some of the small towns around Tulsa. He said that he did meet his brother on the road a few times and on one or two occasions Harry Campbell was with him, but they never did ask him to run any errands for them and he had merely taken some message from his brother to his mother. The writer explained to him that either he or his brother, Louis, has been known to do a lot of favors for Glen and Harry Campbell and some of their associates at different times and he said that he believed that his brother, Louis, had driven these fugitives on several occasions, as Louis was driving a taxi cab at the time these criminals were operating around Oklahoma. In this connection, it is definitely known that Louis Wright is most unreliable, and for that reason an interview with him has been delayed. As it appears that there would be no harm in openly interviewing him, he will be interviewed in the near future.

Louis Jacobs, proprietor of the Jacobs Mercantile Company and a beer saloon on 1st Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and an eminent friend of Laura Campbell, was interviewed and stated that he had received no information regarding Harry Campbell since he was last interviewed. He again reiterated the fact that Laura does not discuss her brother with him. He stated that he presently is employing Laura to check his electric victrolas, run change records on them, and that he has these victrolas placed in numerous towns around Tulsa, having sixty-four in all. This fact is confirmed by what Laura Campbell advised the writer that she is doing at the present time. Jacobs manifested a willingness to continue to cooperate with this Agent and will advise of any information he receives regarding the activities of Harry Campbell.

On November 20, 1935, Lieutenant Earl Gardner of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, advised Special Agent L. H. Kingman that he had obtained some confidential information from a source he would not disclose, that there had been a sixty or sixty-five thousand dollar payroll robbery or bank robbery in the vicinity of Chicago a short time before that, and that it was Gardner's idea that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell participated in this job. According to Gardner's information, Sam Coker, an Oklahoma former convict and outlaw, participated in this robbery. He indicated that Tommy and Morris Crabtree of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were also members of this so-called gang he refers to and that a certain unnamed Jew is alleged to have come to Tulsa from Chicago with a portion of the proceeds of this robbery and that \$300.00 of it was used to obtain the release from the State Prison of Eddie Shacquette; that Shacquette escaped from the penitentiary November 17th which escape was planned by this mob. Gardner advised that this mob is supposed to be driving a V-8 Ford with 1935 Oklahoma tag #43-363. It was also Gardner's information obtained from the same confidential source, that this mob intended to pull some job within a day's drive from Tulsa, Oklahoma, which they expected would net them \$40,000.00, and be back in Tulsa Friday or Saturday, November 22nd or 23rd. No information has been obtained concerning this alleged planned robbery. The State Highway Department has advised that the license tags numbers start with sixty thousand and the license tag number, therefore, obtained by Gardner, was apparently an error. The correct spelling of Shacquette is Shouquette. The Oklahoma City Office immediately directed a teletype message to the Chicago Office on November 20, 1935, asking to be advised if a sixty or sixty-five thousand dollar payroll robbery or bank robbery had been committed in the vicinity of Chicago within a few days period before and the next day the Chicago Office answered by advising that no robbery had been committed in that vicinity during the past two months amounting to more than \$5,000.00. It appears, therefore, that Gardner's information was not reliable.

As set out in the report of reference, there is being a twenty-four hour surveillance maintained of the Campbell home at 818 South Rockford Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma by Agents C. J. Endres, W. J. Buchanan, and D. I. McCain, who are in 820 South Rockford Street, an adjoining house to the Campbell home. There is very little activity about the Campbell home and they have very few visitors, and apparently very few friends. When this surveillance was first begun a 1935 grey Plymouth Sedan, bearing license #402-437, being driven by Laura Campbell, was immediately checked and it was ascertained that it was sold by the Bobst Motor Company of Tulsa to Mrs. F. H. Miracle, 510 South Houston Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma and that the car was financed through the C.I.T. Corporation at Tulsa. Inquiries at this place from Mr. Ryan, the Manager, revealed the fact that this car, Motor No. PE87808, Title No. 1220016, was demonstrator and that the original price was \$585.00, that the Bobst Motor Company took in a "62" Chrysler Sedan and they financed this car to Mrs. Miracle for \$486.00 on March 20, 1935. According to their records, Mrs. Miracle runs a boarding house at the above address. Their records further reflect that on June 12, 1935, the title of this car, as well as the mortgage was transferred to Laura Lee Campbell of 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa. Their investigation shows that this person is employed by the Jacobs Mercantile Company as cashier, and has been so employed for four years. The payments on this car are \$27.00 per month and they are being made very promptly, in fact, the payments are about one month ahead of time. It might be stated here in this connection that when the writer was talking with Laura Campbell at her

home and when the conversation centered around Laura driving an automobile, she stated that she had to purchase an automobile to use in the work she is doing for Jacobs. She also said it was necessary to build another garage as she could not put a car in the old garage from the alley, which is the only entrance to the old garage. Mr. Ryan, the Manager of the G. I. T. Corporation at Tulsa will advise this Agent if the remaining part of the mortgage on Laura Campbell's car is paid off in a lump sum.

The observations being made by these Agents at 820 South Rockford reveals the fact that Laura Campbell leaves her home from 10:50 A. M. to 12:00 noon each day and that she returns home from 10:30 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. the next morning. In this connection, it might also be stated that Laura advised this Agent that she does most of her checking of the electric victrolas for Jacobs in the afternoons and nights.

On November 28, 1935 a young man wearing glasses arrived at the Campbell home in a 1930 Model Dodge Sedan, dark blue in color, with yellow wheels, bearing a 1935 Oklahoma plate, #73-594. A check at the State Highway Department at Oklahoma City reveals the fact that this license tag was issued to T. F. Nash, care of Frick Reid Supply Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a 1930 Model Dodge Sedan, Motor #DD-2477, Title #962387. This man drove the Campbell Plymouth during the afternoon, accompanied by all of the family except the elder Mr. Campbell. The driver departed in his own car about dark. He did not agree with the description of Harry Campbell.

During the evening of November 28, 1935 an old Pontiac Sedan, 1935 Oklahoma tag #402-497, stopped at the Campbell home. An elderly tall man entered the Campbell house for a few minutes and then drove away. The identity of this person has not been established to date, but the car was apparently registered in Tulsa and his identity will be established in the near future.

On this same date a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, which has later been found to have Motor #PD-25051, Title #1204795, bearing 1935 Oklahoma tag #376-488, appeared at the Campbell home and a young couple, the woman apparently Edith Campbell, appeared with some lamp shades, which they placed in the old Campbell garage. This car has been seen at this home on numerous occasions since that date and sometimes is being driven by a woman and sometimes a man, apparently the latter being the husband of Edith, who is Charlie Stevens, and at the present time they are being divorced. It was ascertained that this tag on this car was issued to J. K. McClarren, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Investigation at Muskogee disclosed the fact that McClarren met with an accident while driving this Plymouth Coupe, damaging it, after which he secured a 1935 Model Chevrolet Coupe, which he is now driving. The official records at Muskogee do not reflect the transfer of the title by McClarren of this Plymouth Coupe, and this is due to the lax laws in Oklahoma regarding motor vehicles. It is apparent, however, that this car is presently in the possession of Charlie Stevens, the husband of Edith Campbell, though this will be checked definitely within the very near future.

On December 1, 1935 about 4:00 P. M., an elderly man, driving an old model Studebaker Sedan, with 1935 Oklahoma license #120-575 came to the Campbell home and took Mr. Campbell for a ride. He returned home in the same car about 7:30 P. M. with Campbell and then left. The records at the State Highway Department, Oklahoma City, show that this tag was issued to John Sliz, Okarche, Oklahoma, for a 1929 model DeSoto Sedan, Motor #53350, which car was purchased by him new April 15, 1929 from Archie Stetler Motor Company, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. It is possible that some mistake was made in obtaining this particular tag number.

On December 3, 1935, an Acme Cab, bearing 1935 Oklahoma tag #752,338, arrived at the Campbell home and left a package. No passengers were in the taxi cab.

On this same date, December 3rd, a Model A Ford Coach, bearing 1935 Oklahoma license #688-625, and advertising a local cleaner and dyer, called for clothes. Since that date, this same car has called at the Campbell home, calling for cleaning and pressing.

On December 8, 1935, just at dark, Agent Endres advised the writer that a man called at the Campbell home in a yellow taxi cab, license number unknown, with a small package or box, entered the Campbell home and a few minutes later left in the Campbell car. His identity could not be established though it is felt that he was not Harry Campbell. The writer, with Agent L. E. Kingman immediately made a surveillance of the Campbell home and about 8:00 P. M. that same night the Campbell car returned with apparently the same man in it. This man went into the house and a very few minutes later returned to the car with Laura Campbell and they proceeded to the business part of Tulsa and parked on 1st Street in front of the Jacobs beer saloon on 1st Street. A few minutes later Agent Kingman and the writer went into the beer saloon and drank a couple of glasses of beer and Laura Campbell and Louis Jacobs were observed drinking beer there also. It is quite conclusive that the person who called at the Campbell home was Jacobs, who calls there frequently.

On December 15, 1935 about 11:30 A. M., Agent Endres advised this Agent that Mrs. Campbell and Laura had just put several packages in the latter's car and that Laura was just leaving their home. It was felt that it would be unwise for these surveilling agents to attempt to follow her and it was impossible for this Agent to observe her car, and an arrangement was made through the cooperation of Mr. W. W. Haines, a Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, to have the parcel post section of the main Post Office in Tulsa, also the branch office in the Brown-Dunkin Department Store, the Whittier branch station, and the West Tulsa station, to watch for a girl described as Laura Campbell is described, and to advise him if she mailed any packages. A watch was kept by these various places during the entire afternoon of December 15th, but she apparently did not mail any packages in Tulsa. It is apparent that if these were Christmas packages she mailed them at some small town where she would have less trouble and have a shorter wait than she would in Tulsa, which would likely be one of the towns where she went to check these electric victrolas.

On December 15, 1935 about 3:00 P. M., two men arrived in an old Model Chrysler Roadster, the turtle back of this car being off and the car was evidently used for hauling tools in the oil fields. The two men were roughly dressed. One remained in the car, the other delivering a small package to the house. Due to the fact that the license tag had some mud on it, the Agents were unable to obtain the license number.

Due to the fact that there is a possibility that if any of the persons who called at the Campbell home were interviewed immediately afterwards or even within a few days, and they had not been at the Campbell home for several months preceding that, they may suspect as to how the information was obtained regarding their connection with the Campbell family, they are not being immediately interviewed, but their identities will be established, if possible, and if advisable some or all of them will be interviewed in the future to determine if they have any information regarding the location of Harry Campbell.

It might also be stated that all mail, including registered, special delivery, and air mail, addressed to Nevada, is processed at the Post Office Inspection Station, and is delivered to its destination through the cooperation of the Superintendent of the Nevada Post Office and the Manager of the Postal Telegraph, all arrangements being made to insure that any packages received from outside the State will be immediately notified to the Post Office Inspection Agency. It is noted that mail delivered express received from outside of the State is delivered to the Post Office Inspection Station.

Mention is made on page five to the effect that a letter was received by Maggie Lett, mother of Milton Lett, with the return address of Ted Thornton, 505 Herak (?), Nevada, Missouri. The Kansas City Office, by telephone, has been requested to cover mail at that address, bearing in mind particularly that Milton Lett may be receiving mail there or through the general delivery window at Nevada, or elsewhere in that city. The Kansas City Office is also being kept in mind the possibility that Lett may be receiving registered mail, special delivery, and parcel post.

Reference is made to a letter from the Cleveland Office dated December 12, 1935, which refers to a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, No. No. P322772, Serial No. 2619857. Appropriate flash card has been placed with the Highway Department, Division of Motor Vehicle Registration, Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Okla., in connection with this matter.

Reference is also made to a letter dated December 16, 1935 from the Cleveland Office, which requests that the records of the Vehicle Division of the various States be searched for the names E. R. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Worth, aliases of Harry Campbell. The only manner in which the Highway records are maintained in Oklahoma is by motor and serial numbers. Chauffeurs' and drivers' licenses are not required in the State of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma City Office will continue the investigation in this case.

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December 20, 1935.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With further reference to negotiations with officials of the National City and Chase National Banks, New York City, relative to their employees in Havana, Cuba branches proceeding to St. Paul for the purpose of testifying in the trial of the above captioned case, which begins January 6, 1936, there are attached hereto copies of memorandum of even date prepared by Special Agent J. A. Genau. The substance of the above information was today furnished by teletype to the Jacksonville Office.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. WHITLEY:

RE: BREKID

The writer contacted Mr. FRANK E. RASMUSSEN, Assistant Comptroller of the National City Bank, who was acting in place of Mr. E. E. HUGHES, Comptroller, and informed him that this office would be unable to furnish him with a letter to the effect that a suit and overcoat and general expenses would be supplied the employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank for their trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, and return, and explained the reason therefor. Mr. RASMUSSEN took no exception to not receiving a letter, and stated that the employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank were being instructed today to proceed to St. Paul upon receipt of instructions by telegram from the U. S. Government. Mr. RASMUSSEN also stated that he did not know, nor did he believe that Mr. HUGHES knew of the fact that the desired employees in the Havana Branch were wavering as to whether to go to St. Paul or not; that the officials of his bank were willing to cooperate with the Government in every way, and intended to do so in the instant case.

The writer also contacted Mr. SHERKELL SMITH, Vice President of the Chase National Bank, 13 Pine Street, New York City, with regard to the employees of the Havana Branch proceeding to St. Paul. Mr. SMITH stated that the desired employees of the Havana Branch will proceed to St. Paul upon receipt of instructions from the U. S. Government. The writer also advised Mr. SMITH that this office would be unable to furnish him with a letter mentioning that a suit and overcoat and general expenses would be paid for by the Government covering the travel of the employees of the Havana Branch to and from St. Paul. Mr. SMITH, however, likewise took no exception to this, and stated that no letter was necessary; that his bank is willing and ready to cooperate with the Government in this case.

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FILE NO. **7-30 LEE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/17 and 12/18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PAUL M. PLUNKETT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record existence Tufts Medical or Dental School of subject Moran's teeth. Other persons contacted have no knowledge thereof. Close friends of Moran's while medical student will be interviewed.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12/10/35.

DETAILS: At Tufts Medical School, Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., this agent contacted Mrs. Miller, secretary to Dean F. E. Stearns, who was on this occasion absent. Mrs. Miller produced the records of the medical school on Joseph Patrick Moran which show that he registered in the pre-medical school on February 10, 1919 and in the medical school in September of 1920. He was graduated from the school in 1924, having attained a cum laude rating. Both Mrs. Miller and subsequently Dean Stearns made inquiry at the office of the Dental Department and informed this agent that the Dental School has no records of dentistry performed by them before the year 1927. The Dean also stated that the practice which now exists of giving complete medical examinations to every medical student was not in vogue until very recently and that therefore no examination was made of Moran at the time of his entrance into the medical school or during his attendance.

A letter in the file, however, shows that the Dean of the school at that time, Dr. Steven Rashmore, believed Moran to be a tubercular type since he so stated, adding that Moran had lost weight and become very pale presumably from overwork.

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Dean Stearns also attempted to ascertain whether Moran had interned in a Boston hospital but could find no records to show that he had. The files further showed that Moran had spent some weeks at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Allston under Dr. Joseph Stanton while in medical school.

Dr. Stanton was contacted in his office at 408 Beacon Street, Boston, and stated that he remembered Moran rather well; that he at one time had visited Moran in his apartment on Henshaw Street and met Moran's wife. He did not, however, recall that Moran had any dentistry done and has heard nothing of him since 1924.

The files of the Medical School contain two letters apparently written by Moran signed with his name as Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps, the latter dated January 25, 1919 in which he applied for admission to the pre-medical school. There is also in the file the application of Moran for admission to the Medical School also apparently in his own handwriting. The information thereon is wholly contained in the Bureau's files and is not being set out herein. The handwriting samples were not obtained but should they be desired may be had on the promise to substitute therefor photostatic copies.

Dr. F. E. Haskins, now Professor of Pharmacology at Tufts Medical School was formerly secretary at the time of Moran's attendance and upon being contacted by this agent, stated that his memory of Moran was very vague and that he could not recall anything in the dental line concerning him.

A calling card in the file bore the printed name, Bernard F. Sweeney, Willis Filene's Credit Department, and pencilled thereon the name Joseph P. Moran, 176 Huntington Avenue, which it is assumed was Moran's address while attending school.

Dean Stearns was very cooperative and has ascertained for this agent that while in medical school Moran's closest companions were the present Dr. William C. Inman, 446 Lowell Street, Peabody, Massachusetts, and Dr. Roger E. Hubbard, 78 Federal Street, Northfield, Massachusetts. On the possibility that either of these gentlemen may recall something of Moran's dentistry they will be contacted with reference thereto.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:** THE BOSTON OFFICE will contact Doctors William C. Inman and Roger E. Hubbard to ascertain any information they have concerning subject Moran with particular reference to dental history.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Wynona Burdette advises 1935 picture of Harry Campbell buried in five pound tin cracker box on unknown oil lease near Ponca City, Oklahoma, but declines to give the exact location.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter of Special Agent in Charge, D. V. Ladd, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 11, 1935.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>AT MILAN, MICHIGAN</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Wynona Burdette was interviewed at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, and was questioned concerning her willingness to allow the Bureau to secure her most recent picture of Harry Campbell.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">It is noted that at the time that she was formerly requested by Agents of the Bureau to allow them to have possession of this photograph she refused to divulge its location or to allow the Bureau Agents to have possession of the same.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Miss Burdette was questioned at length concerning the above mentioned picture and during the interview the following information was secured:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Miss Burdette advised that she has the only copy of this picture of Harry Campbell which was taken in 1933 and advised that Harry Campbell's mother does not have a copy of this picture. She stated that</p>			
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the picture was taken in Montana, but refused to give the name of the town or the name of the establishment at which this picture was taken. Miss Burdette at first definitely refused to give any information concerning this picture and stated that for sentimental reasons she would not divulge the present location of this picture but at that time advised that if there was any other way she could cooperate with the Government she would be glad to do so.

Miss Burdette, after lengthy questioning, advised that the above mentioned picture was not in the possession of any of her relatives, and was not located in any trunks which she had left with any of her relatives or friends. Miss Burdette was asked in what sort of a container the picture was kept, and stated that it was kept in a five pound tin cracker box. Miss Burdette advised that this box is the type of tin box from which bulk crackers are sold at various grocery stores in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma. Agent attempted to ascertain the reason why Miss Burdette refused to allow Agents of the Bureau to have possession of this box and she advised that for sentimental reasons she did not want anyone to know where this box was located.

It was suggested to Miss Burdette that if she did not want outsiders to know of the location of this box or did not want outsiders to know that she had given this picture to Agents of the Bureau, that appropriate arrangements could be made whereby her giving the picture to the Bureau Agents would be kept in strictest confidence and in that connection it was stated to Miss Burdette that if the above mentioned box was not in the possession of any of her friends or relatives and was located in some storage house, that appropriate arrangements could be made to secure the pictures and the remaining contents of this box either forwarded to her at Milan, Michigan, or forwarded to one of her sisters, and all indications would lead the person receiving this box to believe that it was forwarded by Miss Burdette.

At that time Miss Burdette advised that the above mentioned tin box was not in the possession of any storage house, and upon being questioned further advised that the above mentioned box was buried in the ground. Miss Burdette was questioned and finally advised that during the first part of 1933 before she had become acquainted with any of the Barker-Karpis gang she and Harry Campbell placed this picture, as well as her picture and other personal effects, including rings and watches in this tin box and had buried the same on "some oil lease near Ponca City, Oklahoma."

Additional attempts were made to secure the exact location of this box, as Miss Burdette advised that the place was marked, but no

additional information could be obtained from Miss Burdette. While being questioned, Miss Burdette advised that anyone digging up this box would have to do so late at night as there were usually people on this oil lease all day. It is believed from the above information that the above mentioned tin box is possibly buried near a group of houses located on the above mentioned oil lease.

Miss Burdette requested that she be furnished with a small picture of Harry Campbell and requested a picture of herself. At the time these pictures are delivered to Miss Burdette she will again be interviewed relative to the location of the above mentioned picture.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DETROIT OFFICE at U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, will interview Wynona Burdette relative to the present location of the tin box in which she states the picture of Harry Campbell is buried.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Wynona Burdette advises Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver intimately associated with members of Barker-Karpis gang from September, 1933 to July, 1934. Myrtle Eaton seen with Barker-Karpis gang in St. Paul, Minnesota, Toledo, Ohio, and Sandusky, Ohio. Burdette possessed no information that Myrtle Eaton knew of indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota against William Weaver; Myrtle Eaton last seen by Burdette, July 25, 1934.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated December 12, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MILAN, MICHIGAN**

Wynona Burdette was interviewed at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, and in regards to her associations with Myrtle Eaton, she gave the following information:

**DETAILS:**

Miss Burdette was questioned concerning the information which she has previously given to Agents of the Bureau, as set out in the Summary Report, in regards to Myrtle Eaton, dated December 11, 1935.

Miss Burdette advised that during the last part of September, 1933, she met Harry Campbell at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana, and she and Campbell were joined by "Doc" Barker and Willie

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O Harrison. Miss Burdette advised that this group then proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, and upon arriving in that city, Willie Harrison, "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, and herself proceeded to the apartment of William Weaver, where they stayed until approximately October 6, 1933. In this connection, Miss Burdette advised that Myrtle Eaton did not stay in the apartment with the mentioned parties during the above mentioned five day period, but according to the information given her by William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton had another apartment in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Burdette advised that Myrtle Eaton came to the apartment of William Weaver each morning and prepared the meals for William Weaver, "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, and herself, but would always leave during the evening and not remain in the apartment over night. Miss Burdette advised that about October 6, 1933, she and Harry Campbell proceeded to Reno, Nevada, but William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, so far as she knows, remained in St. Paul, Minnesota, as she did not see either of the above mentioned parties during her six weeks stay in Reno, Nevada.

Miss Burdette advised that Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton's association during the above mentioned six day period was very friendly and their actions led her to believe that they were man and wife, although Myrtle Eaton did not occupy the same apartment with William Weaver at that time. Miss Burdette states that Myrtle Eaton was not very friendly with her at that time.

Miss Burdette advised that about December 10, 1933, she and Harry Campbell returned to St. Paul, Minnesota with Paula Harmon and Fred O Barker and that they were followed by other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. She stated that upon her return to St. Paul, Minnesota, she and Harry Campbell proceeded to the apartment of Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver, the address of which is unknown to her, and remained in that apartment for a period of two or three days and nights.

Miss Burdette states that at that time she and Harry Campbell occupied the bedroom of this apartment and lived together as man and wife, and that during that same three day period, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton slept together on a bed which they made down in the living room of the above mentioned apartment. Miss Burdette advises that at the expiration of three days she and Harry Campbell secured a separate apartment in the Capitol Apartments in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that after she and Campbell moved into their own apartment they visited Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton on one occasion. Miss Burdette advised that she did not see either Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton on any other occasion while she was in St. Paul, Minnesota, but advises that their actions led her to believe that they were man and wife, and that they appeared to be very interested in each other. Miss Burdette advised that "I never talked shop or about the boys" with Myrtle Eaton. Miss Burdette advised that the topic of her conversation with Myrtle Eaton, while



in St. Paul, was in regard to the recent trip of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell to Reno, Nevada. As set out in previous reports, Miss Burdette advised that she remained in St. Paul until about January 16, at which time she and Paula Harmon proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where they secured an apartment. Miss Burdette advised that she arrived in Chicago, Illinois about January 17, 1934 and that about two weeks after her arrival in that town she and Paula Harmon engaged in a fight in an unknown night club and subsequent to that time Paula Harmon occupied a separate apartment while in Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Burdette advised that Edna Murray continued to live with her in Chicago after Paula Harmon had moved from the apartment. In this connection, Miss Burdette advised that after she had left Chicago, Illinois, she and Paula Harmon made up and during the time Wynona Burdette was in Toledo, Ohio, Paula Harmon advised her that about two weeks after they had arrived in Chicago, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had visited her in her (Paula Harmon's) apartment.

According to the above information as given by Paula Harmon to Wynona Burdette, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton visited her in Chicago some time about the first of February in 1934. Miss Burdette advised that about February 15, 1934, she, Campbell, and Willie Harrison moved from Chicago, Illinois to Toledo, Ohio, and upon arriving there she and Harry Campbell secured an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments at Toledo, Ohio, where they lived for approximately two months.

Miss Burdette advised that she did not see Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton during the one month period she spent in Chicago, Illinois or during the two months period which she and Harry Campbell spent in the Jarvis Apartments at Toledo, Ohio. Miss Burdette advised that about April 15, 1934 she and Harry Campbell moved into a house which is located on "the Point" in the suburbs of Toledo. Miss Burdette advised that while she and Harry Campbell were living at the above location, she and Harry Campbell visited the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, and while there saw "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker and other members of the gang, and that on one occasion she saw William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at the above mentioned club.

Miss Burdette stated that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton visited she and Harry Campbell at their residence, but states that she can not remember the subject of conversation, and is positive that the conversation did not pertain to Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton's connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. Miss Burdette advised that while she and Harry Campbell were living on "the Point" Willie Harrison and "Doc" Barker, as well as

Jimmie Wilson and "Doc" Moran lived with them. At this point Miss Burdette advised that it was at the above address that "Doc" Moran operated on the fingerprints of "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, and Volney Davis, and stated that this took place some time during the latter part of May, 1934, and that after these operations were performed she and Harry Campbell took "Doc" Moran to the railroad station, and he, at that time advised them that he was proceeding to Chicago, Illinois.

Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton advised Wynona Burdette at the time of their visit to Wynona's home on "the Point" that they had secured an apartment in Toledo, Ohio, which was located about three blocks from the Jarvis apartment house in Toledo, Ohio, which was the former residence of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell.

Miss Burdette states that on one occasion while she and Edna Murray were living together in Chicago, Illinois, Volney Davis came into the apartment and handed a newspaper to Edna Murray. Miss Burdette advised that Volney Davis pointed out to Edna Murray a picture of Edward George Bremer which was shown on the first page of this newspaper. Miss Burdette advised that Volney Davis did not say anything at that time but proceeded into the bedroom and after Davis had left the room she examined the picture and saw that it was a picture of Edward George Bremer. Miss Burdette advises that at that time she did not know why Volney Davis pointed out the above mentioned picture to Edna Murray and advised that she did not ask any questions concerning the above mentioned incident. Miss Burdette advised that she did not know that Harry Campbell or any of the boys were implicated in the Bremer kidnaping and stated that while she and Harry Campbell were living together in Toledo, she asked Campbell if Bremer was released and Campbell replied that according to what the newspapers said he would be released.

Miss Burdette advised that was about all of the conversation she and Harry Campbell had concerning Edward George Bremer. Miss Burdette advised that about June 24, 1934, she and Harry Campbell proceeded to Sandusky, Ohio, and from there to the cabin which Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had rented. This cabin was located on Lake Erie, approximately eight miles from Sandusky, Ohio. Miss Burdette advised that after arriving at the cabin of Myrtle Eaton and Weaver, she and Harry Campbell lived in the above mentioned cabin for a period of about five days and at that time this cabin was also occupied by Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Volney Davis and Edna Murray.

Miss Burdette advised that during the five day period in which she lived with the above mentioned people, they enjoyed themselves by

drinking heavily and by swimming at a beach which was located near to the cabin. Miss Burdette, incidentally, states that at no time during the above mentioned period was the Bremer kidnaping mentioned to her by any person with which she was living at that time. Miss Burdette advised that of her own personal knowledge, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton are personally acquainted with all of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang, including Alvin Karpis, "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Jimmie Wilson, and Willie Harrison.

Miss Burdette advised that at the expiration of the above mentioned five day period she and Harry Campbell secured a cottage located a short distance from the cottage of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, and that they occupied this cabin with "Doc" Barker until approximately August 1, 1934. Miss Burdette advised that she did not know that Harry Campbell was connected with the Bremer kidnaping and when asked where she believed Harry Campbell was getting his money that she was of the opinion at that time that the Karpis-Barker gang were robbing banks. A short time after Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette secured their own cottage, Volney Davis and Edna Murray secured a cottage which was located about 20 miles distance, but Fred Barker and Paula Harmon remained with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in their cabin for approximately 30 days, after she and Harry Campbell moved from the cabin of Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton's.

Miss Burdette advised that while living in the cabin with "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell she returned to Toledo, Ohio, and was in the hospital in that city from June 12, 1934 to June 26, 1934 and advised that she again returned to the above mentioned hospital on July 2, 1934 and remained in that institution until July 16, 1934. Miss Burdette advised that she did not see Harry Sawyer and his wife while they were living in the above mentioned cabin, but stated that Harry Campbell advised her upon her return that Harry Sawyer and his wife had visited his cabin and had also visited the cabin of Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

Miss Burdette advised that about July 25, 1934, Harry Sawyer visited their cabin and at that time was accompanied by Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker. Miss Burdette advised that she was extremely nervous when several of the Karpis-Barker gang visited her home and told Harry Campbell to keep them away from her house, as she did not want them coming there in groups. In this connection Miss Burdette advised that she was later informed by Harry Campbell that Myrtle Eaton had also told William Weaver that she would leave him if the Karpis-Barker gang kept coming to their house in groups. Miss Burdette advised that Harry Campbell accused she and Myrtle Eaton of "getting together." She stated, however, that she had never talked to Myrtle Eaton concerning the above mentioned subject.

After lengthy conversation, Miss Burdette remembered that during the time she was living with Harry Campbell in Toledo, Ohio, in the

Jarvis Apartments, she made inquiry concerning the afternoon paper which ordinarily arrived at about 4:00 P. M. Miss Burdette advised that there were several members of the gang in her apartment at that time but no answer was given to her concerning the above mentioned newspaper. Miss Burdette advised that after the boys left she examined the apartment and under one of the cushions of the divan she found the afternoon newspaper which had a picture of Alvin Karpis on the front page. Miss Burdette advised that she hurriedly looked at this picture and replaced it under the cushion of the divan. Miss Burdette advised that she learned from this picture that Alvin Karpis was wanted by the police, but states she did not have sufficient time to ascertain for what Alvin Karpis was wanted. Miss Burdette denies that she later questioned Campbell concerning this and stated the following day she looked for this paper but the same was gone.

Miss Burdette advised that she did not know anything concerning the boys' connection with the Bremer kidnaping, but states that the newspaper picture which she saw was the first information she received concerning Alvin Karpis being wanted by the police and advised that before she and Harry Campbell came North, she knew that Fred and "Doc" Barker were "criminals at heart." Miss Burdette advised that during the time she and Harry Campbell lived at Toledo, Ohio, and Sandusky, Ohio, they were driving a new Ford V 8 Coupe.

Miss Burdette advised that of her own personal knowledge Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver associated freely with all members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but states that at no time did she have any conversation with Myrtle Eaton or any of the other members of the Karpis-Barker gang concerning the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Miss Burdette advised that about July 25, 1934, she and Harry Campbell moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and were accompanied by "Doc" Barker. Miss Burdette stated that she has not seen William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton since that date.

As set out on page 14 of the summary report in regards to Myrtle Eaton, Miss Burdette was questioned concerning any knowledge she might have of the alleged shop lifting tour of Myrtle Eaton. Myrtle Eaton advised that during the early part of January, 1934, she took a trip to Texas and Oklahoma for the purpose of shop lifting and that while she was in either Oklahoma City or Fort Worth, Texas, she read of the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. Miss Burdette advised that she had no information concerning the above and again stated that she did not see Myrtle Eaton from about January 10, 1934, until approximately February 20, 1934.

Miss Burdette advised that during her above mentioned meetings with Myrtle Eaton she seemed to be very well acquainted with all of the members of the Barker-Karpis crowd and stated that she would consider Myrtle Eaton a personal friend of all the members of that crowd. She advised that she did not have any information which would lead her to believe that Myrtle Eaton had definite knowledge that William Weaver was under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Burdette again advised that she has not seen her since July 25, 1934. Miss Burdette advised that she was very anxious to cooperate with the Government in any way that she could and in that connection advised that she would willingly testify to the associations of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver with the different members of the Karpis-Barker gang and would give any other information in her possession.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
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December 20, 1935

Director  
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
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Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With further reference to Buick Coupe, motor #2845179, serial #2691033, which is presently in the possession of the Chicago Bureau Office, please be advised that on December 20, 1935, Federal Judge J. Earl Major entered an order instructing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation return to Helen Ferguson the above described property, to be used by the said Helen Ferguson as her own personal property.

Immediately upon this order being entered the Cleveland Office was informed by teletype, and advised that Buick car is available at Chicago, Illinois, to be delivered to Mrs. Ferguson at such a time as the Cleveland Office makes the appropriate arrangements for Mrs. Ferguson to proceed to Chicago. It is my understanding that Helen Ferguson is without funds, and it will probably be necessary to advance the same to her in order that she can proceed to Chicago. The Bureau is requested to advise the Cleveland Office in this respect. The Cleveland Office is being requested to expedite this matter in order that Helen Ferguson might leave Toledo, Ohio, at the earliest possible date.

A copy of the petition and order entered at Chicago, Illinois in connection with this matter is being attached to the copies of this letter for the Bureau and Cleveland Office.

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D. C. No. 43561

ORDER

Upon reading the petition of MICHAEL L. IGOE, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof, and it appearing to the Court that the true owner of the Buick Coupe referred to in said petition is Mrs. Helen Ferguson:

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Buick Coupe, Model 868, Motor No. 2845179, Serial No. 2691033, be, and the same hereby is declared to be owned by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Buick Coupe aforesaid be, and the same hereby is ordered to be delivered to and retained by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson, to be used by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson as her own personal property.

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Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois,

this 20th day of December, A.D.1935.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v

D. C. No. 43561

ONE BUICK COUPE,  
Model 868,  
Motor No. 2845179  
Serial No. 2691033.

P E T I T I O N

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION THEREOF:

Your petitioner, MICHAEL L. GOE, United States Attorney for  
the Northern district of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof, respectfully  
represents to this Honorable Court that on, to wit, the 25rd day of April,  
A.D. 1934, J. J. Metcalfe and S. K. McKee, Special Agents, Division of  
Investigation, United States Department of Justice, did find and take  
possession of, and now have in their possession, one Buick Coupe, Model  
868, Motor No. 2845179, Serial No. 2691033.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Buick Coupe  
aforesaid, was abandoned by one John Dillinger and one Tommy Carroll,  
then fugitives from justice; that the said Special Agents investigated  
and caused to be investigated the title of the said automobile, and  
that from the investigation made by themselves and other members of the  
said Department of Justice, it was found that all names connected thereto,  
including the name of one Mrs. Helen Ferguson, were fictitious, and

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furthermore, your petitioner states that at no time was this property owned by the said John Dillinger and/or the said Tommy Carrolls.

Your petitioner further states that the said automobile has been in the possession of the said Department of Justice since the 23rd day of April, A.D. 1934, and that on August 7, A.D. 1934, an order was entered by his Honor, Judge Walter G. Lindley, declaring the said Buick Coupe aforesaid, to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons, excepting the true owner thereof; that on the said date the automobile was delivered to the said Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in the regular course of business.

Your petitioner further states that on August 18, A.D. 1934, the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson was taken into custody by agents of the Division of Investigation and was subsequently identified as being the individual concerning whom previous investigations had been made and whose name at the time of the investigation was considered fictitious inasmuch as no such person could be found. Shortly after Mrs. Helen Ferguson was taken into custody she advised said Division of Investigation that she purchased the said automobile through the Burgl Motor Sales at Cicero, Illinois, on or about June 10, 1933; that she registered this car in the State of Illinois to Secretary of State in the said year of 1933 and that subsequently she learned that a check was being made upon the car by the said Division of Investigation and that shortly after the purchase of the said car she drove the same to Fox River Grove, Illinois, and turned it over to an individual by the name of Louis Cernocky, now deceased, who was at the

time a contact man for the various members of the Dillinger gang. According to Mrs. Helen Ferguson this car was turned over to the said Thomas Leonard Carroll, a Dillinger gangster, by the said Louis Cernocky, without her knowledge or consent.

Your petitioner further respectfully submits that since the acquisition of this car the said Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, has been supplied by the United States Government with official cars for their own use in the conducting of official business and that a fund has been set aside for the purchase, care and maintenance of said official cars, and furthermore, that at the present time the said Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, is without funds with which to care for the custody and control of the said Buick Coupe aforesaid.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that an order be entered declaring the said Buick Coupe aforesaid, to be owned by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson for all practicable purposes and as a result of all investigation is apparently the true owner thereof, and that the said Buick Coupe aforesaid be returned and delivered by the said Division of Investigation for the said United States Department of Justice, to the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson as her own personal property.

United States Attorney

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS )  
EASTERN DIVISION ) SS.

R. C. SURAN, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes  
and says that he has read the above and foregoing petition, knows  
the contents thereof and that the same is true to his own knowledge, with  
exception as matters therein said to be on information and belief, and as  
to those matters he believes it to be true.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
20th day of December, A.D. 1935.

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Notary Public

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December 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

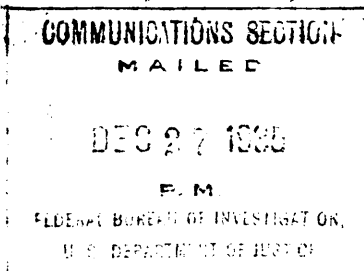
Reference is made to letter of the Chicago Office, dated December 20, 1935, a copy of which was furnished your office, concerning confiscated Buick Coupe, motor #2845179, which was ordered by the Federal Judge in Chicago to be turned over to Helen Ferguson.

Providing that Helen Ferguson is without funds to proceed to Chicago to obtain the car, it will be satisfactory to pay her a reasonable amount to cover her transportation to Chicago for this purpose. Reimbursement for any amount paid to Helen Ferguson should be claimed by blue slip.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC: Chicago.



TELETYPE

Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E.A. Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Coffey  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Foxworth  
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 Mr. Joseph  
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 Mr. Tamm  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Miss Gandy

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F B I CHICAGO    DECEMBER 20, 1935.    10-25 AM    JC

DIRECTOR

SAC LOS ANGELES

PHONE. REFERENCE MURRAY COOK, ASHTABULA, OHIO, OPERATES RESTAURANT  
 SHALLOWS CLUB PREVIOUSLY POSSESSED CONSIDERABLE MONEY ALSO FORMER  
 WIFE HAS MONEY. FORMER WIFE PAULINE MILLER NOW RE-MARRIED TO R. BUCKLIN.  
 UNDER COVER INQUIRY MOTHER WIFE TOLEDO, OHIO INDICATES PAULINE POSSIBLY  
 USING NAME MILLER LOCATED PALM SPRINGS CALIFORNIA PAST YEAR, COOK AND  
 PAULINE IN LITIGATION SETTLEMENT CERTAIN JOINT OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY,  
 PAULINE HIGH FLIER. LOS ANGELES MAY FIND PAULINE LOCATED VICTORIA APARTMENTS  
 OR IN ASSOCIATION WITH ROBERTSON WOMEN AND IF SUCH IS CASE MAY ACCOUNT FOR  
 TELEPHONE CALL NOVEMBER 15.

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cc via Tamm

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*Edna L. H. ...*  
*Mr. D. M. ...*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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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 11, 1935.

Time - 3:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Laughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Gandy	.....

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein at the St. Paul Office, he mentioned the fact that they have been questioning Belle Born relative to the above matter for the past two days. He said that she absolutely and emphatically denies knowing anything about the case, and particularly, about Charlie Fitzgerald. I asked Mr. Stein how she accounts for the statements which she has made to the effect that Fitzgerald is dead. Mr. Stein said that she does not account for them, she denies them. Mr. Stein further said that the person to whom she is alleged to have made such a statement is now working for us as an informant, and we do not want to expose the informant at this time.

Mr. Stein said that he is going to talk with Mr. Connelley later in the day and see if he has any suggestions; that if not, and there is nothing further we can do, Belle Born will be released.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BRKID.

From my recent conversation with Special Agent E. K. McKee in Havana, and from the information contained in teletype received from the New York Office yesterday, concerning the witnesses employed by the City National Bank in Havana, it appears that all witnesses in Cuba subpoenaed by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, will be present in St. Paul on the dates desired.

Special Agent McKee in his memorandum to the Jacksonville Office, dated December 19, 1935, advised that boats leaving Havana for Miami during the week beginning January 5, 1936, sail on January 5, 1936, which is Sunday, and Thursday, January 9th. Most of the Cuban witnesses will have to spend the day of their arrival in Miami purchasing clothes.

Agent McKee does not think it advisable to request some of the Cuban witnesses to travel by plane in view of the efforts at intimidation, and he believes it desirable, in order to maintain the morale of these people, to have them travel together, that is those who desire to do so. There is also the problem that some of them do not speak any English, and will have to rely on the others to translate for them.

Agent McKee believes that they will all feel better about the proposition of proceeding to St. Paul on the dates desired, if they are advised definitely of the date of their departure. Agent McKee has assured them that they will be used as soon as possible after their arrival in St. Paul, and that their departure will be expedited.

It is respectfully suggested that United States Attorney George Sullivan at St. Paul be contacted immediately in an effort to have the departure date of the Cuban witnesses fixed now, if possible. They have their plans to make, and there is also the matter of ship sailing dates to consider.

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*Ed. George Bremer*

TO SAC ST PAUL, MINN.  
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Please advise the Jacksonville Office of the results of your conference with the United States Attorney concerning this matter, as soon as possible so that Agent McKee in Havana can be advised and be in a position to inform the witnesses. They are continually questioning him concerning their departure.

Very truly yours,

R. A. AIT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau ✓  
E.J. Conelley, Chicago,  
Cincinnati.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

December 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *EW*

Time - <sup>4</sup> 8:50 P. M.  
(12/18/35)

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

Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division called the writer and stated he had ascertained from the State Department that instructions had been sent by the State Department to its representatives in Cuba, informing them that Special Agent S. K. McKee is in Havana at the present time in an effort to secure the attendance of certain witnesses in Cuba for the trial to be held in connection with the above entitled case at St. Paul on January 6, 1936, and instructing the State Department's representatives to cooperate to the fullest extent with Special Agent McKee in his efforts.

Mr. Fisher further stated that he had ascertained from the Division of Accounts of the Department that \$20 would be allowed for each of the two persons who had stated they could not come to St. Paul because of the cold, in order that these persons may procure overcoats and that further, authorization has been granted for one of the witnesses to fly from Havana to Miami and then proceed by train to St. Paul and return in the same manner, in order that he might not be away from his business for too long a period. Mr. Fisher further stated that he has a communication which would indicate that the banks in Cuba are not certain as to what records will be necessary at the trial. Mr. Fisher stated that if this matter has not already been taken care of he believes it advisable that Agent McKee should be fully informed as to what bank records are needed.

Mr. Fisher also brought up the question that due to Cuban laws it may be impossible to obtain certain of the original records. In that event he stated he had looked up the law on the subject and found that photostatic copies of the original records might be used in Federal Courts in the event they are properly substantiated as the true and correct copies of the original records. He stated that this process probably would involve some photographer making the copies and then testifying on the stand as to how these copies were made. He stated it would also be necessary for someone to testify that it was possible to have the original evidence there and that further some official would have to testify that the photostatic copies were exact copies of the original records.

Mr. Fisher stated that, while he is not certain the original records can not be taken from Cuba, he deemed it advisable to look up the

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law on this subject in order that preparations might be made for the production of secondary evidence at the trial. Mr. Fisher further suggested that Agent McKee probably could testify that the original records were in Cuba and that they could not be taken from the country. In this connection Mr. Fisher seemed to take it for granted that Mr. McKee would be at the trial at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

*E. L. Richmond*  
E. L. Richmond.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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December 21, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
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Mr. Fierstone called from Pittsburgh and advised that he had just received a telephone call from [redacted] the effect that a letter [redacted] minutes ago, addressed [redacted] the Postman states he knows [redacted] Fierstone stated he called MacFarland, who in turn called Connelley, and Connelley had just called Fierstone. Fierstone states he is going up there right away with a number of Agents.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-21-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-14 to 12-19-35.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. K. MCKEE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE. I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation and observation of Roger Dugad, Neon Sign Manufacturer, Havana, Cuba, revealed he is not identical with subject Harry Campbell. Entire floor of Edificio Paseo, 25th & Paseo Sts., Havana, Cuba, is occupied by Geo. P. Foster and family. Foster is President of Compania Litografica de la Habana, Vice-President of American Club of Havana, and is above reproach. Arrangements being made through Consul-General and with Cuban witnesses for their appearance in St. Paul, Minn. In approaching trial in this case. Contacts with individual witnesses indicate envoy of subject Cassius McDonald has been making efforts to intimidate witnesses and prevent their appearance at trial. Bureau advised of efforts to tamper with witnesses.

REFERENCE: Letter to Director from SAC Whitley, New York, N.Y., dated Nov. 27, 1935; Letter from Director to SAC Connelley, Indianapolis, Ind., dated Dec. 2, 1935.

DETAILS: AT HAVANA, CUBA.

The writer arrived in Havana on December 13, 1935, and on the same date interviewed Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, at which time he was informed that Agent was in Cuba on official business, and that communication would be had with him when the business had been concluded in order that the date of Agent's departure might be furnished. Interview was, likewise, had with Consul-General C. R. Cameron and Vice-Consul Donald Edgar as to negotiations between State

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Department representatives and the Cuban witnesses in this matter as to appearance of the witnesses in St. Paul, Minn., during January, 1936, at the approaching trial. They informed that there had been some difficulty with the witnesses at the National City Bank of New York, and that the Bank was presently in communication with their main office in New York regarding the travel requested of these witnesses. They also stated that four witnesses, namely: Faustino Munos of Mir & Guas, James Ennis and Gerald Hernandez of the National Hotel, and Nicholas Rodriguez of the National City Bank had informed that they would not consider travelling to St. Paul on account of the cold weather, also because of local business conditions. The Consul-General's Office had not, as yet, been able to complete arrangements with Juan P. Ruiz. Agent advised both Messrs. Cameron and Edgar that he would be glad to aid in perfecting arrangements with the various witnesses, and would also try to persuade the four persons who had stated they would not appear to reconsider the matter. Agent was informed that his assistance in this matter would be appreciated. Details as to negotiations with the various witnesses will be reported separately.

R. V. Waters, President, Electrical Equipment Company of Cuba, Galiano & Animas, Havana, was interviewed relative to the information he had furnished to Agents of the New York Bureau Office, as related in letter from SAC R. Whitley, to the Director under date of Nov. 27, 1935. Mr. Waters volunteered to produce J. E. Rogers for interview at his home in the Miramar Section of Havana on the night of Dec. 14, 1935.

In accordance with the above arrangements interview was had with J. E. Rogers, address 176 16th St., Vedado, Havana. Rogers informed that he has been unemployed for some time, but that he earns some money from time to time through the sale of various types of display signs and other advertising equipment. He related that he occupies a duplex house with a German, whose name he did not care to furnish, and that this man about a year ago introduced him to one Roger Dugad, stating that he conducted a factory for the manufacture of neon signs. The German suggested that Rogers might be able to make a connection with Dugad in way of merchandising the signs, and with this in mind Rogers was taken to the factory in question. He stated that he endeavored to deal with Dugad, but was never successful in securing prices or in having a small number of signs made up. He claimed that his understanding was that Dugad was a Frenchman, speaking only broken English and Spanish; that

he tried to converse with Dugad in French and learned the man could not speak the language. In short he gathered the impression that Dugad was not operating a legitimate business, as he could not deal with him. About two months ago he stated he saw pictures of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis in "Startling Detective Magazine", and seeing a strong resemblance between Dugad and the photograph of Campbell, he related the matter to Mr. Waters with the result of the present investigation.

Agent was accompanied during the above interview, also, during later investigation in this matter by U. S. Customs Agent Willis D. George, who is stationed in Havana and who has cooperated fully with the writer and other Bureau Agents in the past.

Rogers furnished the following physical description of Dugad: Age - about 35 years; height - 5' 5"; Hair - Dark; Eyes - Bluish gray; Weight - about 140 lbs; build - medium. He was shown several different photographs of subject Campbell and, after viewing same, advised that he thought Dugad and Campbell to be identical.

It should be stated that Rogers is extremely deaf and one has to shout in his ear in order to make him hear what is said. He appears perfectly sincere, but it is the opinion of the writer, also of Mr. George, that he is inclined to be a bit imaginative. At the time of the interview he stressed the fact that he did not want his name mentioned in any way as he feared possible reprisal, and said he was only willing to cooperate to the point of pointing out the Dugad establishment to Mr. Waters.

On the morning of Dec. 16, 1935, Mr. Rogers drove with Mr. Waters and pointed out the place of business of Roger Dugad. A short time later the place was pointed out to the writer by Waters. The address in question is #53 San Francisco Street. It is a good sized building consisting of only one floor with the entrance opening directly onto the street so automobiles can be driven in from the street. The interior is one very large room with several smaller rooms opening off of same. The smaller rooms are used as offices and store rooms for sign equipment. There is no sign on the outside of the building, but it should be stated that very few business establishments are equipped with outside signs. When the location was pointed out to Agent at least five or six men were noticed in the place, and the front door was open.

On the same morning the writer and Willis D. George went to the above described place and endeavored to secure information re prices, etc., for a small Neon sign. There were some five men, all Cubans, in the place and dealings with them were not satisfactory. It was learned, however, that the proprietor, Mr. Roger Dugad, would be in at 2:00 P. M., and that

he could supply any information he wanted. During the time we visited the place we wandered about and learned that there was no place which was being used as living quarters. All of the small rooms were for office and storage purposes. There was a good quantity of Neon sign equipment present, also designing boards, and other materials. A truck bearing the name "Anuncios International, S.A." was, also, in the building. Agent noticed a large Neon sign being prepared for a funeral Director by the name of Alfredo Fernandez, and Willis George informed that he was personally acquainted with Fernandez.

Alfredo Fernandez, Gral M. Suarez 63, Telephone A-6348, Havana, was interviewed for information concerning Dugad. He advised that he has known Dugad for approximately three years; that he has been in the sign business for almost that length of time; that he is a Frenchman and was located in Havana about ten years ago, but left Cuba, and returned about three years ago. He stated Dugad is a tough person to do business with, as he has an independent income through the family of his wife, and does not have much interest in the sign business which he operates on only a small scale. Fernandez was shown the photograph of subject, Harry Campbell, and he stated emphatically that the two men were not the same, although he advised that there was some facial resemblance.

During the above interview with Fernandez, which occurred in the Grill Room of the Hotel Plaza, one Pancho Arango, Secretary to the Mayor of Havana, came up and Fernandez inquired if he knew Roger Dugad. Arango stated that he did, and when the picture of Campbell was shown to him he said it was not a likeness of Dugad. Both Fernandez and Arango are well known to Willis D. George, and they were requested by him to treat the interview in a confidential manner.

Roger Dugad was interviewed at his place of business concerning the purchase of a small Neon sign, and at the same time an opportunity to observe him was had. The writer and Mr. George did not reveal their official connections to him. It is stated that there is some slight resemblance between Dugad and the photograph of Campbell, but the physical makeup of Dugad is such that he could not be mistaken for Campbell by a person who knew the physical proportions of Campbell. Dugad is at least 5' 10" in height, and has black hair. He speaks neither English nor Spanish. During the course of the efforts to talk with him, both in person and through an interpreter, it was learned that he only converses in the French language.

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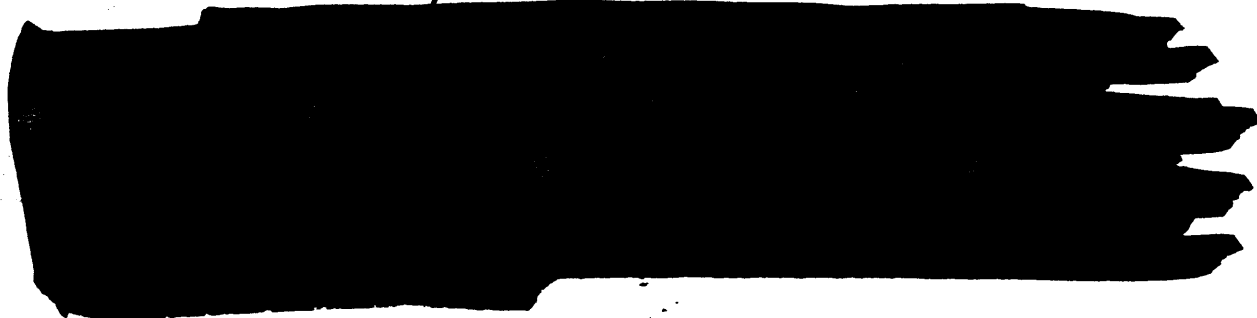
R. V. Waters was also interviewed for data on the suspicious person at the Paseo Apartments, 25th & Paseo Sts., whom he thought might be subject Karpis masquerading as a woman. He communicated by telephone with his friends in this Building and learned that the person in question lives on the eighth floor, which floor is entirely taken up by one apartment.

Willis D. George informed the writer that a friend of his by the name of Falla Batista, a wealthy sugar grower, formerly resided on the seventh floor of the Edificio Paseo; that Batista is connected through marriage with the sugar people named Gutierrez, whom he believes own the apartment building in question; that the apartment is the most exclusive residential building in the city and that he was positive that new tenants would be thoroughly investigated before they would be accepted as tenants. Mr. George advised that he could learn the identity of the occupants of the eighth floor apartment through Davis Suero Jr., a son-in-law of Falla Batista, who is employed in the management of the Gutierrez Estate.

David Suero, Jr., was interviewed at the Gutierrez Estate Offices by Mr. George and the writer. In response to inquiries he ascertained that the eighth floor of the Edificio Paseo has been leased for the past six months by George P. Foster and his family. He stated that Foster is President of Compania Litografica de la Habana, the largest printing and engraving firm in the city and has been a resident of the City for many years. He advised that he is personally acquainted with Mr. Foster, and that his reputation is above reproach.

Reference to the Havana Telephone Directory indicated that George P. Foster has telephone #f-4873 listed to him at Apartment 801, Edificio Paseo. It should also be stated that telephone #F-3962 is listed to Renaud Roger Dugad, Banos 50, Vedado.

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[redacted] was also asked for information as to George P. Foster. He advised that Foster has been a resident of Havana for about thirty years, is prominent in the American Colony, owns the largest printing and engraving firm in the City, is president of the American Club, and is regarded by all as one of the outstanding residents of the of the City. He stated that the integrity of the man is without question.

Under date of Dec. 16, 1935, a cablegram was dispatched to SAC Alt at Jacksonville, Fla., advising that the information furnished the Bureau by Messrs. R. V. Waters and J. E. Rogers was without base.

Since the arrival of the writer in Havana contact has been effected with all of the persons who are desired at St. Paul as witnesses in the coming trial in this matter. Without exception they have informed that a man has been to see them, stating he was a friend of Cassius McDonald, and asking that they not go to St. Paul to testify against McDonald. This man did not furnish his name to any of the prospective witnesses and it so happens that none of the witnesses asked him his name. In some instances he did not contact the witnesses directly, but talked to other persons, at their places of employment and asked them to communicate his conversation to the witnesses. He has stated that he knows McDonald well and has visited at his home in Detroit, Mich.; that McDonald did not know the money he switched in Havana was kidnap money but thought it came from gambling in the United States; that McDonald cannot be convicted at St. Paul if the witnesses do not appear against him; that McDonald is willing to pay the witnesses if they refuse to furnish testimony; that if the witnesses go to St. Paul they are liable to be killed by gangsters with machine guns or that they might be put in jail by the Federal authorities.

It should be stated that most of the prospective witnesses are Cubans, and that they become frightened very easily. The writer has endeavored to allay any fears they might have, and has assured them that they will receive good treatment in the United States and have no reason to anticipate bodily harm from gangsters. The above information was communicated to the Bureau telephonically on Dec. 14, 1935, and subsequent instructions were received by the writer to remain in Havana until the forepart of January, 1936, and then accompany the witnesses to St. Paul. The writer is maintaining contact with all of the witnesses in order to keep advised of any new efforts at intimidation.

Rene Bolivar, one of the witnesses, has learned through Arturo Beale that the man who has been attempting to influence the witnesses is named Bosque. Bolivar was told that Mrs. McDonald had been in Havana and had conferred with Beale with the result as set out above. The visits to the various witnesses, apparently by Bosque, occurred during the week ending Dec. 14, 1935. All of the witnesses who were approached furnished the same description of their visitor. Instructions have been received not to make an open investigation in order to learn of the identity of Bosque. No such action has been taken, but arrangements have been made to learn more about the man in the event he again calls upon any of the witnesses.

On the afternoon of Dec. 12, 1935, the writer was in the office of the Pan-American Airways at Miami, Fla., making reservations for a seat on the plane to Havana, and Mrs. Cassius McDonald was seen leaving the airport bus. It was learned that the most recent plane arriving at the air base was the ship from Havana, but a telephone call to the base failed to indicate that Mrs. McDonald had been a passenger on the incoming plane from Havana. On the following morning the writer examined the passenger list on the plane in question and learned that Mrs. McDonald had been a passenger, but had travelled under the name of Edith Gordon, which was her maiden name. She went to Havana two days before her return.

At the present writing (12-19-35) arrangements have been made with the following witnesses to go to St. Paul: Bolivar, Ruiz, Zalacain, Feijoo, Garrido, Munoz, Frazer, Ennis and Hernandez. The remaining three, namely - Dominguez, Rodriguez, and Elsner all of whom are connected with the National City Bank of N. Y., are awaiting word from the head office of the Bank in New York City before making any decision. It is anticipated, however, that they will agree to appear in St. Paul.

It is being borne in mind that some of the prospective witnesses might change their minds about going to St. Paul or might receive further visits from the man Bosque or other persons. For this reason a steady contact is being maintained with them.

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Cleveland, Ohio

R. WHITLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
870 LEXINGTON AVE., ROOM 1403  
NEW YORK CITY

BREKID WILLIAM FERGUS REPORTED TO ARRIVE NEW YORK BETWEEN NOW AND  
TWENTY THIRD INSTANT. WIFE HAS GONE TO NEW YORK TO MEET HIM

MAG FARLAND

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-21-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. H. HEYWOOD</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; etal, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**X** Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772, not registered in State of West Virginia. Flash card placed with West Virginia State Road Commission.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office dated 12-12-35.

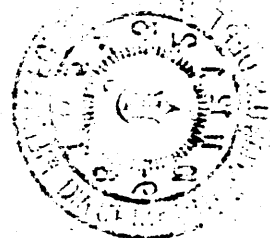
**DETAILS:** **AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA:**

**ALLEN TEMPLE**, Automobile Bureau, West Virginia State Road Commission, advised that Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772, is not registered in the State of West Virginia.

A flash card was placed with the Automobile Bureau, and in the event this car is registered in West Virginia, the Pittsburgh Bureau Office will be notified immediately.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE ~~REKID~~ COURT ORDER ENTERED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TODAY INSTRUCT-  
ING BUICK COUPE MOTOR 2345179 BE RETURNED TO HELEN FERGUSON. CAR  
AVAILABLE FOR MRS FERGUSON AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AT SUCH TIME CLEVELAND  
OFFICE MAKES APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HELEN FERGUSON TO PROCEED  
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 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio** FILE NO. **7-12**

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Butte, Montana	12/16/35	12/3,7,11,16/35	W. T. Gray TM
<b>TITLE</b> ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; FUGITIVE; I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> Kidnaping; Bremer; Fugitives; Construction of parties; National Firearms Act.	
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> [The following information was furnished to the writer by Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Green, Great Falls, Montana, residents of long standing in that community and character apparently good. Mae Neurenberg of Butte, correspondent of Isabelle Born, operates rooming house at 516 South Montana Street; has reputation as drinker; neighborhood investigation indicates no suspicious circumstances; former husband is presently Postmaster at Missoula, Montana. W. J. Edmunds,ampa, Idaho, states information of Agent J. T. McLaughlin was furnished to Edmunds by Archie Kirkpatrick, Eureka, California, policeman, all of which conveyed to Agent McLaughlin.]			
<b>REFERENCES:</b> Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Massachusetts, 11-13-35; copy of letter of Special Agent in Charge H. E. Anderson, St. Paul, Minnesota, 11-14-35, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois; report of Special Agent J. E. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, 11-29-35; report of Special Agent L. C. Rumsey, Detroit, Michigan, 12-9-35.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-1576-2538 DEC 28 1935	
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DETAILS:

With reference to the letter of Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 1935, addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, conducted the following investigation at Philipsburg, Montana:

Postmaster McKenzie regarding a letter mailed from the Philipsburg, Montana, on October 19, 1935, addressed to Miss Isabelle Born, Mankato, Minnesota, return address. Mr. McKenzie advised that he had no memory of delivering such a letter or of the name of the sender. He stated that he had no knowledge of any person by the name of Isabelle Born in Philipsburg, Montana.

Inquiry at the Sheriff's Office elicited results similar to those of [redacted].

Further inquiry of residents of long standing at Philipsburg, personally known to the writer, developed no information of value regarding this matter.

With reference to the lead contained in report of Special Agent P. M. Plunket, Boston, Massachusetts, November 13, 1935, requesting that the identity be determined of Mrs. H. S. Green of Great Falls, Montana, who is corresponding with Mrs. J. E. Hayes, wife of confidence man interviewed at Boston, Special Agent R. C. Connell, Butte, ascertained from Mr. C. R. Klane, Assistant Postmaster, Great Falls, that he has known both Mr. and Mrs. Green for the past twenty years. Mr. Klane could make no criticism as to their characters.

Mr. E. H. Chellquist, mail carrier on the route including residence of the Greens at 324-4th Avenue West, advised that he has known the Greens for the past two years, and to his recollection Mrs. Green has been corresponding with Mrs. Hayes in Boston since that time.

It was ascertained further that Mr. Howard S. Green was former County Attorney, and is now a practicing attorney, at Great Falls, Montana.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated November 29, 1935, directing an interview with W. J. Edmunds, former Special Agent, Indian Service, regarding Eureka, California, police officers who might know or be assisting Karpis. Special Agent R. C. Connell contacted W. J. Edmunds at Hampa, Idaho, and reported that Edmunds had advised him that he (Edmunds) had received the information referred to by Agent McLaughlin from Archie Kirkpatrick, Eureka, California, policeman, that Karpis is hiding at that point. Edmunds advised Agent Connell further that he (Edmunds) had given all information in his possession to Agent McLaughlin.

at Elko, Nevada, last August, and Edmunds suggested that Kirkpatrick be contacted for further particulars.

With further reference to copy of letter of Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated November 14, 1935, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, containing information that ~~November 1, 1935~~ Sabella, ~~Bois~~ had received mail containing return address, "Mae Neurenberg, 516 South Montana Street, Butte, Montana," no additional information has been obtained from Assistant Postmaster W. J. Corbitt, Butte, Montana, nor has Deputy U. S. Marshal Dimitri Batchoff been able to develop further information.

Inquiry of a Mrs. Liton, living at 608 South Montana Street, Butte, developed the information that Mae Neurenberg operates a rooming house at 516 South Montana Street. Mrs. Liton could furnish no information concerning the number of roomers or any of the activities about the house other than to advise that Mae Neurenberg had a reputation for drinking.

Through a series of inquiries it was ascertained that a Mrs. Ferrero and family resided at 518 South Montana Street, which house is situated next door to that of Mae Neurenberg's. It was ascertained further that James Giovanetti, Clerk for the local office of the U. S. Secret Service, was well acquainted with this family. Mr. Giovanetti accompanied Agent to the home of Mrs. Ferrero where it was learned that Mrs. Neurenberg was operating a rooming house at 516 South Montana Street; that she presently had but two roomers, the names of whom were unknown to Mrs. Ferrero, but she advised both were elderly men and both were employed. Mrs. Ferrero advised further that Mrs. Neurenberg was a heavy drinker; that from her (Mrs. Ferrero) observation she noted no suspicious parties about the premises; that Mrs. Neurenberg has lived in this house for the past five or six years, and that previous to this time she had operated a rooming house somewhere on the west side for the previous fifteen or twenty years. Mrs. Ferrero recalled from conversations with Mae Neurenberg that the latter was raised in Minnesota. She could not, however, recall the name of the town mentioned by Mrs. Neurenberg. Mrs. Ferrero advised further that Mae Neurenberg had numerous relatives in Minnesota, the names of whom or location of whom she could not furnish.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ that Mrs. Neurenberg's former husband (Mr. Neurenberg), from whom she has been separated or divorced, is presently the Postmaster at Missoula, Montana. Believing Mr. Neurenberg to be a valuable contact in regard to immediate investigation, no further inquiries were made until interview is had with Mr. Neurenberg, which is expected in the very near future.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The BUTTE OFFICE at Missoula, Montana, will contact Postmaster Neurenberg, obtaining from him the family history including names and addresses of relatives of Mae Neurenberg, her contacts, and will discreetly endeavor to learn of the possibility of Mae Neurenberg having any contact with Subjects in this case.



The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at Eureka, California - with reference to report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 29, 1935, will interview Archie Kirkpatrick, policeman, regarding his statements to W. J. Edmunds concerning knowledge of Eureka police officers who might know or be assisting Karpis.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 12, 1935.

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

Time - 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent Clinton Stein, acting in charge of the St. Paul Office, telephoned me relative to BELLE BORN. You will recall that the Agents of the St. Paul Office have been questioning this woman for the past two days with reference to statements made by her to the effect that Charlie Fitzgerald is dead. Mr. Stein said that vigorous questioning of this woman has failed to make her state that she knows anything about Fitzgerald or any other members of the gang. Mr. Stein said that he has discussed this situation with Mr. Connelley, and upon the approval of Mr. Connelley, the following plan is pending the approval of the Bureau.

Belle Born will be taken back to Mankato this afternoon by Special Agent Jack Brennan of the St. Paul Office. She says that she wants to talk things over with her family attorney, a man by the name of Pfau. Brennan is going back with her, and with her consent and approval, will accompany her to see this attorney. Mr. Brennan is going to tell this attorney pretty much of what we have so that he can advise her what to do under the circumstances.

I told him that I could see no objection to this.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Post Office Box 818  
Chicago Illinois

December 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Re: BEKID

Reference is made to your letter dated December 16, 1935 referring to the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Massachusetts, November 13, 1935 which requested an interview with Gus B. Rose.

Please be advised that investigation has been conducted at 7241 Morton Street, Chicago, Illinois, the residence of Miss Marion Gray. Through Miss Gray, the residence of Gus B. Rose was located. She advised that her husband, Gus B. Rose, until about one year ago, was connected with the Rose Metal-izing Company located in the 1500 block of Graham Court, Chicago, Illinois, and since that time has been unemployed. She stated that her husband is presently located at 130 South 15th Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin where he has a brother residing by the name of George B. Rose. Mrs. Rose was interviewed concerning William E. Meade and she advised she did not know this individual. She stated, however, that she had heard her husband speak of a man by the name of Graham but she knew no more concerning this.

It is requested that our office interview Mr. Rose at La Crosse, Wisconsin as requested in the report of Agent Plunkett.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Ed. George*

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

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December 19, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated December 17, 1935.

There are transmitted herewith eight additional mail tracings which were received at this office on December 19, 1935, from the Postmasters at White Deer and Pampa, Texas.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Ed. George Brennan*

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

DEC 26 1935

With reference to your letter of December 13th concerning the surveillance which is being maintained of the residence of the parents of Harry Campbell in Tulsa, you are advised that such a log as described therein has not been maintained, but the same has been instituted and you will be furnished therewith in the future. Hitherto, only rough draft notes thereof were kept, the contents of which are included in a report of Agent Hanson dated 12-18-35.

With reference to your letter of December 13th, wherein you refer to some .45 caliber automatic pistols which may be the property of the United States, please be advised that appropriate check will be made with the Chief Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C., in connection with these weapons.

Reference is made to a letter from the Cleveland Office dated December 12, 1935, which refers to a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ822772, Serial No. 2819857. Appropriate flash card has been placed with the Highway Department, Division of Motor Vehicle Registration, Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Okla., in connection with this matter.

Reference is also made to a letter dated December 16, 1935 from the Cleveland Office, which requests that the records of the Vehicle Division of the various States be searched for the names G. W. Denton, George Denton, and Mary Fatha, aliases of Harry Campbell. The only manner in which the Highway records are maintained in Oklahoma is by motor and serial numbers. Chauffeurs' and drivers' licenses are not required in the State of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma City Office will continue the investigation in this case.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Ed. Long, Brewer*

*Hiram*

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Special Agent in Charge  
Dallas, Texas

Re: **JAN 13 1936**

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*Ed. George Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated December 12, 1935, in the above-captioned matter, reflecting the result of investigation in the Dallas district to determine the present whereabouts of Harry Campbell.

For your information, Special Agent E. J. Dowd, now presently at Cleveland, Ohio, on special assignment on this case, advised me of certain suggestions offered by him for the benefit of future investigations based on his experience in conducting previous investigations in this case while he was assigned to the Dallas Bureau office.

According to Agent Dowd, it has been definitely established that Harry Campbell in the past has been using Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil, his oldest sister, as an intermediary in contacting other members of the family and that on one occasion Harry Campbell took Wynona Purdette to Wichita Falls, Texas, where for a period of about a month she remained at the home of Howard McNeil. The information concerning this visit will be found on page 99 of report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, of St. Paul, Minn., dated April 10, 1935.

~~Prior to July 1935 Agent Dowd advises that mail was frequently received and distributed to Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil and other members of the family from ElECTRA, Texas, and that the mail was received by the ElECTRA post office.~~

Shortly thereafter the McNeils moved to route 2 out of Iowa Park, Texas, which is located close to Wichita Falls, the county seat of Wichita County, in which ElECTRA and Iowa Park are located.

Agent Dowd advises that just prior to his transfer from the Dallas Bureau office he recalls contacting O. E. Whisnand, former con-

stable at Electra, Texas, and now County Highway Officer operating out of Wichita Falls; that Whismand, who is a fearless officer and one of the very few officers in Wichita County who can be trusted and depended upon, stated that he had arrested Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil's eldest son on a burglary charge and that the case was pending at the time; that he was acquainted with the McNeil family and would make discreet inquiries with a view to locating Harry Campbell, notifying the Dallas Bureau office of any developments. Whether Whismand ever communicated with the Dallas office Agent Dowd is unable to state; however, he advises that C. E. Whismand is considered an excellent source of information and should be contacted.

Agent Dowd further advises that inasmuch as Harry Campbell is suspected of being in contact with his mother at Sulphur Springs, Tex., by registered mail through the post office in Sulphur Springs, Texas, being the names of George Hinton, G. E. Benton and Mary Yorth, it is believed that he is also sending registered mail to Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil, his sister, who is probably receiving and, perhaps, sending such mail through the post office located at Wichita Falls, Texas.

In this connection Agent Dowd advises that according to information received by him from Mr. Jack Healey, Assistant Superintendent of Mails and Superintendent of the Registry Division of the Cleveland, Ohio, Post Office, registered mail from Cleveland and vicinity clears through the Cleveland Post Office, and any such mail addressed to Holliday, Texas, where Campbell's sister formerly received her mail, is dispatched in a pouch to Wichita Falls, Tex., a distributing post office, from which post office Holliday and near-by towns are served by star route. A pouch of registered mail dispatched from the Cleveland Post Office to the post office at Wichita Falls, Tex., is on the star route and can be traced by consulting the schedule of star routes, names of the office of origin and registry numbers in the Registry waybills.

Agent Dowd advises that persons living at Iowa Park and Holliday, Texas and on rural routes and in small towns in that vicinity usually go to Wichita Falls, Tex., particularly on Saturdays to do their shopping and quite a number of them have been known to send and call for mail at the Wichita Falls Post Office, where a large number of post office boxes are rented by transients.

According to Agent Dowd, Wichita Falls, Texas, has the reputation of being a hideout for bank robbers and potential criminals from Texas and other states, particularly Oklahoma, and that such criminals usually are given protection through the political influence of John Davenport, a former County Attorney, an unscrupulous underworld criminal lawyer and for a number of years political manager, pardon and furlough representative for Jim and Ma Ferguson, former governors of Texas. It is,

therefore, reasonable to assume that inasmuch as reference report indicates that the McNeils have not received or sent any mail for some time through the Holliday, Tex., post office and Harry Campbell has been known to visit Wichita Falls, that the McNeils might now be using the post office at Wichita Falls, at which place it is also possible that Harry Campbell is contacting his sister, Mrs. Edward Myrtle McNeil.

It is requested that the Dallas office interview County Highway Officer O. E. Whismann at Wichita Falls, Tex., for the purpose of seeking his cooperation in this investigation, it being thought by Agent Dowd that he is probably the leading peace officer in Wichita County who has numerous underworld contacts and confidential informants. In this connection, Agent Dowd advises that the sheriff's office and local police by reason of their alliance with political factions and John Davenport should not be consulted.

Another good source of information at Wichita Falls, Tex., according to Agent Dowd, is Captain W. E. Wyatt, Special Agent for the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad Company, who is well known to Whismann and also has numerous underworld contacts and confidential informants.

As indicated above, there is a strong possibility that Harry Campbell is communicating with his mother through his sister, Mrs. Edward Myrtle McNeil and probably using the names of George Benton, G. E. Benton and Mary Firth, which are identical with the names used by him in addressing his letters to an intermediary in Oklahoma.

The Dallas office is also requested to check the registry records of all registered mail matter received, Cleveland, Ohio, (in any name), and check the registry records of mail from Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity sent to George Benton, G. E. Benton, and Mary Firth, and to check the mail records of the post office at Cleveland, Ohio, to determine if there is any connection between Harry Campbell and his sister, from May 1935 to the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
E. J. Connelley  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 5252,  
Washington, D. C.

December 21, 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.

Dear Sir:

Reference is respectfully invited to letter addressed by this office to the St. Louis Office on December 11, 1935, to reply thereto dated December 18, 1935 relative to the present location of Browning Automatic Rifles Nos. 211,774 and 211,549, and of a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol No. 18,001. Attention is further invited to your letter dated October 24 addressed to the New York City Office, expressing the anticipation that the trial of the various subjects in the Bremer kidnaping case, in Florida, will take place during the month of April, 1936.

In connection therewith, it is pointed out that information has also been received to the effect that Adam Richetti is now perfecting an appeal from his conviction, and it is the Bureau's understanding that it will probably take two years to dispose of the appeal. Under these circumstances, the desire is expressed by you that the above mentioned guns be retained by the New York City Office until such time as the proper Army authorities make a request upon the Bureau for their return.

Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Division, Ordnance Office, War Department, has been informed by Special Agent Burruss of the above and he indicated his desire to cooperate fully with this Bureau. He stated that the above described guns are the property of the United States and that accountability for same has to be taken periodically. In view of the desire of the Bureau

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to retain these guns for a rather indefinite period, he stated that he would inform the commanding officer of the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, as to the present location of these arms and that he would suggest to the commanding officer that further inquiry be made by him concerning these arms towards the end of the fiscal year, 1936. Mr. Kahlert stated that he would make a notation to follow up this matter at that time.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - New York  
St. Louis  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/19, 20/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. W. HADY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1212, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Registered letter #19450 was mailed at Minneapolis December 5, 1935 to F. H. Water, 212 S. Main, Los Angeles, California. F. H. Water, who gave the address of 212 S. Main, Minneapolis, which address is the residence of EUGENE O. KLAKMAN, who is reported to be a reputable business man.

It has noticed no visitors at this address. The Hudson Jewelry Company of Minneapolis are unable to give any data from the meager information available as to who may have purchased the watch box found in FITZGERALD's apartment in Los Angeles. KLAKMAN not interviewed pending instructions from SAC Connelley. No record of registration Plymouth Sedan, engine #PJ 522772 in State of Minnesota.

DETAILS:

REFERENCE:

Letter from Chicago Office to Bureau of 12/17/35; letter from Chicago Office to Jacksonville Office of 12/18/35; and letter from Cleveland Office dated 12/12/35.

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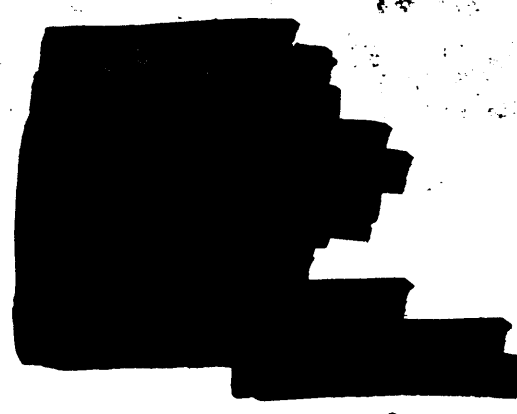
Letter from Chicago to Bureau dated December 12, 1934  
advise that [REDACTED] received [REDACTED] letter or package  
at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, 518 South Hobart Avenue, Los  
Angeles, California under the name of J. S. ROYER, December 9, 1934  
from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Registry # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Postoffice Substation in Minneapolis,  
[REDACTED] received this letter  
[REDACTED] the sender giving the name of H. Marsden,  
3820 [REDACTED] Street, the addressee being [REDACTED] 518 South Hobart  
Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The declared value of the letter  
or package was \$150.00. Forty cents postage and registry fees were  
paid and the letter or package was marked fragile.

This was the only record available at this letter or  
package at the Local Postoffice Substation. Mr. [REDACTED] was unable  
to give a description and had no personal recollection of anything  
further regarding this matter. He was furnished the address and  
telephone number of the St. Paul Office and stated he would be on  
the lookout for any further registered mail which may be sent by  
[REDACTED]. He was unable to recognize the photographs of FITZGERALD  
or BILLIE BORN as anyone whom he had seen or as the party who had  
mailed this package. He stated that in the event another registered  
letter is sent by H. MARSDEN, he will endeavor to get a description  
of this party and will follow the party out [REDACTED]  
secure a license plate number if this party [REDACTED]  
Post office in a car and will forward this data immediately to the  
St. Paul Bureau Office.

At the Minneapolis Police Department the only party in  
their records by the name of MARSDEN is HARRY W. MARSDEN alias ROBERT  
WERSHON alias R. A. WILLIAMS alias D. W. CHAMPLIN, Minneapolis Police  
#22944, described as follows:

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[REDACTED]

This party is FBI #231893 and his criminal record appears as follows, according to FBI returns found at the Minneapolis Police Department:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From the above it will be noted that he may be now serving a sentence in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado.

*office* His photograph is being furnished the Los Angeles Police *Bureau* Department herewith.

At the St. Paul Police Department the only party by the name of MARDEN listed in their records is WILLIAM H. MARDEN alias WILLIAM HARRISON, #146010 of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Police Department, [REDACTED]

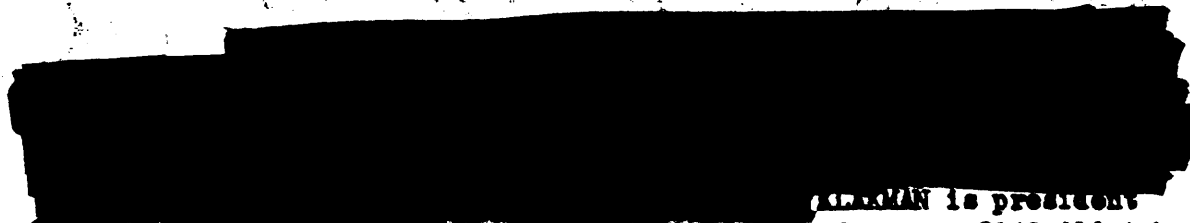
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There is no H. MARDEN listed in the Minneapolis City Directory nor in the records of the [REDACTED]

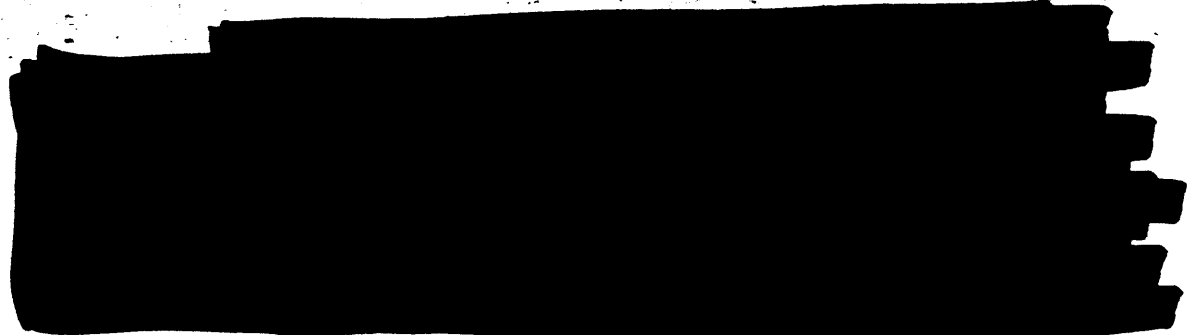
Ray Harrington, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Police Identification Bureau, former Chief of Police William Meehan, present Chief of Police Frank Forrestal and present Chief of Detectives James F. Mullen of the Minneapolis Police Department, knew of no other MARDEN than HARRY W. MARDEN, whose photograph is being furnished the Los Angeles Office herewith. These parties stated that they had never heard of EUGENE C. KLARKMAN of 3820 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, being in trouble of any kind.

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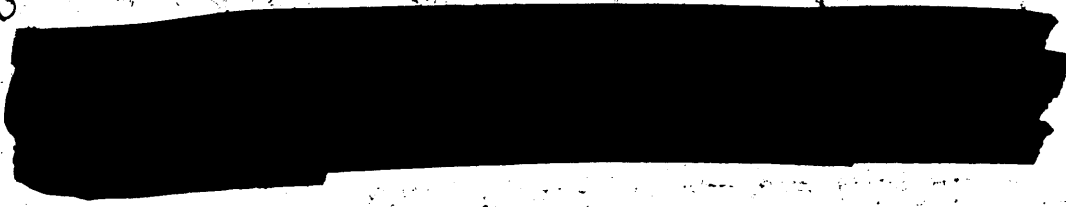


KLARKMAN is president and treasurer of the River Terminal Coal and Coke Company, 2048 Aldrich Avenue, South, Minneapolis, which also has an office at 2694 University Avenue in St. Paul; that JAMES P. DUDLEY of 54 Baldwin Street is vice president of this company and ARTHUR H. ANDERSON, 8112 Dupont Avenue, South, Minneapolis, is secretary; that the articles of incorporation being instrument #1765409 in the Register of Deeds Office, City Hall, Minneapolis, filed September 5, 1934, show that the place of business of the River Terminal Coal and Coke Company is 538 Security Building, Minneapolis. (These premises are vacant). That the nature of business is the refining, mining, producing, buying, selling, dealing, in coal, coke, wood, fuel oil, fuels of all kinds, ice; wholesale and retail; that there are 250 shares of common stock with unit par value and 250 shares of preferred stock at \$100.00 per share; that the stated capital is \$10000.00; and that the incorporators are the officers previously named; that in 1934 EUGENE C. KLARKMAN filed a trade name by which he was allowed to do business as the Minneapolis Ice and Fuel Company, the address of the Minneapolis Ice and Fuel Company being 2201 Kennedy Street, Minneapolis.

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Superintendent of the Bloomington Substation Postoffice in Minneapolis, Mr. J. E. Gillis, advised that Carrier H. W. Briggs (home 'phone Drexel 8736) carries mail to 5320 Park Avenue in Minneapolis. Carrier Briggs was interviewed at the Bloomington Substation, 1510 E. Lake Street, and states that he is quite well acquainted with the KLAKMAN family, having delivered mail there for many years; that they have one boy about 12 years old, and may have another smaller child; that there has been no mail for anyone by the name of MARSDEN delivered to the KLAKMAN residence and has not noticed any visitors there lately; that no mail has been delivered at the KLAKMAN home for any parties other than KLAKMAN's family. This information was furnished by Acting SAC Stein to SAC Connelley and the St. Paul Office is awaiting instructions as to whether KLAKMAN should be interviewed as to who the H. MARSDEN might be. He gave the address of KLAKMAN's home when sending Registered letter or package #17480 to E. S. Foster of Los Angeles on December 2, 1935.

Regarding letter from the Chicago Office to the Jacksonville Office dated December 18, 1935, the address 8907 Cedar appears. There is a Cedar Avenue in Minneapolis, but the numbers do not run as high as 8907.

Regarding the telephone number "Gladstone 6944 Howe", it was ascertained that there is a Gladstone exchange in Minneapolis and also in the Hollywood district area of Los Angeles; that there are no Gladstone numbers in Minneapolis between 6900 and 7000; hence, it is thought that some city other than Minneapolis is meant by the notation.

Regarding the reference in letter from the Chicago Office to the Jacksonville Office of December 18, 1935, mentioning Eva Toots Espy and the attached envelope bearing the return address of Cullen Espy, 1221 Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, Special Agent John E. Brennan states that there is a radio announcer at



Radio Station KMOX named ESPY; however, he does not know whether such an announcer is connected with Eva Toots Espy or Cullen Espy.

Regarding the reference letter from Chicago to Jacksonville dated December 18, 1935, stating that in FITZGERALD's apartment was a small box in which a watch had been contained from the J. B. HUDSON JEWELERS, Minneapolis, and a Christmas card signed "Eis".

At the J. V. HUDSON JEWELERS in Minneapolis, Mr. J. D. Dougherty, the manager, turned over his records to this agent for inspection and assisted in going through all the records of watches sold from November 1 to December 15, 1935, but no record could be found of the names or aliases used by CHARLES J. FITZGERALD or Belle Born, neither could any record be found of EUGENE C. KLAKMAN nor H. MARSDEN. Mr. Dougherty states that all makes of watches are placed in the same kind of boxes of the Hudson Company and that for him to check the sale of a watch, he would have to know the case number and serial of the watch and suggested if a watch sold by the Hudson Company is found subsequently and any investigation made, that the small number scratched on the inside of the back of the case be secured and furnished to him and he can immediately tell by these code numbers the party to whom the watch was sold, unless it was an isolated transaction for cash, in which case the name of the customer was not secured; however, that in most instances even the cash customers are recorded in the records of the Hudson Company. It is to be noted that the Hudson Jewelry Company is one of the largest and best established stores in Minneapolis being located in Dayton's Department Store.

Photographs of Belle Born and Fitzgerald were displayed to various employees of the Hudson Jewelry Company, Minneapolis, to ascertain whether they recalled these parties making purchases or recalled a Christmas card signed "Eis" with negative results.

Reference is made to that portion of the letter of Mr. Connelley dated at Chicago, December 18, 1935, in which it was shown that the address "Gladstone 6944 Howe" was secured from the personal effects of C.J. FITZGERALD. Attention is directed to numerous reports in this case indicating that WILLIE HARRISON frequently used the alias of E. N. HOWE and CLARA GIBSON has informed

that HARRISON had the initials E.N.H. inscribed on his luggage. Reference is also made to investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Office which disclosed that during the fall of 1934, WILLIE HARRISON visited in Long Beach, California with relatives, at that time becoming enamored with the daughter of WILLIAM DICK. It is understood that the DICKS are in some manner related to HARRISON. A suggestion is made, therefore, that the above noted address with the name HOWE may have reference to a telephone call to which WILLIE HARRISON might be connected.

The Motor Vehicle Division of the Secretary of States Office in St. Paul, Minnesota has no record of a 1935 Plymouth four door Sedan, motor PJ 322,772, serial 2,619,857, having been registered in the State of Minnesota. A Stop Notice containing the motor and serial numbers of this automobile have been filed in the office of the Motor Vehicle Division so that the St. Paul Office will be notified immediately should the number be registered thereafter.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time - 8 *am*

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Connelley at Chicago and advised a wire had been received from MacFarland, requesting an Agent for the surveillance down at Ashtabula, Ohio. He is sending Agent B. M. Hirsh down there, but he will need another man. I asked about Agent Thornton at Cincinnati, and Connelley stated Thornton is very tall and thin and would be rather conspiruous. I asked about Agent Townsend, and Connelley stated that this Agent is now working on judicial office examinations and that it was Connelley's understanding that he was on probation or something of that kind. Mr. Connelley stated that Agent Dill, while not a good investigative Agent, is a pretty good fellow for surveillance work, but that he would need direction on an assignment of this kind. Connelley stated he thought Hirsh and Dill would be all right for this assignment. I told him I would call Reinecke at Indianapolis and have him send Dill over to Cleveland and have Smith arrange to take him out there where they are going to work.

*Edgar P. Ramo*

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

10:05 PM

Mr. Tolson	
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*W. J. ...*

I talked with Connelley, advising him of Mr. Hanson's desire to secure an Agent experienced in installing telephone taps to place the taps on the telephones of Fitzgerald and his girl, and asked whether he knew anyone who could do this. Connelley stated that he did not know anyone on the West Coast; that the only one would be Agent Jones at Chicago, who has been installing a tap there, and since this tap has now been installed I suggested that Jones be sent out to Los Angeles by plane as soon as possible. Connelley stated this would be arranged.

I asked Connelley about the lead at Ashtabula, Ohio, and he stated Fitzgerald had apparently made a call from his girl's apartment to one Murray Cook at the Shallow's Club in Ashtabula, which is probably similar to the Casino Club in Toledo. He stated Agents were checking on this today. Connelley stated if this lead looked good he might go over there himself.

I suggested to Connelley that if he talked to St. Paul he might indicate the desirability of Agents endeavoring to secure information from Belle Born as to where the letter came from about the fellow dying, and Connelley stated he had tried to have them impress upon her that we are really interested in having her tell us where the fellow is. Connelley stated he thought it was possible that Belle Born had sent Fitzgerald a watch for a Christmas present, judging from the registered package which was checked in out there on the 9th. She was in town that day from Mankato and they checked the sending out of a parcel marked "Fragile", and in Fitzgerald's apartment was found a box in which a watch had apparently been shipped. There was a Christmas card enclosed signed "Sis", and Connelley thinks this may have been Belle Born, which indicates that she knows Fitzgerald's exact address.

I asked Connelley whether he wanted Agent Birch back, Birch having been called to Philadelphia because of his wife's illness, and Connelley stated he thought Birch should go back to Cleveland when his wife's condition would permit him to do so.

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I asked Connelley whether he has enough men, and he stated for the present he thought he had sufficient. He stated that, of course, if the lead at Ashtabula develops as he expects, he will probably need more men there.

I advised that McKee talked to Alt this afternoon and has all of the witnesses in line except three at the National City Bank, and Whitley advised that the National City Bank in New York had assured him that we do not need to worry about their witnesses, that they will be there. The only other two who are reluctant are the two in the hotel, but McKee thinks he will be able to line them up by tomorrow. Connelley asked whether it would be necessary for McKee to stay down there until the people got started out of there, and I advised that McKee had been told to stay until they were all on the boat, if necessary.

Connelley stated he would send in a teletype when Jones leaves by plane for Los Angeles.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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December 20, 1935

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Mr. Winterrowd	.....
Tele. Rm.	.....
Mr. Holloman	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time - 5:20 P.M.

RE: BREWER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Brantley called on the telephone from Oklahoma City and talked with Mr. Richmond, relative to the surveillance being maintained at Tulsa, Oklahoma of the parents of Harry Campbell. He stated that across the street from Campbell's parents resides one Ed. R. Smith, 816 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, telephone 3-7634, and occasionally the Campbells go over to the Smith home to use the telephone. The calls have been checked but there is nothing significant, nothing going out of the state. Lora Campbell, a sister of Harry Campbell, goes with a man named Louis Jacobs, who runs a beer parlor and mercantile store at 20 East 1st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone 2-1532. The calls on this telephone have also been checked without result. Mr. Brantley stated it had occurred to him that Campbell might call some member of his family, Lora particularly, at the Jacobs' place, or through the neighbors across the street, and Mr. Brantley was wondering whether it would be desirable to place a surveillance on these two telephones. Mr. Brantley stated he can make an arrangement with the telephone company down there whereby they will maintain this surveillance and keep a record of everything going in or coming out, this having been done in the past, and in this way it would not be necessary to tie up a number of Agents on this surveillance. Mr. Brantley believes it should be maintained until after January 1st, and he stated that both of these telephones could be covered by the telephone company in this manner at the same cost as for one of them, probably \$200 or more for the telephone men and \$35 a week for several girls.

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*Mr. H. Brantley*  
*Advise to [unclear]*

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Mr. Richmond advised Mr. Brantley that he would be informed as soon as possible whether this surveillance was desired.

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Mr. Richmond called Mr. Brantley back and advised him that he would be authorized to make the appropriate arrangements for the placing of these telephone taps.

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Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

December 20, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID - kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to mail covers placed  
in this office, there are transmitted herewith two  
tracings of mail addressed to Iowa Park, Texas, and  
information from the Postmaster regarding three let-  
ters mailed at that place.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
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J H HANSON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
617 FEDERAL BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

RE: BREKID CASE

RADIO OUTFIT RAILWAY EXPRESSED YOU TODAY SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER  
THAN TWENTY FIFTH INSTANT

*George O'Brien*

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1252; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <b>Jess Doyle, at Nebraska State Penitentiary, and Edna Murray, at Missouri State Penitentiary, interviewed. Boyle states that he had broken with rest of the mob at the time of the kidnaping; that plans laid prior to kidnaping in December, 1935, directed robbing of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, and Fred Barker invited Boyle to participate. Boyle states that, fearing he would be shot in the back during the perpetration of the robbery by some of the Barker-Karpis mob who were gunning for him, he refused. Boyle states that he did not know that gang later changed their plans to kidnap Bremer instead of robbing above bank until some time after the kidnaping. Edna Murray provides information indicating she saw Harry Sawyer present at gang meetings immediately preceding the kidnaping; likewise provides information indicating that Corey Bales, Ted and Bert Angus knew that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were fugitives from a federal charge.</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <b>Bureau letter to St. Paul Office, dated 10/31/35; Letter from Omaha Office to Bureau, dated 11/11/35; Letter from San Francisco Office to Bureau, dated 11/15/35; Bureau letters to Chicago Office, dated 11/19/35 and 12/12/35.</b> </p>			
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DETAILS:

AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

On December 15 and 16 Agent interviewed Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, the interview extending over a full two day period, during which time Doyle was extensively questioned concerning his knowledge of the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases, his activities and the gang's activities during these periods, and contacts of the Barker-Karpis gang, with the purpose in view of obtaining information of possible evidentiary value in future prosecutions of persons charged with the kidnaping and on charges of harboring fugitives in this case. Particular attention was directed in questioning Doyle to the activities of members of the Barker-Karpis gang immediately preceding the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer on January 17, 1934.

Doyle in general denied all knowledge concerning the kidnaping of Bremer prior to and immediately after the day that he was kidnaped, advising as follows:

That in the spring of 1933, after the robbery of the Fairbury, Nebraska, Bank on April 5, 1933, Earl Christman, who was wounded in the bank robbery, was taken to Kansas City, Missouri, where he was nursed for several days by Volney Davis. After his death Fred Barker accused Jess Doyle of running out on the mob inasmuch as he did not stay in Kansas City to aid in nursing Christman. Doyle stated that he did not know where Earl Christman was kept during the time he was suffering from the gunshot wound received in the robbery of the above-mentioned bank, nor did he know where Christman died, but he stated that on one occasion while he was driving with Volney Davis in the Indian Hills section of Kansas City, Volney Davis motioned out of the car and stated, "I guess old Earl Christman is still lying over there." Doyle stated that he cannot recall the exact spot where he and Davis were at the time. Davis made the statement that the motion made by Davis was just a general gesture in a certain direction. He stated he believes from the above that Volney Davis knows where Earl Christman is buried.

As a result of the allegation made by Fred Barker, as stated above, Doyle stated that Fred and "Doc" Barker and other members of the gang treated him coldly. Doyle further stated that inasmuch as Doris O'Connor, with whom he was living, would not have anything to do with "Doc" Barker, "Doc" Barker began to circulate rumors concerning Doris and himself to Fred Barker and the rest of the gang, to the effect

that Jess Doyle was talking about other members of the gang. As a result of this, one morning Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis came to his apartment with pistols in their pockets and demanded to know what Jess Doyle was saying about them. Doyle stated he called their bluff and advised them he had not been talking about them, but that if they were looking for him they could find him any time they wanted to inasmuch as they knew where he lived. Thereafter, according to Doyle, for safety's sake, he did not travel about in the company of the rest of the mob except on rare occasions, although most of them were living either in or in the vicinity of Maywood, as will be noted in the statement made by Jess Doyle, as contained in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 21, 1935. As mentioned in the above statement of Jess Doyle, he advised that thereafter he and Doris associated in great measure only with Volney Davis and Edna Murray; that in the latter part of June, 1933, they left Maywood, Illinois, and went to live at Gardin and Commerce, Oklahoma.

Doyle reiterated the information contained in his prior statement, above-mentioned, that he remained in the southwest until the latter part of the summer of 1933, and with Doris then proceeded to Three Lakes, Minnesota, where they lived for approximately a month with Eddie and Beattie Green; that thereafter the four of them rented a cottage on a lake approximately twenty-five miles south of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and on or about October 1, 1933, the four of them moved into the Whiteside Apartments at Minneapolis. Doyle stated that at this time he was not in communication with any other members of the gang and that he did not know their whereabouts; that for his own safety he likewise did not desire that they know where he was living; that around the first part of December, 1933, Volney Davis visited him and apparently Volney had obtained his address from Harry Sawyer, who in turn must have ascertained where Doyle was residing from Eddie Green. Thereafter, Fred Barker visited him on one or two occasions, and Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton visited him, likewise. Doyle stated that he and Doris were friendly with Weaver and Myrtle Eaton; that they used to exchange visits at each other's apartments; that occasionally he and Doris would visit Myrtle and Bill at Myrtle's apartment, located at 565 Portland Avenue.

Doyle here stated that all during this time he was very careful in his movements, inasmuch as he felt certain that the mob fully intended to bump him off; that on one occasion he returned to his apartment in the evening, and on ascending the stairs he saw Alvin

Karpis with another man whom he, Jess, could not identify, attempting to force their way into his apartment; that he felt certain they intended to get into the apartment and kill him as he entered.

Boyle stated that in the latter part of December, 1933, Fred Barker on one occasion approached him and stated that the mob intended to rob the Commercial State Bank, in which Edward George Bremer had an interest. Fred Barker asked Doyle if he desired to drive a car in the robbery. Doyle declined and stated to Agent that he felt certain that the only reason they invited him to participate in the robbery was for the purpose of shooting him in the back during the course of the robbery.

Concerning the allegation contained in the written statement of Paula Harmon, dated September 22, 1934, that Jess Doyle and Eddie Green were present during meetings held by members of the Karpis-Barker gang at Myrtle Eaton's and Fred Barker's apartments in the fall of 1933 when the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer was discussed, and indicating that Jess Doyle was closely connected with the gang, Boyle was questioned thoroughly as to this point. He advised that one night while he and Doris were playing bridge with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Myrtle Eaton's apartment, 565 Portland Avenue, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis entered, and when they saw Doyle did not come into the dining room, but stayed in the living room where they talked in low tones with Bill Weaver. He overheard one of them state that the bank job was off because they had ascertained that the bank was only insured in the amount of \$20,000.00; that this indicated that little cash was kept in the bank; but that they had another job for Bill Weaver. Doyle stated that none of them indicated what this other job was but that he firmly believed that they intended to rob some other bank located in St. Paul or the vicinity. Doyle stated that Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Edna Murray were present on this occasion in the apartment. Doyle stated that this was the only occasion where any mention was made of any job that the gang intended to pull, and that he had no intimation that they intended to kidnap Bremer; that he remained in Minneapolis during that time and because he feared that he might be ambushed he did not frequent any of the night clubs at St. Paul where he might possibly meet other members of the gang; that he and Doris and Bessie and Eddie Green all remained in Minneapolis. He stated that Weaver and Myrtle Eaton never at any time discussed the prospect of the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and it was not until January 15, when Fred Barker called at his apartment and suggested that he get out of town that he again saw members of the gang. Doyle stated, as mentioned in his written statement

of February 15, 1935, that he did not question Fred Barker's suggestion to get out of town; that he contacted Eddie and Bessie Green and with Doris O'Connor they left Minneapolis and proceeded to Oklahoma, as is set out in the above-mentioned written statement. Boyle here stated that the occasion when Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis came to Myrtle Eaton's apartment and talked with Bill Weaver was the first and only occasion that he met Harry Campbell.

Boyle was questioned thoroughly concerning his knowledge of, and any information he may have obtained from Volney Davis or elsewhere concerning, the Bremer kidnaping since January, 1934. He stated that he did not have any information concerning the above-mentioned kidnaping; that thereafter he took pains to keep away from members of the Barker-Karpis gang, because he feared that they would kill him should they find him. Boyle was especially questioned concerning the possible connection of William Weaver and Harry Sawyer with the kidnaping of Bremer, but he advised that he knew of no possible connection of these two men with the above kidnaping.

Boyle was likewise questioned as to the identity of the person or persons, members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who purchased the underwear, shirt and socks given to Bremer to wear immediately preceding his departure from the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois. Boyle stated that he did not know where these articles were purchased, nor did he have any information as to the identity of the person or persons who purchased same.

Boyle was likewise questioned as to persons who might possibly have information of value in the prosecution of Harry Sawyer for kidnaping. Boyle stated that Pat Reilly, who was employed by Sawyer at his tavern, was very close to Sawyer and apparently was used to run errands for Sawyer. He likewise stated that there were two young men employed as bartenders by Harry Sawyer during the time that Bremer was being held and who formerly had been employed during prohibition days by Sawyer as alcohol runners. Boyle described one as a young man approximately 26 years of age, 5'5" in height, slender build, dark complexioned, dark wavy hair, well-dressed. Boyle stated that this young man was employed by Sawyer at the time he first went to St. Paul in the fall of 1932 until the year 1934, when Sawyer moved out of his tavern located on Wabasha Street. Boyle stated that this young man sold tailor-made shirts which were manufactured by a California concern; that some of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang purchased shirts from this young man; that he could not recall this young man's

name but he recalled that this young fellow stored his car at Herb's Garage, located in the vicinity of Sawyer's tavern; that Herb, the owner of the garage, undoubtedly could identify this young man.

Boyle likewise stated that over this same period there was a tall slenderly built young man, approximately twenty-eight years of age, with dark hair, who worked as a bartender for Harry Sawyer; that this tall young man and the short fellow above-mentioned were friends and worked at the time of the kidnaping as bartenders at Sawyer's place; that undoubtedly either or both of these young men would have some information concerning the activities of Sawyer and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang shortly before and during the time that Bremer was being held captive.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

Edna Murray was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. She stated that sometime after the Hamm kidnaping in the summer of 1933 it was the plan of members of the Karpis-Barker gang to thereupon kidnap Edward George Bremer; that when the robbery of the Federal Reserve Bank messenger at Jackson Boulevard Boulevard and LaSalle Street, Chicago, on September 22, 1933, by members of the Karpis-Barker gang, resulted in the killing of Police Officer Miles Cunningham, the gang figured that things had become too "hot"; as a result thereof the kidnaping of Bremer was postponed.

In the fall of 1933, while the gang were at Reno, Nevada, the gang discussed the advisability of robbing the Commercial State Bank in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which bank Edward George Bremer had an interest. Edna Murray stated that she obtained this information in conversing with Volney Davis and others in the gang, and from what she overheard of their conversations. This apparently remained the plan of the gang up until approximately ten days before January 17, 1934, the day on which Bremer was kidnaped. On that day Harry Sawyer, Volney Davis, Fred and Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver and Fred Goetz were present in Fred Barker's apartment. Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Edna Murray were likewise present in the kitchen. The above-mentioned men stayed in the other room and were apparently discussing some plans. Edna stated that suddenly Volney Davis arose as in anger, grabbed his hat, and telling Edna to

follow him he stormed out of the apartment. He was greatly incensed and when Edna asked him the reason he stated, without explaining further, that Harry Sawyer was always sticking his nose in things and changing everybody's plans. Edna Murray was questioned thoroughly on this point as to what exactly was meant by Volney Davis' statement. She advised that from Volney Davis' conversation she gathered that Sawyer had convinced the mob that it would be extremely difficult to rob the Bremer bank because of its construction; that, furthermore, inasmuch as the bank was only insured for \$20,000.00, it was highly probable that little cash was kept in the bank, and Sawyer convinced the mob that it would be more lucrative for them to kidnap Bremer inasmuch as he felt they could obtain more money thereby.

On January 15, 1934, two days before the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, Bill Weaver, and Harry Sawyer were present in her and Volney's apartment in the Edgecomb Apartments, Lexington and Osceola Avenue, St. Paul. Edna stated that she remained in the kitchen while they talked and did not overhear their conversation, but that on one occasion when she went into the living room to serve some drinks she overheard Harry Sawyer say that the mob were "fools" to get in a jam over the shooting of McCord, the radio announcer; that the town was on fire, and that he thought they would have to put off the job for a couple of days. Edna Murray stated that this was the only part of the conversation that she overheard and the only statement made by Sawyer that she can recall hearing at that time; that although Sawyer did not expressly state so, she understood from his statement that he was referring to a job that they intended "to pull."

Edna Murray here stated that on approximately January 1, 1934, Weaver moved into an apartment located over the Moonlight Gardens Night Club, operated by a man named Miller. Edna Murray could not recall the address, but it is possible that the above address is 777 Selby Avenue, where Weaver is known to have had an apartment at the time that Bremer was kidnaped. Edna Murray was questioned as to whether she knew of an apartment Weaver had on Avon Street. She denied knowing of such an apartment.

Edna Murray stated that on January 16, 1934, she remained at home all day alone; that Volney Davis was away; that he returned that night with "Doc" Barker, who was staying with them, and that both of them left early the following morning, January 17; that before he left Volney Davis stated that Fred Barker or Harry Sawyer would be over to

visit her during the day; that, however, neither Sawyer nor Fred Barker showed up; that Volney Davis returned to the apartment at approximately 5:30 or 6 o'clock; that Fred Barker brought in a chicken and asked her to cook it; that when she refused he left and went over to his apartment, where he got Paula Harmon to cook some. Edna stated that she visited Paula Harmon later that evening, and that shortly thereafter Fred Barker called for the chicken and took it away; that Wynona Burdette was present in the apartment at that time. She stated that she did not know for whom the chicken was intended, but advised that from the testimony at the trial of Arthur R. Barker she ascertained that Edward George Bremer was fed the chicken during the time he was kept captive by the Barker-Karpis gang.

Edna Murray stated that that evening Fred Barker told her that she should leave her apartment; that she did not do so, and that on the following morning, January 18, 1934, Pat Reilly, who was working as a bartender at Sawyer's place, came to her apartment and advised Volney Davis that Harry Sawyer wanted to see him and Edna at his farm. Edna here reiterated the information as to her subsequent activities on January 18, 1935, and her trip to Chicago, Illinois, as set out in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 17, 1935.

Edna Murray stated that prior to the kidnaping, the members of the Karpis-Barker gang were always very friendly with Harry Sawyer; that they visited his saloon and talked with him; that it was generally understood among members of the gang that if they ever got in trouble they should get in touch with Harry Sawyer.

The Murray woman was questioned thoroughly as to any other meetings of the gang, prior to the kidnaping, at which Sawyer or Weaver was present, but the above was the sum of the information in her possession.

Edna Murray stated that after she had obtained an apartment in the vicinity of 65rd and University Avenue, Chicago, and after Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon moved in with her, Volney Davis visited the apartment on various occasions during the time that Bremer was being held captive; that on one occasion he remained two or three days. She stated that Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, Willie Harrison, and "Doc" Barker likewise visited her apartment on several occasions.

Edna Murray stated that on Thursday night, approximately January 23, 1934, Fred Barker came to the apartment and stated that



he had gotten in touch with Willie Harrison and that he desired Harrison to go to Toledo, Ohio, to obtain a set of Ohio license plates. Harrison showed up at the apartment shortly thereafter, and he, accompanied by Wynona Burdette and Edna, drove to Toledo, Ohio. On the way all three of them became intoxicated. She advised that they arrived in Toledo the following morning, all in an inebriated condition; that they proceeded to the Casino Club, where Charles Becker and "Coolie" Monroe, bartenders, were present. Harrison asked "Coolie" to get him a set of tags, and gave "Coolie" the title to Fred Barker's car, which she feels certain was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn. While they were there Bert Angus came in and engaged them in conversation. Wynona and Edna went to sleep in a back room until about noon. At that time she, Wynona, and Harrison proceeded to the Algeo Hotel in a cab, leaving the car in a shed in the rear of the club.

At the Algeo Hotel Wynona and Edna occupied one room, and Harrison occupied the adjoining room. They all three went to sleep and sometime thereafter she heard quite a commotion in Harrison's room but paid no great attention to it. She stated that when she awoke late in the afternoon Harrison was gone. She later ascertained from Harrison that while he was asleep Detective Timoney and another policeman named George, at the instigation of Bert Angus, made a fake raid on the Algeo Hotel, kicked in the door to Harrison's room, put Harrison under arrest, and proceeded to take him to the police station. Harrison, on the way, strenuously objected and stated that he was a friend of Bert and Ted Angus, whereupon Timoney took him to the Casino Club for the purpose of verifying Harrison's statements. At the Casino Club Bert and Ted Angus, "Coolie" Monroe, and Charles Becker were present, all three of whom denied knowing Harrison. Meanwhile they had planted a blackjack in the car Harrison had left there. All of those present, except Harrison, greatly enjoyed his discomfiture before they advised him it was all a joke. Harrison thereupon proceeded to become very intoxicated, and when he telephoned Edna at the hotel late in the afternoon she told him to immediately come to the hotel inasmuch as they had to return to Chicago. He returned to the hotel, and that evening at approximately 8 o'clock the three of them proceeded to the Casino Club, where they obtained a set of license tags from "Coolie" Monroe, and that night returned to Chicago.

Edna Murray stated that later on during May of 1934 while she and Volney were living in the same apartment house occupied by Bert Angus at Collingwood Avenue and Cherry Street, Toledo, on the

occasion when members of the gang were intoxicated and driving the boat belonging to Detective Timoney on the lake, she proceeded to the Casino Club alone and there engaged in conversation with Bert Angus alone. At that time Bert Angus, while referring to the above incident when Harrison was arrested by Timoney, stated, "when we arrested Willie we didn't know that that was a bunch of kidnapers at the Algeo Hotel."

Edna Murray stated that on several occasions during the ransom negotiations Volney Davis apparently was disgusted at the way things were going, inasmuch as he felt that the gang would not be successful in collecting the ransom. She recalls that on one occasion Volney Davis stated that the "old man" (referring to Mr. Adolph Bremer) was getting hard to deal with. She likewise recalls that Volney Davis mentioned to her on one occasion, four or five days before Bremer was released, that Volney and Fred Barker proceeded to the Chicago airport where they were to meet Fred Goetz; that as they entered the airport they saw Goetz, who motioned to them to come outside. Goetz then told them that the airport was full of "G men." Thereupon, they all three left in an old Chevrolet car that Goetz kept in the vicinity of the airport and proceeded to drive to St. Paul, Minnesota. Edna Murray likewise stated that Volney Davis mentioned to her on one occasion on one of his trips from St. Paul to Chicago during the ransom negotiations that Pat Reilly drove Volney in Harry Sawyer's Dodge car from St. Paul to the bus station at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Edna Murray did not know whether Harry Sawyer was present when Reilly left with Volney Davis for Eau Claire.

Edna Murray likewise stated that it was her belief that Fred Goetz, Fred Barker, and Volney Davis, while they were in St. Paul, stayed at Bill Weaver's apartment, which as mentioned before was located over the Moonlight Gardens, and which apartment undoubtedly is located at 777 Selby Avenue.

Some time after the kidnaping, Volney Davis stated to Edna that on the night that the ransom was paid Volney Davis, Fred Goetz, and Fred Barker stayed on a houseboat located at Red Wing, Minnesota. Volney Davis stated to her that he was directed to the houseboat by Harry Sawyer. Edna Murray stated further that this was the only occasion during the ransom negotiations, or after, that this houseboat was used by the gang.

When questioned as to the identity of the person or persons who purchased the underwear, shirt, and socks given to Bremer to wear

immediately preceding his departure from the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois, Edna Murray stated that during the time that Bremer was held "Doc" Barker on one occasion visited her apartment and had under his arm a large bundle. She stated that this bundle contained the above-mentioned wearing apparel, which "Doc" Barker had purchased somewhere in the vicinity of 63rd Street in Chicago. The Murray woman was questioned as to the shop where Barker purchased the above wearing apparel but she was unable to provide any information more definite than the above, nor was she able to explain how she knew there was wearing apparel in the package Barker had.

No further information was obtained from the Murray woman of her and the gang's activities during the time that Bremer was held, and she reiterated the information as to the gang's activities thereafter as contained in her written statement, as reported in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 21, 1935.

Further information was obtained from Edna Murray showing the close connection of Myrtle Eaton with Bill Weaver and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang subsequent to the Bremer kidnaping.

It is to be noted that Edna Murray stated that she did not desire to testify against Myrtle Eaton in any prosecution had against her; that she knew that Myrtle Eaton had in her own right several thousand dollars during the time she was living with Weaver, and that the Eaton woman frequently supplied Weaver with money when he was low on funds. She likewise stated that she felt that the Eaton woman had been placed in much the same position by the Barker-Karpis mob as she was, inasmuch as they were almost compelled to travel with the mob and to incur the consequent risks with little profit or benefit to themselves.

She stated, as set out in her previously-mentioned written statement obtained from her after her arrest in February, 1935, that about ten days after the release of Bremer she and Volney Davis obtained an apartment at 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois, and shortly thereafter Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver obtained an apartment in Aurora, and that Volney Davis and Edna continued on very friendly terms with Weaver and with the Eaton woman; that they were very often in each other's company and visited in each other's apartments.

She stated that on April 26, 1934, two days after the Dillinger mob shot their way out of Little Bohemia, she understood that Joey

4 O'Brien, of Cicero, contacted Elmer Farmer and advised Farmer that he had several young men whom he desired to hide from the police, and who were considered "hot." During this time "Doc" Barker was residing with Edna and Volney at their home on Fox Street. "Doc" Barker, Bill Weaver, and probably Harry Campbell had a meet with the boys mentioned by O'Brien on the outskirts of Chicago, and ascertained that the three men were Dillinger, Van Meter, and John Hamilton. Hamilton was seriously wounded. Volney Davis suggested to Edna Murray that she move over into Bill Weaver's apartment, which she did. She later ascertained that the mob brought Hamilton, Dillinger, and Van Meter to her apartment on Fox Street. She understood that Hamilton died on Thursday, on the approximate date of April 26, two days after his arrival at her apartment. Edna thereupon returned and found her apartment in a filthy condition. Volney Davis told her that Hamilton had been shot and had suffered a punctured kidney. She stated that several spades and picks were found by her in the closet. Dillinger and Van Meter stayed over two days, and Davis was anxious to get rid of them, and in furtherance of his idea, arranged through Elmer Farmer to have a couple of car thieves, whom Edna described as "young punks" and whose identity she does not know, steal a Ford Sedan. Volney and Edna drove east from Aurora to one of the suburbs on the west side of Chicago and picked up the Ford Sedan, which Volney drove back to Aurora and left on the street. Dillinger and Van Meter thereupon left her apartment for an intended destination somewhere in Ohio. Edna stated that Frank Burkel, the owner of the apartment house, certainly should have known something of what was going on in the apartment.

Edna refused to commit herself as to Myrtle Eaton's knowledge concerning the presence of Dillinger, Van Meter, and Hamilton at Edna's apartment, Edna stating that she and Myrtle Eaton did not visit Edna's apartment during the time the three above-mentioned badly wanted fugitives were in her apartment.

In connection with their stay at Aurora, Edna Murray here mentioned the following incident, which indicates that Myrtle Eaton had knowledge that Weaver was a fugitive. The Murray woman stated that on about April 15, 1934, the ransom money contained in a bag or suitcase was kept at Bill Weaver's apartment, and Myrtle Eaton was staying with Weaver at this time; that the money had formerly been in Volney Davis' apartment and thereafter was moved to Weaver's apartment after "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell arrived in Aurora from Toledo, Ohio. Edna Murray stated that Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker

stayed with Bill and Myrtle Eaton during this time, when efforts were being made to exchange this ransom money through "Boss" McLaughlin and others in Chicago. Edna Murray stated that Russell Gibson likewise was frequenting Bill Weaver's apartment; that on the day that "Boss" McLaughlin was arrested in Chicago, Edna Murray and Volney Davis met Russell Gibson and James Wilson on the street in Aurora, Illinois.

Edna stated that during this time Corey Bales was visiting at Bill Weaver's apartment; that shortly before the middle of April, a picture of "Doc" Barker appeared in an Aurora newspaper. As best Edna recalls, this picture indicated that Barker was wanted for the kidnaping of Bremer.

Volney Davis, on his arrival at Aurora, had become interested with Corey Bales in a crap game at 8 North Broadway. Matt Gleason operated a bookmaking establishment at the same address. Edna Murray stated that Volney worked at the above address daily; that on this occasion Volney Davis had left word at his apartment that "Doc" Barker should call on him. When Edna Murray saw Barker's picture in the paper she immediately proceeded to 8 North Broadway, showed the picture to Volney, who was with Corey Bales, and who likewise saw the photograph; and although no conversation was held Volney immediately advised Edna to tell "Doc" Barker not to show up at the place.

About April 24, 1934, during the time that "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell were staying with Bill Weaver, Corey Bales on one occasion asked her whether Bill Weaver minded him going over to the apartment while "those fellows" were there, referring to "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell. Edna asked him what he meant, whereupon Corey Bales said, "I know those guys are 'hot.' I'm no d--m fool. I know what it's all about." Later, when Dillinger, Van Meter, and Hamilton arrived in Aurora, Volney Davis told Corey Bales to stay away from his apartment. Edna Murray here stated that Corey Bales was likewise with Edna and Volney on the night that Ma Barker and Irene Dorsey came to Aurora with reference to the ransom money, which was at that time located in the garage of her uncle, Cinotti, at Wilmington, Illinois. On one occasion Volney Davis sent Corey Bales into the Aurora Post Office to ascertain whether his picture was hung up in the lobby. Corey Bales came back and said that there were four or five pictures hung up there but Volney's was not, whereupon Volney himself proceeded down to the post office, and on his return stated that he saw "Doc" Barker's, Alvin Karpis', Irish O'Malley's, and several other persons' photographs, but not his.

Edna Murray is particularly antagonistic to Corey Bales, as is evident from the above, inasmuch as she feels that Bales has cheated her and Volney Davis out of the \$7,000.00 which Volney Davis put into the gambling place he purchased at Glasgow, Montana.

At this time Edna Murray was questioned very thoroughly as to a possible knowledge on the part of Matt Gleason at that time that Volney Davis was a fugitive from a federal charge. Edna Murray stated that she and Volney Davis did not frequent the company of Matt Gleason; that she cannot recall on any occasion Matt Gleason visiting her apartment, or she, Volney Davis, or any other members of the Karpis-Barker gang visiting Matt Gleason's home; that although she feels that Matt Gleason may have had an idea that Volney Davis was "hot" she feels absolutely certain that Gleason, during the time she and Volney Davis were living in Aurora, did not know who he was and did not know that he was a fugitive from a federal charge.

In this connection the Murray woman stated that she truthfully believed that Corey Bales was the only person living in Aurora, Illinois, who knew of the identity of Volney Davis; that Volney confided in Bales too much, and that she told Volney on several occasions that he was being foolish. After she and Volney Davis had proceeded to Glasgow, Montana, Davis intimated to her that he was afraid of Corey Bales, because Bales knew too much about him.

Continuing, Edna Murray stated that on Sunday afternoon, approximately May 1, 1934, the day after Dillinger and Van Meter left her apartment, Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker, and Harry Campbell left Aurora, Illinois, for Toledo, Ohio. Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver, she understood, left for Des Moines, Iowa. On the following day, Monday, Edna Murray left for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit Volney Davis' relatives. On that afternoon, while she and Corey Bales were in a tavern called "The Mill", operated by Bill Grady, at Montgomery, Illinois, at approximately 4:30 or 5:00 P.M., she asked Corey Bales to make reservations for her at the Chicago airport. Corey Bales then telephoned from the public telephone at that address to the airport and made reservations in the name of J. E. Hansen. Edna Murray then gave Corey Bales money to pay for the tickets, and it was her understanding that Bales thereupon proceeded to the Western Union Station in Aurora and wired the money to the Chicago airport for her ticket. Corey Bales then drove Edna to the Chicago airport in Volney Davis' 1931 Buick Sedan, which Davis had left with Corey Bales.

On the following Saturday, Edna Murray returned to Aurora with Jess Doyle and Boris D' Connor and her son, Preston Paden. Preston Paden went to work at the Fox Gardens, operated by Matt Kersch. Edna Murray stayed that night with Corey Bales at his apartment at 202 High Street. On the following Sunday Boris, Jess, and Preston drove her to South Bend, Indiana, where she got a bus for Toledo, Ohio. On her arrival at Toledo she proceeded straightway to the Casino Club, and finding no one there stayed overnight at the Algeo Hotel. The next day she proceeded to the Casino Club and met Harry Campbell and Jimmie Wilson, who took her to Harry Campbell's house at Point Place, where she met Volney, "Doc" Barker, and "Doc" Moran. Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker had just been operated on. Edna Murray stated it was that night that Harry Campbell concocted the story of a raid on the house in order to raise such a rumpus that he could postpone the operation on his fingertips by Moran. On the following day Jimmie Wilson and Edna rented an apartment in the same apartment house that Bert Angus lived in, located at Collingwood Avenue and Cherry Street. This apartment was located on the second floor, immediately across from a doctor's office. Bert Angus had told Jimmie Wilson of a vacancy at this apartment house and had telephoned the owner, an old woman who lived on the street immediately behind the above-mentioned apartment house, and made arrangements for the rental before she and Jimmie Wilson went to the apartment house. Edna Murray stated that she and Volney and "Doc" Barker remained in this apartment for approximately a month. Edna Murray took care of "Doc" and Volney while they were recovering from the operations performed on their fingertips and on their faces by "Doc" Moran. Jimmie Wilson was being paid \$100.00 a week at this time for nursing them, and "Doc" Moran occasionally called at the apartment. Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell likewise called at the apartment during this time.

"Doc" Moran and Jimmie Wilson frequently became intoxicated during this time and did not show up at this apartment house to nurse and treat "Doc" and Volney, whereupon Fred Barker intimated that he intended to "bump both of them off." During this time Volney and herself, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker, and William Harrison all frequented the Casino Club almost nightly. Detective Timoney of the Toledo Police Department likewise visited the club almost nightly, and drank with the crowd. On one occasion she recalls that Timoney sat at a table with "Doc" Barker, drinking, and "Doc" Barker became angry at Volney Davis because he and Edna would not come over to the table to drink with them. Volney Davis at that time mentioned that in case "Doc" Barker was arrested, he would very likely

want to know who was the party that double-crossed him, intimating that he did not trust Timoney. She stated that members of the mob at that time had bandages on their faces and hands during the time they were frequenting the Casino Club; that they did not attempt to disguise their identity by using aliases, and called each other by names of "Doc" and Volney, etcetera. Likewise, during this time Timoney gave "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson his boat, which he had tied up on the lake near the Casino Club. A few days afterwards Timoney's wife, hearing of it, demanded the return of the boat, and it was returned.

Volney Davis later told her that when he and "Doc" Barker left Aurora for Toledo "Doc" said, in regard to Toledo, "All that crowd in Toledo know who we are so don't be worried." During the time they were frequenting the Casino Club she recalls that there was a picture of Volney Davis in the newspaper with "Doc" Barker's name under it. She recalls Bert Angus mentioned this incident to her. She stated that on several occasions Timoney went riding in his boat with Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker and other members of the gang; that Ted Angus likewise owned a boat and on occasion he told Edna that he, Timoney, "Doc" Barker, and some of the rest of the gang went out to Middle Island where they had a fine time.

As mentioned in her signed statement, obtained from her in February, 1935, after her arrest, Edna stated that in the latter part of May she proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, and Volney Davis moved in with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Sandusky, Ohio. Upon her return to Sandusky, Ohio, she and Volney continued to stay in Bill Weaver's home for several weeks until they obtained a cottage at Sunnyside, near Sandusky. During the time she remained in Weaver's home, the gang brought a Gladstone bag, containing the ransom money, from Cleveland, Ohio. Edna Murray stated that she did not see the contents of the bag but knew that it contained the Bremer ransom money. This bag was kept under the bed in the room that she and Volney Davis occupied at Bill Weaver's house.

Edna Murray here mentioned the incident at Bill Weaver's house when Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis drove up and had an argument with Volney Davis. Harry Sawyer was likewise present at this time; Gladys Sawyer had meanwhile gone to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for an operation. This incident has previously been reported. The argument apparently was over the fact that Volney Davis demanded his money. Two or three days after the argument, "Doc" Barker, Bill Weaver, and Harry



Campbell visited Volney's house. Another argument ensued, and Bill Weaver told Volney Davis to come down to his house and get his money. Two nights later Davis went to Weaver's house and obtained his share of the ransom money.

As has been reported in previous reports, Edna and Volney Davis proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, thence to Buffalo, New York, before returning to their home at Sunnyside, and a week or so later, after their return to Sunnyside, she drove alone to Aurora, Illinois, in Volney Davis' Ford V-8 Sedan, picked up Violet Gregg, paramour of Corey Bales, and drove out to Glasgow, Montana. At Rugby, North Dakota, the car turned over and \$1,100.00, which was in a briefcase, was strewn all over the road. \$1,000.00 of this was in \$5.00 bills and \$100.00 in a \$100.00 bill. The sheriff arrived on the scene, and Violet Gregg and Edna Murray, who had been injured, were taken to the local hospital. Edna Murray telephoned Corey Bales, who was at that time in Glasgow, and Corey, on his arrival, got in touch with the sheriff and the county prosecutor, took them out visiting taverns, and gave each of them \$15.00 and gave the sheriff a .380 automatic pistol which Edna Murray had in the car. Edna Murray and Violet Gregg thereupon left the hospital and drove to Glasgow, Montana.

Edna Murray was questioned concerning her activities from that time until the latter part of October, and her statements coincided with the statements contained in the previously-mentioned written statement given by her in February, 1935.

Edna Murray stated that in the latter part of October, she and Volney left Glasgow, Montana, and drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, and thence to Bensenville, Illinois, where they got in touch with Elmer Farmer. She and Volney thereupon went to Kahn's Barbecue Stand, located on North Avenue near Elmhurst, Illinois, where they spent two nights. On the second day they were there, "Doc" Barker, Russell Gibson, and Byron Bolton visited the barbecue stand. Bolton stayed in the car and "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson came to the tourist cabin she and Volney Davis were occupying. "Doc" Barker stated at the time that Ellie Berg had been arrested and sent word out through a relative from the Chicago Bureau Office that the mob should "take care of Jimmie Wilson, inasmuch as he wouldn't be able to hold back information in his possession should he be arrested." "Doc" Barker further stated that Gladys Sawyer had gone back with Harry Sawyer; that when Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon had been arrested in September, 1934, at Cleveland, they had made statements "as long as your leg." "Doc" Barker stated that Harry Sawyer was crazy to take

Gladys back. At this point Edna Murray stated that "Doc" and Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and nearly all the members of the Karpis-Barker gang had stayed at some time or other at the tourist cabins at Kahn's Barbecue Stand [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] Edna Murray stated that she had heard that on one occasion Alvin Karpis became intoxicated at Kahn's place and had flashed a \$100.00 bill.

After leaving Bensenville, Edna stated that she and Volney Davis proceeded to Kansas City, where they sold their Ford and obtained a Pontiac before proceeding to Glasgow, Montana. Fearing a trap, Volney Davis left Edna at Williston, North Dakota, and took a train to Glasgow, arriving at 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning. He went to the gambling establishment he was operating and woke Corey Bales up and asked Corey if anyone had been looking for him. Corey stated that some Government men were located at Hinsdale, Montana; that they had seen the Rennick brothers about Volney. Rennick had told Corey Bales about it. Edna stated that Gyp Dwyer, who was employed at the gambling establishment, and Corey Bales thereupon drove Volney back to Williston. Edna and Volney then proceeded back to Aurora, Illinois. On their arrival in Aurora, about November 18, 1934, they stopped at the Riverside Cafe, operated by Matt Kersch. Volney Davis went inside and upon his return stated that Kersch had told him "to get out of there as he was hot as a .45 automatic"; that the Government had said that Volney had bought the place out in Montana with ransom money. She and Volney thereupon left and drove to Kahn's place, where they saw Elmer Farmer, and straightway proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, thence to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where they stayed with Harry Stanley, who agreed to go to Glasgow, Montana, to look out for Volney's interests there.

Edna Murray and Volney Davis thereupon returned to Bensenville, Illinois, where Volney collected from Elmer Farmer \$500.00. Volney had previously given this money to Elmer Farmer for the purpose of purchasing a machine gun. Farmer had been unsuccessful in obtaining one.

Edna Murray was questioned as to her subsequent activities and reiterated details in accordance with the information she previously provided in her signed statement.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE. At St. Paul, Minnesota, will ascertain from Herb, the owner of Herb's Garage, located in the vicinity of

Harry Sawyer's former tavern, located on Wabasha Street, the identity of the young man formerly employed by Sawyer for three or four years up until the closing of his tavern. This young man is reported to have kept his car in Herb's Garage. This young man, previously described in this report, and the other young man who was likewise employed at the tavern with him, if located, should be interviewed thoroughly concerning their knowledge of Harry Sawyer's connection with members of the Karpis-Barker gang prior to the Bremer kidnaping, and the part that Harry Sawyer played in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

At Red Wing, Minnesota.

Effort has been made by the San Francisco Office to interview Volney Davis concerning the houseboat located at Red Wing, Minnesota, on which he, Fred Goetz, and Fred Barker stayed on the night the ransom was paid. However, Davis refused to be interviewed. It is therefore suggested that the St. Paul Office attempt to locate this houseboat at Red Wing, Minnesota. Particular attention should be directed to ascertaining whether Harry Sawyer was instrumental in obtaining the use of this houseboat for the mob.

PENDING.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 22, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On December 14, 1935 Mrs. Ruth Jasmer, 6952 Wallace Street, Chicago, Illinois, turned over to Special Agent R. C. Suran an original of a letter which she had received from Belle Born, paramour of C. J. Fitzgerald. This letter begins "Dear Ruth", and is signed "Isabelle". The individual referred to in the letter as "Tod" is Charles Leroy White, son of Mrs. Jasmer, who is presently an inmate of the Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac, Illinois.

The original specimen of Belle Born's handwriting, together with a photostatic copy thereof, is being furnished to the Bureau with this letter for the completion of its files. A photostatic copy of the above mentioned letter is also being furnished to all offices receiving a copy of this letter for possible future use in connection with this investigation.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Mother - I am sure you  
will think I am never going to see  
your letter & am always writing one  
when it comes to writing letters  
but letters take time never write it  
we are all well good down here  
and had a little cold snap also  
sure a new habit didn't last long  
it's all gone now and here again  
had a little run today again and  
be well the end of it I do and  
writing to you today to and sending  
to to him he said he is getting  
along just fine and do hope he  
is and this will be a lesson to  
him and he will be a good boy  
when he gets it he sure was  
a naughty boy when with us  
we were together with him and we  
all just begged him to be good and  
get him away from here but  
now that he is on his feet up  
near the top of the mountain is  
he a good boy today and hope  
he will be a steady job

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 20, 1935

Mr. E. J. Donnelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID



Dear Sir:

This letter will confirm the long distance telephone conversation of Special Agent E. J. Wynn with you today, with reference to the long distance telephone call emanating from the apartment of Imogene Robertson, Victoria Apartments, Los Angeles, California, to Murray Cook, Ashtabula, Ohio, December 17th, 1935, reference to which is contained in your teletype to the Director dated December 17, 1935, your letter to the Director of the same date and letter from the Cleveland office to you, dated December 19, 1935.

Investigation conducted by the Cleveland office through a long distance telephone conversation had by one of the young lady stenographers with Mrs. A. V. Watkins, at Toledo, Ohio, mother of Pauline Miller, former wife of Murray Cook, has established that her daughter, Pauline Miller, is presently residing at Palm Springs, California, care of General Delivery, under the name, Mrs. R. Bucklin, the information being that Pauline married R. Bucklin in October 1935 and, further, that Mrs. R. Bucklin owns a car plates residing at Palm Springs for the remainder of the winter.

You will recall, as advised in the letter from the Cleveland office to you, dated December 19, 1935, that Pauline Miller married Murray Cook some years ago and established residence with him at Ashtabula, Ohio, divorcing him in 1930, and that apparently since that time she has been leading a rather fast life, and also that apparently for some reason her attorney at Ashtabula, Ohio, has been unwilling or unable to furnish her address to a local building and loan association at Ashtabula, Ohio.

It is noted that Palm Springs, Calif., is in Riverside County, which adjoins that in which Los Angeles, Calif., is located, and it is suggested that possibly Mrs. R. Bucklin nee Pauline Miller, is associating with Fitzgerald and/or Imogene Robertson, and if this is so, it may be advisable for the Los Angeles office to consider checking into the activities of Mrs. R. Bucklin, as well as ascertaining her associates.

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*Ed Gary (Brewer)*

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and acquaintances, and consider the possibility that she is associating with either subject Karpis or subject Campbell.

*Always*  
*Handy*  
Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

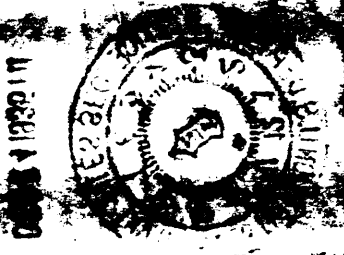
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St. Paul  
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P. O. Box 220  
Los Angeles, California  
December 22, 1935

Mr. Harry S. E. Briggs,  
Postmaster,  
Los Angeles, California.



Dear Sir:

I have been advised that you have been  
in Los Angeles, California, during the past few days,  
and I have been advised at the following addresses:-

Franklin Ave.,  
Los Angeles,  
California.  
South Main Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

I have been advised that you have been in Los Angeles, California,  
during the past few days, and I have been advised at the following  
addresses:-

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

J. E. BARRON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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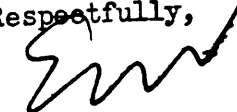
RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

- 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 .....

I called Connelley advising a teletype had been received from Hanson last night, in which he asked about a brief case radio. Connelley stated he is using the two he has in Chicago, but that he did not know whether the one up in St. Paul was being used at this time. I asked Connelley to call St. Paul and have this brief case radio sent out to Los Angeles by air express, notifying Hanson that it was being sent, and he stated he would do this.

Mr. Connelley stated that the Agents over at Ashtabula, Ohio have not gotten anything on that lead yet, but that it is being followed closely.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. M. A. LITTLE, MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, WHO HAS RENDERED VALUABLE COOPERATION TO BUREAU FOR YEARS AND IS WELL KNOWN TO MANY BUREAU OFFICIALS, DIED YESTERDAY. FUNERAL 9-30 AM, DECEMBER 27, SURVIVED BY WIDOW, 207 EAST KING STREET, MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

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*Edward*

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R. J. (name)*

*Mr. M. G. L. M  
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Mrs. E. A. Little,  
207 East King Street,  
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Little:

It is with sorrow that I have just learned of the death of your husband and I desire to extend you my sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

I want you to know that this Bureau has suffered the loss of a loyal and sincere friend in the passing of Mr. Little and the many officials of the Bureau to whom he was well known will feel this loss keenly.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg ..... OO PITTSBURGH
- Mr. Coffey .....
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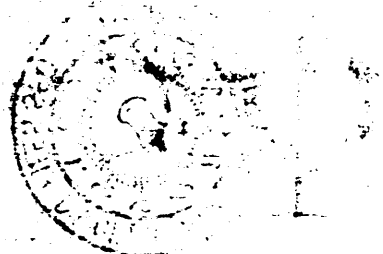
R. WHITLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
370 LEXINGTON AVE., ROOM 1403  
NEW YORK CITY

BREKID RE WILLIAM FERGUS SHOULD BE TWENTY THIRD NOT  
THIRTY THIRD  
MAC FARLAND

EJW:h  
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cc: Bureau  
E. J. Connelley  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

EAT:CSH

December 22, 1935

Time -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *July*

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Alt and asked for developments in connection with the lead at Stuart, Florida, and he stated that Agent Winstead has contacted Bill Mobley, who is a hop-head and a pimp, and Mobley told Winstead that about a week or ten days ago he met a fellow named Whitey in Pahokee, Florida, who introduced him to an individual named Harper. Mobley stated Harper somewhat resembled Karpis. Winstead is going to contact Mobley again and have Mobley take him to Whitey. They will then try to locate Harper, if possible.

Alt stated this morning at 1:15 a reporter of the Associated Press called the night typist at the Jacksonville Office, stating he had a tip that Karpis was near Stuart, Florida and was going to be taken into custody by Federal Agents. He refused to give the source of his tip to the night typist, who told him he knew nothing about it. I told him the Associated Press had the same story up here.

Respectfully,

*EAT*

E. A. Tamm.

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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 23, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Investigation conducted in Stuart, Florida discloses that the informant who was supposed to be in possession of information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis and able to deliver him in handcuffs, is definitely of unsound mentality and investigation does not disclose that Karpis has been in the vicinity of Stuart.

Respectfully,

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

*Alvin Karpis*

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
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Post Office Box 612  
Chicago Illinois

December 22, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. G. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 11, 1935, wherein it is noted that Miss Murray, when interviewed by Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. J. Nordstrom, advised that an individual by the name of Oliver was a possible contact for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in Kansas City. It is further noted that this individual was thought to be one John McBride, a confidence man residing at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

In this connection your attention is invited to a letter addressed to the Chicago office from your office dated September 7, 1934 in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased); et al; Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, in which an interview which was had with Mr. and Mrs. David C. McBride by former Special Agent J. F. Trainor, is set forth, at which time Mr. and Mrs. David C. McBride were residing at 712 West 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

It is noted that a G. J. Murphy, who is identical with G. J. Fitzgerald, made a telephone call to this individual while the latter was residing in Independence, Missouri, and it is possible, inasmuch as Fitzgerald is a close associate of the Barker-Karpis mob, that David C. McBride might also in some way be connected with these individuals.

You will observe in the criminal record of this individual, which was furnished to your office under date of September 20, 1934, has at times used the alias Oliver McBride, and it is possible that this person is probably the one referred to by Miss Murray and Chief of Detectives Tom Higgins of the Kansas City Police Department. You will further note on the criminal record that McBride, as Elmore Barnett, with aliases, is wanted for bunc game in Orange County, California.

The Chicago office is not advised as to whether any action was taken by the Bureau or the State authorities in connection with this wanted notice at the time McBride was previously located by former Special Agent J. F. Trainor.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri



It is believed advisable that if McHride is presently located in Kansas City, Missouri that a check be made of his recent activities to ascertain if he is in contact with any of the fugitives in this case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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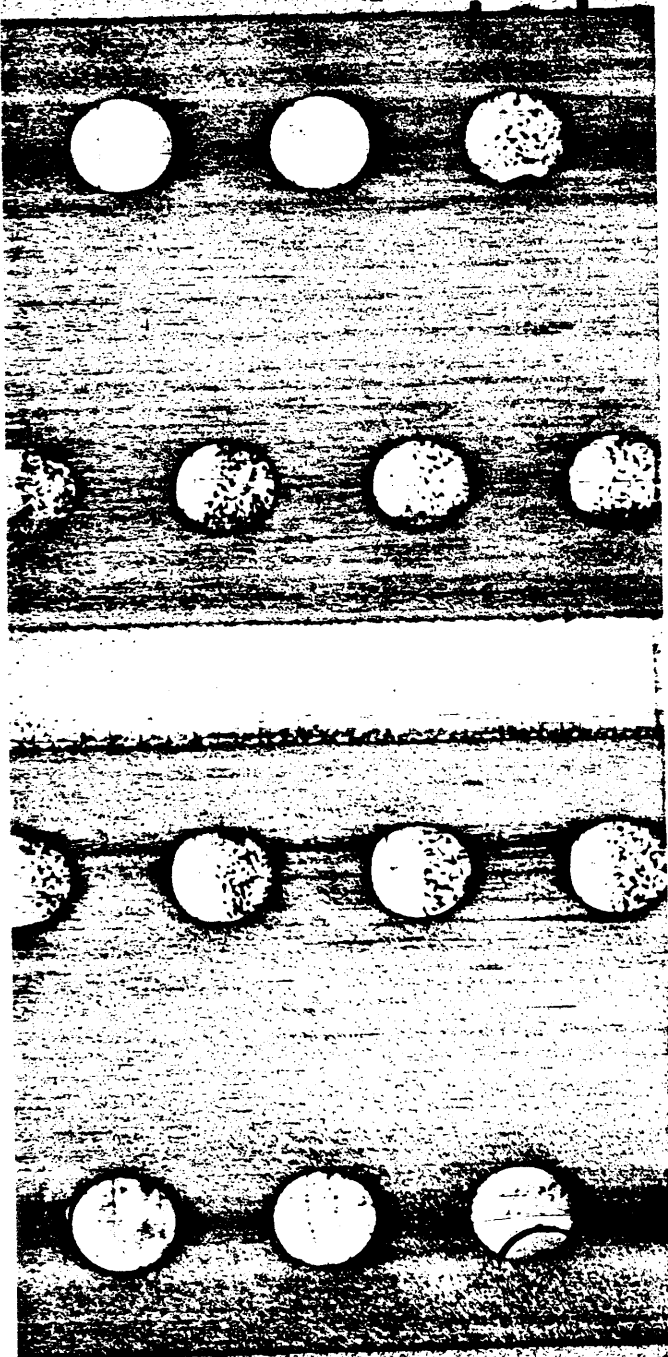
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-16-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. B. O'CONNELL</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>VLD</b></span>		
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>		
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Flash card placed with Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State of Indiana on Plymouth Sedan, motor number PJ322772, serial #2619857.</b>					
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Reference: <b>Letter from Cleveland Bureau office to all field offices dated 12-18-35.</b>					
Details: <b>John Riddle, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, upon request of agent, examined the files, whereupon it was determined that 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857 had at no time been registered in the State of Indiana.</b>					
<b>Mr. Riddle agreed, upon agent's request, to prepare a flash card which would be placed in the appropriate file drawer of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the State of Indiana, and there was to be noted thereon the Indianapolis office file number of this case so that proper reference could be made in advising this office should an attempt be made at any time to register the above described Plymouth Sedan.</b>					
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Rineck</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visit

December 22, 1935.

Time 10:21 A.M.

Name Mr. Cornell of the Associated Press tele.

Referred to

Details:

- 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

*Karpis*

Stated that they had received report from Florida that Department of Justice Agents had located Karpis near Stuart, Florida, and were ready to close in on him; wished to have report confirmed. Mr. Cornell was informed Director not in but message would be given to him when he contacted office.

Mr. Cornell stated he would call later again.

A.S.

Time: 2:55 P.M.

Mr. Cornell telephoned again concerning the above. I stated that Director had not yet contacted the office.

A.S.

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 TAMM S. I.  
 ONE

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 22, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 12, 1935, a copy of which was directed to the St. Paul and Chicago Bureau offices, relative to the information furnished by one Eddie Bible concerning Bessie Green. It is noted in this letter that your office requested advice of the Bureau whether it was deemed advisable to conduct an open interview with Bessie Green concerning her alleged visit to the home of John Karpovics between the first and fifteenth of November, 1935.

In this connection the attention of the St. Paul office is directed to Bureau letter dated November 19, 1935 addressed to the Chicago office instructing that Bessie Green be interviewed. The attention of the St. Paul office is also directed to a letter dated November 25, 1935 addressed to the Director, a copy of which was furnished the St. Paul office, advising the latter office that the address of Bessie Green was unknown in Chicago and it was requested that the St. Paul office endeavor to locate Bessie Green and conduct the appropriate interview.

It is believed that if the St. Paul office has not been successful in locating Bessie Green, that it is possible her present address might be secured from her parole supervisor at St. Paul, Minnesota who probably is identical with the regularly appointed probation officer at that place.

Inasmuch as Bessie Green has co-operated with Bureau Agents in the past it is believed that if she has any information concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, she will divulge the same to Agents of the Bureau. However, it may be stated that John Karpovics, the father of Alvin Karpis, was under surveillance between the period of November 1 and 15, 1935, at which time, according to the information furnished by Bible, it is alleged that Bessie Green called at the home of John Karpovics. The Agents on this surveillance obtained no information which would indicate that Bessie Green did in fact visit the Karpovics home or that Alvin Karpis had visited his father during the period of time in question.

Very truly yours,

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E. V. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Ky.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/21/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/16/35	REPORT MADE BY Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM ZJV:fw
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w. a. - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING A FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Records of Kentucky State Automobile Department are kept in numerical order according to the licenses filed by each County. It is impossible to check at State Department when only name of owner or motor number known. To check in all of the one hundred twenty counties it would be necessary to search every record of automobile registered in that county. In absence of any definite information that this car was licensed in this state, the counties will not be checked for this information.			
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REFERENCE: Circular letter to all Field Offices, from the Cleveland Office, dated Dec. 12, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT LOUISVILLE, KY.</u>  Previous efforts have been made by this Office to check automobiles at the Kentucky State Automobile Department. However, the records of the Kentucky State Automobile Department are kept in numerical order, according to the licenses filed by each county. It is impossible to check at this Department when only the name of the owner, or motor number is known.			
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To make a complete check as requested in reference letter would mean that the license Bureaus in the one hundred twenty counties in this State would have to be checked by looking at the name and motor number of each car registered in that county.

In the absence of any definite information that this automobile was licensed in this State, no such check will be undertaken.

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*George V. ...*

PHONE. REKID. INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES DISCLOSES FELLEN ESPY AND WIFE EVA TOOTS ESPY REFERRED TO IN TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH YOU, ARE PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 1086 MELO AVENUE, LOS ANGELES. DISREGARD INVESTIGATION OF REPY AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. REPY IS DISTRICT MANAGER OF FOX WEST COAST THEATRES AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH FOSTER THROUGH LATTERS SECRETARY, IMOGENE ROBERTSON. NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS HERE.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 20, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time - 6:45 pm

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Stein at St. Paul, in connection with the problem of getting the Cuban witnesses up to the United States, and advised that we had been informed by the Department that there is evidently some doubt as to just what bank records should be brought in the event the witnesses respond to the subpoena. The banks in Cuba are not certain as to what records will be necessary for the trial. Stein stated that the Assistant United States Attorney handling this case in St. Paul wrote a letter to the bank officials at New York about Tuesday, December 17th, and described the records desired just as accurately as he could. I asked that he go over with the United States Attorney or his Assistant immediately the matter of the records necessary and arrange through the Jacksonville Office to let McKee know exactly what is desired.

I advised that there is a question as to whether the original records can be taken out of Cuba, and informed Stein that it might be desirable to suggest to the United States Attorney that he consider, if the records cannot legally be taken out of Cuba, whether photostatic copies cannot be made in McKee's presence, who can then testify that he saw them made.

Mr. Stein stated these matters would be taken up with the United States Attorney's office immediately.

Time - 6:55 pm

I called Mr. Whitley at New York to inquire about the status of our negotiations with the National City and Chase National Banks relative to the Cuban witnesses, particularly as to whether they still desire a letter from the Director indicating our willingness to buy those winter clothes. Mr. Whitley stated they do not want such a letter; that he sent Jacksonville a teletype today and the Bureau would be mailed a copy tonight, and that contacts were made at these banks again today. The officials of the National City Bank state that their employees are being instructed today by wire

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to proceed when notified. The officials of the Chase National Bank state that they have already notified their employees to proceed when notified. As far as the matter of clothing and incidental expenses is concerned, Whitley states they are satisfied for us not to furnish a letter, but they are expecting us to take care of those expenses.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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- Miss Gandy .....

Time - 2:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

With reference to the Cuban witnesses involved in the above matter, information concerning the present status of whom was furnished to me by telephonic conversation with Special Agent in Charge Alt at the Jacksonville, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Whitley at the New York Office, and informed him that the witnesses in the National City Bank in Havana are not sure just what they are going to do; that it was believed if the officials at the National City Bank in New York City would take some definite, affirmative action in instructing their employees in Havana to go to St. Paul, it would serve to just about clean up the situation down there.

Mr. Whitley said that there are one or two main reasons why both the Chase and the National City Banks are reluctant to order those Cuban employees to go to St. Paul. The officials in New York are sympathetic and are perfectly willing for the employees to go to St. Paul, but they advise that the Cuban employees are very peculiar and very temperamental; that if they order them to go to St. Paul and something happens to them, such as catching pneumonia or something, the matter will just precipitate itself right back to the bank as their responsibility. What they are trying to do is to encourage them to go without actually ordering them to go.

With reference to the matter of furnishing clothing, etc., to these Cuban witnesses, the Bureau had told Mr. Whitley that we would be glad to furnish the necessary warm clothing, etc. When Mr. Whitley told the banks officials this in New York City, they wanted it in writing so that they could show the document to the Cuban employees. Mr. Whitley said that this somewhat stopped him for the reason that he did not believe the Bureau would want to put this in writing. Mr. Whitley said that he did not put this in writing for them, but referred the same to the Bureau.

However, Mr. Whitley said he would either go down personally or sent one of the Agents down to the banks this afternoon to see what can be done about this situation.

Respectfully,

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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SAC CONNELLEY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time - 9:10 A.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Alt at Jacksonville advising that last night a call was received from a Mr. Frank C. Ralls, employed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and who can be reached at the City Hall, Stuart, Florida. Ralls claims he was approached by an individual yesterday who thought that Ralls was employed by the Department of Justice, and this individual offered to surrender Alvin Karpis in handcuffs. Mr. Alt stated he did not have anyone near Stuart; that the resident Agent at Miami came in to Jacksonville this morning for target practice, and I requested that he contact Ralls by telephone and if there is anything to it he should send a man down there.

Mr. Alt called back later advising he had contacted Ralls, who stated that an individual named Motley had indicated to him that he had Karpis in custody and would deliver him for \$5,000, and he wants to meet Ralls at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Motley, according to Ralls, is a bootlegger, and the Sheriff's Office has a record on the Motley mob. He is very unreliable and at the time he gave this information he was drinking. Alt stated the Alcohol Tax Unit at Jacksonville has a record of a man named Mobley down at Stuart, who belongs to a bad gang and the entire family are bad. Ralls is going to contact Motley or Mobley at 1 o'clock this afternoon. I asked Alt to send an Agent down to cover the meeting at 1 o'clock, and he stated this would be done.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
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Very truly yours,  
*E. J. Connelley*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Hanson called from Los Angeles, advising that they got into Fitzgerald's apartment today and went through his papers, securing several telephone numbers and addresses, all of which have been furnished to Connelley, some of which are St. Paul, Minnesota numbers, and there is a St. Louis number, and the name of an automobile company, and an address in Havana, Cuba. Hanson stated the papers also indicate Fitzgerald is engaged in the oil business down in New Mexico.

Hanson stated that in Fitzgerald's apartment there is a switchboard, but in his girl's apartment, which is across the street, there is a direct line, and Hanson would like to get the telephone taps situated in one apartment building without having to tie up too many men. He stated it will take about eight men to cover the situation carefully now. Hanson stated he thought he would be able to secure the help of the telephone company in connection with these taps, but this now seems impossible, and he was wondering whether it would be possible to get an experienced Agent, who knows this kind of work, to handle these taps out there. Hanson stated the telephone company is very cooperative, but will not assist in the matter of telephone taps. He stated the Agents of the Los Angeles Office might be able to handle it themselves by tapping Fitzgerald's telephone in his own building, and if they can get an apartment in the girl's building within the next few days, as they hope to do, they might be able to tap her telephone there. I told Hanson I would try to get in touch with Connelley and see what could be done about getting an experienced man out there to handle the taps, but in the meantime he should proceed on the basis set out above. Hanson stated he had suggested to Connelley that Agent Jones could do this, but he is at present doing some work of this kind in Chicago. Hanson stated he would send in a teletype setting out the above situation.

Hanson stated when they searched the apartment they found no firearms and it appeared that Fitzgerald is not now engaged in any racket. He seems to be interested in oil options, from the weekly reports from an oil company in New Mexico which were found in the apartment.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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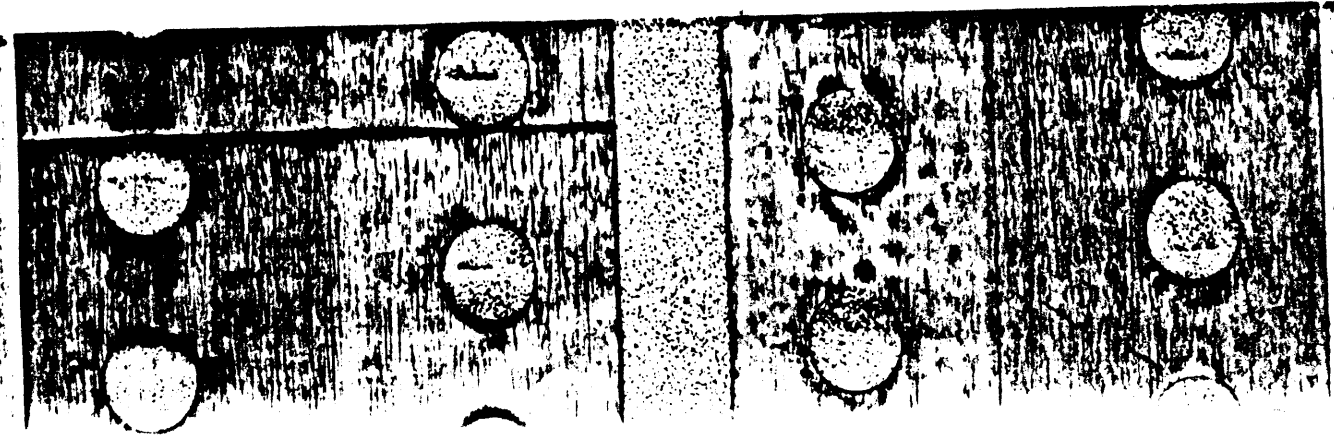
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1252; et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Frank Schmitt and Henry Schmitt, brothers, of Elmer Mead and Kate Mead, wife of William Elmer Mead, deny knowledge of Mead's whereabouts. E. D. Schmitt, son of Henry Schmitt, under pretext endeavored to obtain address of William Elmer Mead from John Schmitt Jr., son of John Schmitt, without success. J. D. Schmitt reveals information covering his contact and acquaintance with William Mead in Chicago during year 1933.

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent J. C. Ellsworth dated November 16, 1935; Special Agent William J. McNulty dated October 5, 1935 at New York City; Special Agent W. R. Ramsey dated November 21, 1935 at San Francisco, California and Special Agent A. R. Gere dated December 9, 1935 at Denver, Colorado.

At Portland, Oregon

DETAILS: The writer contacted Frank Schmitt at his residence, 2334 N. W. Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Schmitt is engaged at this location in operating a small third class apartment house containing about four small two room apartments. Mr. Schmitt informed the writer that he was operating this place for the Schmitt estate in which William Elmer Mead was interested by virtue of a mortgage which he held on the place, having at one time purchased the interest of certain heirs of the Schmitt family, assuming a

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mortgage on this property as security for this purchase. Mr. Schmitt stated that he had no knowledge of the present whereabouts of William Kline Mead or Kate Mead, his sister. That his last information regarding the whereabouts of Mead came to him from Miami, Florida about Christmas time 1934. He stated that it was his understanding that William Mead and Kate Mead usually spend the winters in Florida and that they have been known to visit Jacksonville and Miami, Florida but he could not or would not furnish any definite information as to their exact location in either of these cities. Schmitt stated that he was very anxious to hear from William Mead inasmuch as he had to make certain repairs on this apartment house that involved the expenditure of funds in which Mead was interested and that he was in a rather embarrassing position since repairs were needed and he disliked making improvements without the authority from Mead. Agent was impressed by the attitude of Frank Schmitt that he knew considerably more than he cared to divulge and it is Agent's opinion from this interview that Frank Schmitt possibly knows the present whereabouts of William Mead.

Agent contacted Henry Schmitt at his residence, 36 N. E. Broadway, Portland. Mr. Schmitt in answer to inquiries stated that he had no knowledge of the whereabouts of William Mead or his sister Kate. He stated that he was not very friendly with William Mead inasmuch as he had lost some money in oil stocks several years ago upon false representations of Mead. Agent informed Mr. Schmitt that the Bureau desired to contact Mead for the purpose of securing information from him that was very important. Mr. Schmitt appeared willing to cooperate and called his son, J. D., a young man approximately 23 years of age, who at the time was working in the basement doing some odd jobs on wooden horses which are used by Henry Schmitt and his son in a small carnival plant which they operate during the Summer months. J. D. Schmitt informed Agent that he had no present knowledge of the whereabouts of Kate Mead, his Aunt, and her husband, William Mead, but that he had visited his Aunt and Uncle Kate and William Mead in Chicago during the Summer of 1933. It appeared to Agent that it might be possible for J. D. Schmitt to obtain information from his Cousin, John Schmitt Jr., the son of John A. Schmitt, another brother of Kate Mead, who resides at 1725 N. W. 23rd Street, Portland. Accordingly this Agent, accompanied by Special Agent J. C. Ellsworth, obtained a promise from J. D. Schmitt Jr., that he would go to the John A. Schmitt home on Northwest 23rd Street and there endeavor to obtain the address of Kate Mead from John Schmitt Jr., on the pretext that his father was desirous of sending a Christmas card to his sister wherever she might be. J. D. Schmitt thereupon accompanied Agents to the home of John A. Schmitt on Northwest 23rd Street and J. D. Schmitt then proceeded to the home of his Uncle and returned to meet Agents about a block from the residence in approximately twenty minutes, stating that the atmosphere in his Uncle's home was rather cool and that he suspected that they were prewarned not to give out any information regarding the whereabouts of his Aunt Kate Mead. He stated that John Schmitt had informed him that he did not know the present whereabouts of his Aunt but that he expected to receive a card from her around Christmas time as has always been the custom.

On the following morning, December the 14th, 1935, J. D. Schmitt reported to the Bureau office where he was interviewed at length by Special Agents W. C. Ryan and the writer. During this interview J. D. Schmitt disclosed certain information regarding the visit that he made to Chicago in the year 1935 when he spent several weeks in the apartment of Kate and William Mead at 1414 or 1442, he is not certain as to the exact address, Fargo Street.

In substance J. D. Schmitt informed Agents that he is 25 years of age, the son of Henry Schmitt, a brother of Kate Mead; that on or about the 27th of May, 1935, he, together with Charlie Barter, Mary Barter and John Schmitt Jr., cousins, he left Portland, Oregon in a Hupmobile six, Sedan for the purpose of visiting his Aunt and Uncle, Kate and William Mead. That he arrived in Chicago about the first of June and proceeded to either 1414 or 1442 Fargo Street, a three story brick apartment where William and Kate Mead were at that time residing on the 2nd floor. Schmitt states that this apartment house is a three story building in which the Meads occupy an apartment on the 2nd floor and that the title of ownership is in Kate Mead, his Aunt. He states that they were quartered on the third floor directly over the apartment of his Aunt and Uncle and that he remained in Chicago visiting with the Meads for approximately three weeks and that he returned to Portland by train after he had learned that his Uncle was not engaged in any legitimate occupation and that his personal reputation might become involved if he remained longer. He states, however, that his cousin remained in Chicago approximately two or three weeks longer before returning to the West Coast. During this visit J. D. Schmitt stated that he had become very friendly with his Uncle Elmer (William E.), who was at that time the owner of and was driving a 1932 Black Lincoln Sedan with Illinois license plates; that it became a custom with J. D. to drive his Uncle Elmer down town to his office about 9:00 o'clock every morning; that the office was on the 6th or 7th floor, he is not certain which, in the Railway Exchange Building; that this office was located on the Northwest corner of the building and that it had a small reception room just after the office for rent and that there were two other small rooms partitioned off of this room. In one of these small partitioned rooms a tailor was presumed to operate a tailor shop and the other room contained two chairs, a small flat table and a telephone. It was the impression of J. D. Schmitt that the tailor business was all a blind and that the actual purpose of this office was not known to the public generally. His Uncle William Mead had often referred to his business as being in the icecream machinery accessory business. There was no sign or name of any kind on the door of this office and J. D. could not recall ever seeing the tailor who was presumed to occupy one of the small offices in connection with his Uncle Elmer.

It was the habit of J. D. to drive his Uncle down town where they would usually stop at a "speakeasy" hereinafter described where Uncle Elmer would leave the car and visit for twenty or thirty minutes. Often his Uncle Elmer would return to the automobile accompanied by a large heavy set

individual and they would then proceed to another "speakeasy" but Schmitt was unable to definitely describe the place where the friend of his Uncle would visit. Schmitt and his Uncle would then proceed to the Railway Exchange Building where Mead would probably remain for thirty minutes or an hour and then return to his apartment house. During these occasions when William Elmer Mead would meet individuals the conversation between Schmitt's Uncle and these strangers would take place out of J. D.'s hearing and he was unable to ascertain the subject matter of these discussions.

On several instances J. D. Schmitt stated that he played golf with his Uncle Elmer and his Aunt Kate and possibly one or two of his cousins; that on these occasions they were also accompanied by an individual who was a close friend of his Uncle Elmer and who was called either Ed or Al, he could not state definitely which; that the Golf Club where they frequently played was on the South side of Chicago and was an eighteen hole course with a refreshment stand at the 8th or 9th hole at which time there was a small growth of timber. He stated that the first hole was in front of the club house and the 18th hole was in the rear of the club house, a structure of approximately eight or nine rooms. He could not recall whether this was a one or two story house but he remembered definitely that the building was of a stucco composition material and was located close to the highway with a gravel drive thereto. That this location was outside of the city of Chicago, the name of which he did not know, except to state that it was probably fifteen miles outside of the city proper.

Another golf course described by J. D. Schmitt as frequented by his Uncle Elmer and the family, as well as their intimate friends, was located North of Evanston. The East side of the course was bounded by the railroad tracks which lead into Evanston. He stated this course was a small golf course of nine holes but he could not remember the name of the golf club or the exact location of this place. He was unable to further describe this golf course in any manner. When questioned at length as to the location of the "speakeasy" referred to where his Uncle visited in Chicago Schmitt stated that this "speakeasy" was located just South of Van Buren facing on Dearborn street, approximately 75 or 100 feet from the corner of Van Buren. That this place may be identified by an alley running South off of Van Buren behind the "speakeasy" and that two parking lots are located in the alley. One of these parking lots is directly behind the "speakeasy" on the East side of the alley and the other parking lot is on the West side of the alley just South of the other parking lot. The parking lot on the West side of the alley is also used for a loading place for trucks. The rear entrance to this "speakeasy" or "barrel house" as J. D. referred to it, is located on the Southeast corner of the parking lot directly in the rear of the "speakeasy". The rear entrance leads into a small back room possibly thirty feet by thirty feet. That there is a flat table and a few chairs in the small back room and a door leads from the back room directly into a long and narrow bar room which is possibly thirty feet wide with a bar on the North side of the

room. There are small tables located on the opposite side of the room along the wall and a lunch stand where sandwiches are served is located at the end of the bar nearest the small room in the rear. A cigar and cigarette stand is located at the end of the bar closest to the entrance which faces the street. He is not certain on what street this "speakeasy" faces but thinks that it may be on Clark and is fairly certain on this point. Schmitt stated that this place is seemingly operated by a Greek, whose name he does not recall but who is also an intimate friend of William Elmer Mead. This Greek is described as being a man of about 50 years of age, 5' 8" tall, weighing about 155 pounds, hair black streaked with grey, complexion dark. This Greek has a younger brother about 45 to 48 years of age, who, according to Schmitt, operated this place in connection with his brother. The younger man is also approximately 5' 8" tall and would weigh in the neighborhood of 160 pounds and has the same dark complexion but appears to be of an effeminate nature. There are two bartenders at the "speakeasy" besides the two Greeks herein referred to and all kinds of hard liquors are sold over this bar.

Schmitt was unable to describe the other "speakeasy" or give any location which would be of value in this investigation although he stated the other "speakeasy" that his Uncle visited was probably eight or ten blocks from his office in the Railway Exchange Building.

Numerous photographs of all known fugitives in connection with this and other cases were displayed for the inspection of J. D. Schmitt and he immediately selected the photograph of Ed Bentz and his wife, an enlarged photograph of Ed Bentz taken at the time of his wedding to Verna Friedmark, and stated emphatically that Verna Friedmark was the woman that he played golf with on the golf course on the South side of Chicago but that she was wearing glasses when he knew her. He also selected a photograph, an enlarged snap shot, of Ed Bentz appearing on a photograph taken with his mother. He stated that to the best of his recollection Mead always referred to Bentz as either Ed or Al, he did not recall which. Photographs of Karpis, Barker, Avery, Simons and others were not identified by Schmitt as being contacts that he had seen in Chicago at that time conferring with his Uncle Elmer.

He states that he was introduced to one Judge Fitzgerald, who spent one evening at the Mead apartment where his cousin Mary Baxter sang several songs for the entertainment of the Judge. He selected the picture of C. J. Fitzgerald as the person known to him as Judge and stated that he was an elderly man apparently very wealthy, who visited the Mead apartment only on one occasion; that Fitzgerald stated that he intended to spend the Winter in California as was his custom.

It was further ascertained that Bentz was driving a large black Cadillac Sedan at the time he met him in Chicago and that he had the opportunity of visiting in the apartment of Bentz on the South side of Chicago about six or eight blocks from Jackson Park on the West side of the park. Schmitt



could not describe this exact location but he stated that the apartment house was a six or eight story red brick building covered with vines and contained elevators off of the lobby. He further stated that Bentz and his wife occupied a four room apartment on the fourth floor; that the apartment was well furnished and he recalled seeing a photograph of a small child on the table in the living room. He stated that he could not definitely describe the clothing that Bentz was wearing except that he had a Panama hat and at one time Bentz and his wife, together with William and Kate Mead and his other cousins went on a picnic near Joliet where they indulged in refreshments and sandwiches; that he conversed with Bentz about the West Coast and Bentz stated that he had been all over the West Coast but he preferred living in the East where he could make big money in view of the fact that there was more money in the East than there was in the West.

Schmitt informed Agent that if he were in Chicago he could locate the Bentz apartment as well as the "speakeasy" that he visited with his Uncle. He further stated that it should not be difficult to locate the offices where Mead was located in the Railway Exchange Building.

During the time that Schmitt visited in Chicago he states that the actions of his Uncle lead him to believe that he was engaged in some illegal enterprise, the exact nature of which he was unable to ascertain. He did recall hearing his Uncle speak about visiting the race tracks and making money through the "bookies". Realizing that his father had been defrauded out of his money several years ago and not desiring to become engaged in any illegal transactions Schmitt claims he left his cousins in Chicago and returned to Portland earlier than he had originally intended. He also stated that while visiting in the apartment of his Uncle Elmer he had received a long distance phone call from his girl friend, which apparently had been traced by the Chicago Police and that there was considerable commotion in the Mead apartment house when it was ascertained the Chicago Police officers were making inquiries as to the nature of this phone call. He stated that there was a great deal of satisfaction in the attitude of the Meads when he, J. D., was able to explain that the phone call had been a call placed for him. Schmitt claims that the phone in the Mead apartment house was an unlisted phone and would not appear in the regular telephone directory.

Young Schmitt gave Agent's the impression that he was very anxious to cooperate with the Bureau in locating William E. Mead and stated that he would make another effort to contact John Schmitt Jr., his cousin, and also if possible search the apartment of Frank Schmitt, his Uncle, during his Uncle's absence in an effort to locate correspondence which might divulge the whereabouts of Kate Mead or her husband William Elmer Mead. He stated that if he was able to learn anything of value in this connection he would immediately notify the Portland Bureau office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE:** Will endeavor to locate the place where William E. Mead maintained offices in the Railway Exchange building with a view of obtaining information that may lead to the present whereabouts of William E. Mead.

It is left to the discretion of the Chicago office as to whether investigation should be made at the apartment house owned by Kate Mead at 1414 or 1442 Fargo Street inasmuch as the present manager of this apartment has probably been instructed to refrain from giving any information as to the whereabouts of the Meads.

Will also endeavor to locate the "speakeasy" described in this report just South of Van Buren Street facing on Dearborn Street on the West side of the Street approximately 75 or 100 feet from the corner of Van Buren. This "speakeasy" may possibly be identified by an alley running South off of Van Buren behind the "speakeasy" with two parking lots in the alley. One of the parking lots directly behind the "speakeasy" on the East side of the Alley and the other parking lot on the West side of the alley just South of the other parking lot. It is to be noted that the parking lot on the West side of the alley is also used as a loading place for trucks. The rear entrance to the "speakeasy" is said to be located on the Southeast corner of the parking lot directly in the rear of this "speakeasy" which leads into a small back room with a table and a few chairs therein from which a door leads directly into a long and narrow bar room, possibly thirty feet wide with the bar on the North side of the room and small tables located along the opposite side of the room with a lunch or sandwich stand at the end of the bar nearest the rear entrance. A cigar and cigarette stand is presumed to be located at the other end of the bar facing Clark Street. It should be kept in mind that the Greeks who operate this "speakeasy" are intimate friends of William E. Mead and may be able to furnish information as to his whereabouts.

**THE PORTLAND BUREAU OFFICE:** Will keep in contact with J. D. Schmitt, 36 N. E. Broadway, with a view of obtaining information that he may develop as to the whereabouts of Kate and William E. Mead.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

December 21, 1935

EAT:GHB

Time: 12:15 A.M.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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*Rosen*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, Fugitive  
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At this time a Mr. Frank C. Ralls of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of Washington, who is now in Stewart, Florida, on official business, called in from that place and stated that he had been mistaken for one of the Bureau employees, and that a man had come to him and offered to deliver Alvin Karpis, handcuffed, for a consideration of \$5,000. Mr. Ralls stated that he can be reached at the City Hall in Stewart. I told Mr. Ralls that we would have someone contact him the first thing in the morning.

Respectfully,

*E.A.T.*

E. A. Tamm.

alt advised.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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F B I LOS ANGELES DECEMBER 23, 1935. 11-30 AM BS

DIRECTOR

E J CONNELLEY, CHICAGO.

PHONE. BREKID. NO DEVELOPMENTS HERE CONCERNING FITZGERALD YESTERDAY OR SO

FAR TODAY EXCEPT THAT HE RECEIVED LETTER TODAY, ONE POSTMARKED MEXICO

HEAVILY SEALED. OTHER LETTER POSTMARK

MEXICO. SANCARITA HOTEL, APPARENTLY CONTAINING REPORT ON OIL WELL

WITH LETTERS ADDRESS ON TYPEWRITER BEARING NO RETURN ADDRESS. IF NO FURTHER

DEVELOPMENTS HERE WILL HAVE AGENT J. M. JONES DEPART FOR CHICAGO ELEVEN PM

ON DECEMBER 24.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Dec. 23, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUG. I.O. 1218  
HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUG. I.O. 1236  
Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. FUG. I.O. 1232  
Et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitive,  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act;  
Aberdeen File #7-8

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated Nov. 21, 1935,  
to Aberdeen Office, requesting more handwriting of Dr. Robert Carville  
Ormiston, whose identity is not yet definitely established, and who  
has been identified as DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. I. O. #1232.

There is submitted herewith four payroll sheets dated  
Aug. 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1935, each of which contains the signature of  
Robert Ormiston. It is requested that the handwriting be compared with  
that of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN.

Examination for latent prints should also be made for  
comparison with the prints of DR. MORAN.

These payroll sheets were furnished to Special Agent  
J. Michael McGrath by C. A. Narum, State Director of Transient  
Activities, Bismarck, N. Dak., and he requested that they be returned  
to him when they have served their purpose, in order to keep his file  
complete.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*  
WERNER HANNI

Special Agent in Charge

JMI:B  
cc: Cincinnati  
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Specimens  
Aberdeen  
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*Werner Hanni*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 740

Laboratory Report

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., FUG. I. O. 1218

HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a., FUG. I. O. 1236.

Case: Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a. FUG I. O. 1232 Number: 7-576-8575

Et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.

Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitive,

Obstruction of Justice;

Specimens National Firearms Act; Aberdeen File # 7-8

7-576-8575 A One sheet containing payroll for week ending August 1, 1935.

" B One sheet containing payroll for week ending August 1, 1935,  
page no. 2.

" C One yellow sheet containing payroll for week ending Aug. 8,  
1935.

" D One yellow sheet containing payroll for week ending Aug. 8,  
1935, page no. 2.

" E One yellow sheet containing payroll for week ending Aug. 15,  
Examination requested by:

Aberdeen

Date received: 12-27-35 (10:25AMrt)

Examination requested: Document and fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel # 2

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One white sheet containing payroll for week ending Aug. 22,  
1935.

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SPECIMENS

G. Carbon copy of payroll for week ending Aug. 22, 1935,  
bearing signatures of employees.

cc-Cincinnati

Chicago

St. Paul

E. J. Connelley-Chicago

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

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Examination requested by: Aberdeen

Date received: 12-27-35 (10:25AMft)

Examination requested: Document and fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering # *2*

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1935.

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E. J. Connelley-Chicago

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From: Laboratory and Single Fingerprint Unit

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<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. H. M. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pickering
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Clark	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Renneberger
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Donaldson	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Q. Tamm
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belong to 7-576-18575.*

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E. P. COFFEY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION  
FOR NORTH DAKOTA  
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

August 27, 1935

Mr. C. J. Lynch, Director  
Langdon Transient Camp  
Post Office Box 325  
Langdon, North Dakota

Teacher # 525.

Dear Mr. Lynch:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following checks which were returned by you unpaid, for the reason that these men were not there to receive these checks in person. The men listed below were on your payroll, week ending August 22, 1935.

Daniel Chonil  
Frank Maltiner  
Arthur Kerr  
George Labere  
James McDonald  
James McNeice  
Jacob Miller  
Charles Pierre  
Gerald C. Porter  
Charles Quigley

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\$ 88.70

Yours very truly,

G. A. Harum, Director  
State Transient Activities

cc-

cc L. W. Tamm  
cc Lowell Jones  
cc Richard Furness

FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

FOR NORTH DAKOTA

STATE CAPITAL BUILDING

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

August 16, 1935

Mr. C. J. Lynch, Director  
Langdon Transient Camp  
Post Office Box 325  
Langdon, North Dakota

Voucher # 866.

Dear Mr. Lynch:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following checks which were returned by you unpaid, for the reason that these men were not there to receive these checks in person. The men listed below were on your payroll, week ending August 1st, 1935.

Albert Anderson	36396	\$00.90
Joseph Browning	36397	00.90
Ray Clark	36398	00.90
James Downing	36401	00.15
John Franson	36402	00.90
Ernie Gustafson	36403	00.90
Ernie Lundgren	36404	00.90
Walter Lake	36406	00.90
Stanley Lata	36407	00.90
Ole Nickelson	36409	00.90
James McGuire	36410	00.90
Robert Morrison	36411	00.90
John Marten	36412	00.90
Christ Nelson	36414	00.90
Ole Olson	36415	00.90
Andrew Olson	36416	00.90
Louis Poltra	36419	00.90
Joe Rasch	36424	01.00
John Ryan	36426	00.90
Ben White	36434	00.90
Ben Voitekilevis	36436	\$14.20

Yours very sincerely,

O. T. Foris, Statistician  
State Transient Activities

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Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
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Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
PENN AVE AT 9 ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC

BREKID CASSIUS MCDONALD THIS DATE ENTERED PLEA OF NOT  
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*Edw. J. Remick*

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POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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December 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In re: BLKID

Reference is made to your letter of December 20, 1935, with  
which were enclosed ~~the~~ as a result of the cover on the mail  
of Harry Campbell's sister, Mrs. Howard McNeal, as follows:

Addressed to: Mrs. Howard McNeal, Route 2  
Iowa Park,  
Texas

Return address: Lucy Lee McNeal,  
Box 374,  
Deerfoot, Texas.

*George...*

Addressed to: Mrs. H. L. McNeal,  
Iowa Park,  
Texas

Addressed to: Mrs. H. L. McNeal,  
Iowa Park,  
Texas

Addressed to: Miss Chas. Bush,  
1111 Colliery St.  
Iowa Park, Texas.

Return address: Mrs. H. L. McNeal,  
Iowa Park, Texas.

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Addressed to: Mrs. Lillian Campbell  
218 So. Rockford,  
Tulsa, Okla.

Return address: McNeal,  
R. #2, Love Park, Texas.

Addressed to: Mrs. J. C. Salts, (Jr or Sr)  
2412 Cranchay Blvd.  
Lawton, Okla.

Return address: McNeal,  
Love Park, Texas.

Suitable inquiry should be made at Amarillo, Texas, and Wichita Falls, Texas, to determine the identity of the persons who are writing to Mrs. Campbell and also to determine whether or not Campbell is at the present in Amarillo. Also persons who are in contact with her or who might be in contact with her in which Campbell is communicating with his other relatives, in order to conceal his location.

In connection with any further inquiries received it is believed that immediate inquiry should be made as to any and all persons who communicate with the subject, Campbell as above, in order to determine the information as to these individuals.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

ST. CLAIR ASSIGNED BY  
EJC:JMS

CC Bureau  
Oklahoma City  
St. Paul  
Los Angeles  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland 7-82



Post Office Box 115,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Dec. 23, 1935.

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Mr. S. K. McKee,  
Hotel Presidente,  
Havana,  
Cuba.

Dear Sir:

BREXID

Please be informed that Special Agent E. R. McIntire has conferred with Mr. George Heisey, Assistant United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, with regard to the books and records of the banking institutions and hotels in Havana, Cuba, which will be necessary to establish a case against CASSIUS McDONALD. Mr. Heisey has informed that it is not possible for him to state with particularity or to itemize the books and records which will be necessary in the course of the trial. In considering this matter he suggested that you have had an opportunity to trace all of the financial transactions yourself, and that you would therefore be acquainted with those books and records which it was necessary for you to examine in order to trace the various transactions.

In view of the fact that there is some doubt as to the possibility of removing books and records from Cuba for trial purposes in the United States, Mr. Heisey has suggested that you arrange with a competent commercial photographer to have photostatic copies of the originals of all necessary records made so that the same may be introduced in the course of the trial.

He has suggested that it will be necessary for you to be present at all times while these records are being photostated and while the photostats are being developed, and that it will be necessary for you to compare the photostat with the original so that you will be in a position to testify that the photostat is an exact reproduction of the original. He feels that in this manner it will not be necessary to bring to St. Paul, the photographer who prepared the photostats. In this connection it is also suggested that you obtain from the photographer, the negatives of these photostats which you may be expected to produce at the time of the trial.

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It is felt that you should acquaint the various witnesses with this procedure so that they will be fully familiar with the photostats and will be able to testify therefrom during the trial.

It is desired that the same procedure be followed with respect to the hotel records which will be introduced to show the residence of McDONALD and WILLIAM HARRISON in Havana, Cuba.

It is desired that you advise the St. Paul Office of the name and address of the photographer who will prepare the above mentioned photostats. You should ascertain whether he would be willing to proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota, in the event that his presence is absolutely required.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

KRM:SEC  
AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY

CC-Bureau  
Mr. E.J. Connelley, Chicago.  
Cincinnati  
Jacksonville

AMK:EG

December 21, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 9, 1935 transmitting two invoices of ~~Red's~~ Food Market and one envelope addressed to H. D. ~~Hoskins~~ in connection with the case entitled, ~~Alvin Karpis~~, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1512, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file 57-2.

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

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Very truly yours, *J. Edgar Hoover*

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John Edgar Hoover, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Director.

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago

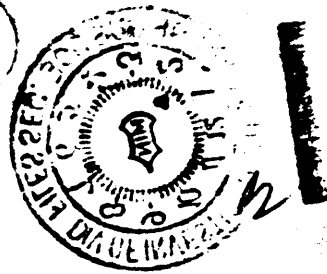
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December 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Charlotte  
Office to the New York Office, dated December 14, 1935, to which  
was attached a subpoena to be served on L. E. Gray, Hotel Cartaret,  
23rd Street at 7th Avenue, New York City.

I wish to advise that on December 19, 1935 the  
subpoena, demanding Mr. Gray's appearance at the Federal Court  
Building, St. Paul, Minn., on January 9, 1936, was served on Mr.  
L. E. Gray at the Hotel Chelsea, 222 West 23rd Street, New York  
City, where he is employed as a clerk.

This subpoena is being forwarded to the St. Paul  
Office with this letter, by registered mail, to be returned by  
that office to the Clerk of the Federal Court of St. Paul, Minn.

As suggested in the letter from Mr. George F.  
Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minn., to the Jackson-  
ville Bureau Office, under date of December 2, 1935, the matter  
of Mr. Gray's proceeding to St. Paul upon being notified by the  
New York Bureau Office, after receipt by that office of telephonic  
communication from the St. Paul Office for the witness' presence  
on a specified date, was discussed with Mr. Gray. He advised that  
he would appreciate it if he were notified two days in advance of  
the time of his departure from New York City for St. Paul so that  
he could make arrangements for someone to work for him, and that

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he would proceed to St. Paul by plane for his appearance in court on the desired date. Mr. Gray advised that he can be reached at the Hotel Chelsea, 222 West 23rd Street, New York City, telephone, Chelsea 3-3700.

The St. Paul Office is requested to notify this office in ample time to give Mr. Gray two days' notice prior to the time of his departure from New York City for St. Paul to testify in this case.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

cc: Bureau.  
cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley.  
cc: Cincinnati.  
cc: Jacksonville.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/23/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. DILLIO</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Louise M. Koeberline, 74 N. Emily St., Crafton, Pa., does not know present whereabouts of Edward F. A. Koeberline. She will notify Pittsburgh Office as soon as she hears from him.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, New York, December 5, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

Inquiries made at 74 North Emily Street, Crafton, a suburb of Pittsburgh, disclosed that it is the residence of J. L. FOLEY, a steward in the Western State Penitentiary at Pittsburgh. Mrs. J. L. Foley stated that EDWARD F. A. KOEBERLINE is a son of a step-brother; that he in the past did correspond with her on some occasions, but that for the past three years she has received no communications from him, the last communication having been mailed somewhere in the State of Connecticut.

Mrs. J. L. Foley also stated that LOUISE M. KOEBERLINE who now resides with her did correspond with Edward F. A. Koeberline more frequently, and that though it is her, Mrs. Foley's, impression that Louise does not at present know where Edward is located, she, Mrs. Foley, suggested an interview with Louise for probable additional information.

Louise M. Koeberline was interviewed by telephone, Walnut 3323 J. She stated that she usually heard from Edward Koeberline, but that she has not heard from him for the past eight months when he was

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located somewhere in the State of Connecticut, the address having been forgotten by her. She stated that she remembers clearly that on that occasion she addressed to him some papers he requested, which papers were evidently not received by him inasmuch as they were returned by postal authorities with notation that the addressee could not be located at the address given.

Louise M. Koerberline faithfully promised that as soon as she hears from or as soon as she ascertains his present whereabouts, she will immediately communicate the information to the Pittsburgh Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE at WEST MIDDLESEX, PENNSYLVANIA, will conduct additional investigation as suggested in a letter dated at the Cleveland Bureau Office, December 10, 1935.

P E N D I N G

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. DEVELOPMENTS HERE TODAY CONSISTED OF TAPPING TELEPHONE EXPOSITION 3945 IN APARTMENT 107 VICTORIA APARTMENTS

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DURING WHICH PERIOD WILL DETERMINE IF DEVELOPMENTS HERE WARRANT

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

November 23, 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:

I am writing concerning the policy of the Penitentiary at McNeil Island of requesting a guard to be present during interview of Agent of this Bureau and inmates of the Penitentiary. During past years, I have interviewed prisoners at McNeil Island, as have other agents attached to this office, and there was no provision requiring the presence of an employee of the Bureau of Prisons during these interviews.

Yesterday, Special Agent W. C. Ryan visited the Penitentiary for the purpose of interviewing Thomas C. Williams, referred to in Bureau letter of the 9th instant in the Brekid case. It was desired to interview Williams for the purpose of securing from him, in confidence, certain information he is believed to possess concerning members of the Karpis Gang. The nature of the information possessed by Williams is such that no one could expect him to divulge any such information in the presence of a third party. However, Agent Ryan was denied the privilege of interviewing the prisoner without the presence of a guard, by Warden Swope, Mr. Swope advising Agent Ryan that it was a hard and fast rule of the Penitentiary that no prisoner will be interviewed by anyone unless in the presence of a guard, or unless authority is obtained from the Director, Bureau of Prisons, for such a private interview, or unless authority be secured from that source, to have the prisoner removed from the Penitentiary by a U. S. Marshal to some other place for the purpose of interview. Special Agent diplomatically informed the Warden inasmuch as it was the provisional rule, he would of course abide by it.

Special Agent Ryan did interview Williams in the presence of a guard, but did not disclose the real object of his interview for obvious reasons, and as a result, of course, no information was obtained although it was believed that Williams has such information, and might

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disclose it under proper conditions.

The relations of this office with officials of the Penitentiary at McNeil Island, have in the past, and are presently, cordial, and it appears that there must be such a rule as stated by Warden Swope. However, it appears unreasonable that employees of this Bureau should be required to have an official of the Bureau of Prisons present listening in on our interview, and I am submitting the above for the information of the Bureau, and for verification as to the existence of the rule as stated by Warden Swope, and to determine whether or not interviews by Bureau Agent of Federal Prisoners should not be made an exception of the general rule of the Penitentiary. We are invariably accorded the privilege of private interviews in all State Penal Institutions in this district.

If the rule applies to the Bureau, it is requested that the necessary steps be secured for authority to interview Prisoner Williams at McNeil Island in private, in order that it may be determined just what information Williams has, or what he may be willing to disclose.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 19, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

With reference to the notation of the Director on the attached letter, pertaining to the refusal of the Warden of McNeil Island Penitentiary to permit a Special Agent of the Bureau to interview a prisoner without the presence of a guard, in which notation the Director instructs that a memorandum be addressed to the Attorney General, this is to record the fact that in a subsequent discussion of the situation with the Director, he advised that he had held a conference with Mr. McMahon and Mr. Bates of the Department, and that immediate instructions would be issued by the Department to the Warden at McNeil Island and an existing Departmental circular covering this matter would be immediately revised.

E. A. Tamm

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November 26, 1935.

Time-12:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM

RE: Interviewing of Prisoners incarcerated in Federal Prisons.

I telephoned Mr. Brien McMahon and discussed with him the various obstacles the Bureau was continuously encountering regarding the new rules made by the Bureau of Prisons relative to the interviewing of prisoners incarcerated in Federal Prisons. I stated that first, as Mr. McMahon, would probably recall, when one of our men recently was refused an interview with a prisoner at Alcatraz Prison, it was brought to the attention of the Attorney General and eventually straightened out. I advised Mr. McMahon we then encountered a rule forbidding a prisoner to be taken for interview any place only by order of the court or by permission of the Bureau of Prisons. I stated we had only today encountered another rule; to be specific, at McNeil Island we wanted to interview a prisoner alone right in the prison, but the Warden of the prison told us the rules of the Prison Bureau were that the prisoner could not be interviewed unless the prison guard was present or unless specific authority was received from the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to waive the rule. I remarked that in all of the state penitentiaries in the United States we were accorded the privilege of interviewing a prisoner alone and I did not think we should be compelled in the Federal Penitentiaries to have a prison guard sitting in during an interview with a prisoner. I stated that in the instant case the prisoner has some very important information regarding the Bremer Kidnaping Case, which he will not give to any one other than one of our men, and which we certainly would not ask him to divulge before a prison guard; that, on the other hand, if it is necessary in every case for the field office concerned to wire in to Washington and get the necessary authority from the Bureau of Prisons to conduct the interview, numerous delays will result, especially on Saturdays and Sundays.

*Admiral Mahon*

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- Miss Gandy .....

Mr. McMahon advised that the Attorney General had talked the matter over with him and asked him to straighten it out to everyone's satisfaction; that, therefore, it was his suggestion that a meeting be held with Mr. Bates and the matter gone over thoroughly. I stated it certainly was a matter which should be definitely settled; that, on the other hand, if an Agent of the Bureau should abuse any of the privileges accorded the Bureau in this respect, I would be the first one to take disciplinary action against the Agent for it; but that it did seem to me that orders should be issued to the various Federal Penitentiaries that when one of the Bureau's Agents appears with the proper credentials, requesting an interview with a prisoner, he should be accorded the interview without the officials insisting that a guard

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be present. Mr. McMahon inquired if I would be available at 4:30 P.M., and upon being told that I would, he stated he would get in touch with me later on; that he would like to have a meeting at 4:30 and get the whole thing straightened out.

Time-12:50 P.M.

Mr. McMahon telephoned and advised that the meeting with Mr. Bates would be at 4:30 P.M. in Mr. McMahon's office.

J. E. H.

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November 27, 1935.

Time - 6:20 P. M.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Interviewing of Prisoners Incarcerated  
in Federal Prisons.

Judge Holtzoff telephoned and stated he had received a call from Mr. Sanford Bates concerning the amendment which had been agreed upon yesterday; and that he would like to include in the request for an interview that in the opinion of the person making the request that said request is in the public interest. Judge Holtzoff further stated Mr. Bates requests that these requests be made in duplicate and a copy filed with the U. S. Marshal so that official could attach the copy to his expense voucher. I stated there would be no objection to either of these things being done.

J. E. H.

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December 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the recent difficulty encountered by a Special Agent of the Bureau in interviewing a prisoner at McNeil Island, I have been advised by Departmental officials that appropriate instructions would be issued to the Warden at McNeil Island, enabling Special Agents of the Bureau to interview prisoners without the presence of a guard. For your information, I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter addressed to Warden E.B. Swope, under date of November 27, 1935, by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons. In the event any further difficulty is encountered in this matter, you should advise the Bureau immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #831295.

*Alvin Karpis*

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PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER 21ST INSTANT. ADVISE AGENT  
MCKEE THAT USATY STPAUL DESIRES ALL CUBAN WITNESSES PROCEED FROM HAVANA,  
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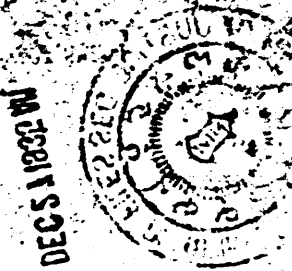
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
December 23, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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



Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, enclosing subpoena for the appearance of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry, of this office, in the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936.

Please be advised Agent Fortenberry will present himself in answer to this subpoena on the morning of January 6, next. Should there be any change in the date on which Agent Fortenberry is to appear, it is respectfully requested that this office be notified as soon as possible for the reason that Mr. Fortenberry will be on annual leave at his home at Jackson, Mississippi, and will return to Detroit just before leaving for St. Paul.

This request is also made for the reason that Mr. Fortenberry will most likely be subpoenaed for appearance at a trial to be held at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan at the next January term.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with the inquiry being made at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, particularly as to NELL SURRENO et al, this investigation should be given preferred attention, and it should be definitely determined whether or not these people are harboring Campbell at this time, or whether he is contacting them from time to time, and particularly as to whether or not these people are the persons through whom he is carrying on his correspondence with the various members of his family.

In connection with the investigation conducted at West Middlesex and Grove City, Pennsylvania attention should be had to the fact that the Campbell family is indicated as having originally come from Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and there may be some relationship which will explain the reason for the mail emanating from West Middlesex. However, even though this relationship is established, the investigation should be conducted intensively, in order to determine whether there are any friends or relatives in that vicinity who might be aiding Campbell at this time, or with whom he might be in contact.

This information should be carried out by intensive investigation, and a frequent contact should be had to all sources of information in this district in order that we may have same at the earliest possible time, and particularly in connection with any information obtained through the Post Offices in that vicinity, we should insure by our close contact the immediate receipt of this information, rather than have same first go to some Post Office Inspector, as the Post Office Inspectors working on the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery are of the opinion that Campbell and Karpis were in some way responsible for this, and will of course be on the alert for any information which might refer to either of these individuals.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
December 24, 1935.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 21, 1935, enclosing a copy of your letter of the same date to the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, which is with reference to providing the witnesses in Miami, Florida, with funds to enable them to proceed to St. Paul to testify for the Government in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim. KIDNAPING, etc.

The office of the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida is in Jacksonville. However, the United States Marshal also maintains an office in the Miami Division at Miami, Florida.

Pursuant to your request that if the witnesses in question have not been advised that they should report to the Marshal for an advance of funds they be contacted by our Agents and furnished this information, please be advised that your letter of December 21st, with enclosure, has been referred to Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, with instructions that all witnesses be properly informed with reference to advance of funds necessary for their travel to St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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:

The information set forth hereafter was obtained by Special Agent  
H. A. Snow from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed Agent Snow that Alvin Karpis has been in South  
Carolina and Tennessee since about August of this year and is expected to  
be at a roadhouse near Knoxville, Tennessee, on the Middlesboro Road on New  
Year's Eve. This roadhouse is operated by Charles Rice and Doc Ogle, and  
is a well known roadhouse.

[REDACTED] stated that Karpis is driving a new Auburn car and is accom-  
panied by a tall blond woman, about six feet in height, who comes from Okla-  
homa, is known as "Oklahoma Mae", and is his constant companion.

According to [REDACTED] the roadhouse mentioned above has some  
rooms in the basement where the gang, including Karpis, meets, and the gang  
is supposed to meet there on New Year's Eve. Karpis is alleged to be now  
operating with Jack Foster, alias Doc Foster, and Jack Tillboy, alias  
King, also from Oklahoma; and this gang has been robbing Post Offices  
mainly between Atlanta, Georgia and Columbia, South Carolina. [REDACTED]  
claims Karpis' face has been operated upon and the skin is very tight below  
his eyes so that he can hardly smile.

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[REDACTED] further stated that when in Greensboro, North Carolina  
Karpis stops at the King Cotton Hotel, registering under the name of Guy  
F. Patterson. He was there in August at which time he was driving a new  
black Auburn car with Tennessee license plates. Then in Greensboro he

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contacts one Buck Dandy at the Clegg Hotel, and [redacted] stated he was in Greensboro lately.

[redacted] advised that the Charles Rice, roadhouse proprietor mentioned above, pays for protection and the Knoxville Police Department and Sheriff's Office are not to be relied upon for information or assistance.

It is noted that the Nashville Office has copies of all letters and reports in the Washington Field Office file in the above mentioned Unlawful Flight To Avoid Prosecution case. The advisability of furnishing complete information regarding the Subjects in this case and contacts developed during the investigation of the case to Mr. E. J. Connelley and the office of origin in instant case is left to the discretion of the Nashville and Charlotte Offices upon complete investigation based upon the information set forth herein.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Keith,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-10, 13, 16-18-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. SMITH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. No. 1218; ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. O. W. Blackman positively identifies subject Karpis, Dolores Delaney and Harrison as occupants of 3973 W. 140th St. during summer of 1934. Tentative identification of Sawyer made by Mrs. Blackman. Mrs. Cullen identifies photograph of Wynona Burdette, Fred Barker and Doc Barker as individuals who rented an apartment at 7009 Franklin Blvd., Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Superintendent of Apartments, located at 10515 Parkhurst, identify photograph of Fred Barker and Paula Harmon as Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Matterson; also identify photograph of Karpis who is known as brother of Paula Harmon; also identify photograph of Gladys Sawyer who was known as sister of Paula Harmon. Mr. Allen identifies photograph of Sawyer as individual he saw in kitchen of Matterson's apartment about July 4, 1934. Mrs. Allen also identifies Sawyer as individual she saw around Matterson apartment on several occasions. Mr. and Mrs. George Willard identify photographs of Karpis, Barker, Campbell, Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and William Harrison as individuals who frequented and occupied a house adjacent to theirs during the summer of 1934. Mr. Fred Wilgrube identifies photographs of Weaver and Eaton as individuals known to him as Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Orhood; also identifies photograph of Campbell, Burdette and Harrison as individuals who rented a cottage

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close to the Orhods. Mrs. Fred Wilgrube identifies photographs of Eaton, Weaver, Campbell, Burdette, Harrison and Davis; tentatively identifies Harry Sawyer, Karpis and Gibson. Mrs. Wilgrube advised that Weaver and Eaton, Campbell and Burdette had rented two cottages in the rear of her home during summer of 1934 and the other individuals identified had visited them on various occasions.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent K. B. McIntire, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, 4-10-35; Bureau letter dated September 19, 1935.

DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mrs. Omar W. Blackman, 3969 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agent E. J. Wynn and the writer, Mrs. Blackman, it will be recalled, resided next door to a single family residence located at 3973 West 140th Street, and on or about June 28th or 29th, 1934, an unknown individual called at her home and requested the keys to 3973 West 140th Street from her. Mrs. Blackman advised this individual that she did not have the keys to the house. However, when she later returned from a short vacation she noticed that this individual and a young lady were residing in the house.

Agents exhibited photographs of the individuals who are subjects in this case to Mrs. Blackman, and she positively identified the photographs of Dolores Delaney, William Harrison and Alvin Karpis as the individuals who resided at 3973 West 140th Street about the end of June 1934, stating that Karpis and Dolores first rented the house under the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth, and later an individual whom she now identifies as William Harrison came to live with them a few days later. The photographs of Harry Sawyer and Gladys Sawyer were also identified by Mrs. Blackman as greatly resembling individuals who had visited Karpis and Harrison. When Mrs. Blackman was closely questioned relative to this identification it was noted that she associated Harry Sawyer with a large dark car and the lady with a

small child, which would, no doubt, be Gladys, and her adopted daughter, Francine.

Continuing, Mrs. Blackman advised that Karpis and Dolores were not overly friendly, although they were in the habit of reclining in deck chairs for a sun tan on the rear lawn, and Dolores on numerous occasions had requested Mrs. Blackman's nine-year old son to go to the store for her.

Mrs. Joe Cullen, 7916 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, who, it will be recalled, was the owner of the apartment house located at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, in which apartment Wynona Burdette rented a suite of rooms, was interviewed and photographs of all the members of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to her, and she identified the photograph of Wynona Burdette, who as Mrs. George Walcott on or about August 21 or 22, 1934, called at her home in company with two other women, whose identity she does not know and rented a suite of rooms in the apartment house located at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, for which she gave a \$20 deposit.

According to Mrs. Cullen, Wynona Burdette told her that her husband was employed by the Great Lakes Dredging Company and had been transferred from Toledo to Cleveland, Ohio. Continuing, Mrs. Cullen stated that the following day a man, whose photograph she now identifies as Fred Barker, paid the balance of the rent, relating that when Fred Barker parked a Ford sedan in front of their (Cullen's) home for some reason Mr. Cullen arose and left the front porch and went into the house next door, and as he did saw another man who was sitting in the automobile. Mrs. Cullen turned around and placed both feet on the running board and watched him. Mrs. Cullen identified the photograph of Arthur Barker as that individual. Mrs. Cullen further stated that after Wynona moved into the apartment she inquired of Mr. Cullen what was wrong with the electric light and gas, and Mr. Cullen advised her that she would have to apply for service and then escorted her to both the gas and light companies to secure that service.

It will be noted here that Mr. Cullen died in January 1935, and in the event Mrs. Cullen is to be subpoenaed at a trial care will have to be taken during the time she would be on the stand inasmuch as she is an elderly woman and of a highly nervous temperament.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn and the writer interviewed Mr. Archie L. Allen, 10615 Florian Avenue, which location, being on the corner, is also known as 10515 Parkhurst Avenue, Mr. Allen being the superintendent of the apartment house bearing both these numbers. Mr. Allen stated that about June 1st, 1934, a woman who gave the name of Mrs. J. Earl Matterson, who he now identifies as Paula Harmon, rented an apartment in the building and made a deposit on same; that after she had moved into the apartment she paid the balance of the rent, and Mr. Allen noticed that when he requested the spelling of her last name Paula Harmon had great difficulty in telling him how it was spelled.

According to Mr. Allen, the Mattersons remained in the apartment from May 20, 1934, to approximately August 18, 1934; that during their tenancy the Mattersons had numerous visitors who when they drove up to the apartment seemed to act in a very suspicious manner, in that no two of them would park together, one generally parking on the Florian side of the building and another on the Parkhurst side of the building.

Mr. Allen also identified the photograph who was known to him as the brother of Mrs. Matterson and stated that he had spoken to Karpis on numerous occasions and Karpis had become acquainted with the fact that Mr. Allen did not smoke cigarettes, and each time that he, Karpis, met Allen, Karpis would always shove a package of cigarettes at him and say, "Have a cigarette". Mr. Allen also stated that on one occasion he observed Karpis drive up to the apartment in what he recalls to be a large Packard automobile, and he remembered saying to Karpis or remarking to him that he must be getting up in the world, to which Karpis stated, "That's only the boss' car".

Continuing, Mr. Allen stated that he identified the photograph of Harry Sawyer as an individual he observed standing in the Matterson apartment on, he believes, July 4, 1934, and he also identified the photograph of Gladys Sawyer and stated that he knew her as Paula Harmon's sister and the wife of the man he identified as Harry Sawyer, stating also that Gladys Sawyer had a small child with her known as Francine. Mr. Allen also identified the photograph of Wynona Burdette as a young lady he had seen on one or two occasions in company with Alvin Karpis. Mr. Allen stated too that it was his recollection that Karpis used the name of Bradford.

Mrs. Allen advised agents that she also identified the photographs of Fred Barker and Paula Harmon who were known to her as Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Matterson, who rented a suite of rooms in the apartment



house of which her husband is superintendent on May 20, 1934, further stating that Mrs. Sawyer had been introduced to her as Mrs. Matterson's sister, and while she had never been introduced to Harry Sawyer she tentatively identified the photograph of Harry Sawyer as the individual who she thought was Gladys Sawyer's husband. Continuing, Mrs. Allen stated that on one or two occasions she endeavored to have Francine, the adopted daughter of Gladys Sawyer, play with her little girl; however, each time the request was made some excuse was always given and Francine was not permitted to play with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willard, 4423 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, were interviewed and stated that in the early part of August 1934 the house next door to them, 4419 West 171st Street, was rented by persons who at that time were unknown to them; that these people acted suspiciously and attracted the attention of the Willards, and, therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Willard took occasion to observe them.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Willard identified the photograph of Harry Sawyer as being the man who first appeared at the house next door to rent it and they further identified the photograph of Harry Sawyer as being the likeness of a man who was subsequently seen around 4419 West 171st Street associating with the people who lived there; however, it appeared that Harry Sawyer did not live at the address regularly, and, as they recall, he came and went quite frequently.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Willard positively identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as having lived at the address, 4419 West 171st Street, advising that they saw him on numerous occasions and even recall his having played ball in the back yard and in the street. They also identify the photograph of Gladys Sawyer as having lived at that address, stating further that she was apparently the boss of all who lived there; that she had a very loud mouth and had a girl of about five years of age, being her daughter whose name was Francine. With further reference to Gladys Sawyer they also advised that she came to the house after it was rented with a person they identified by photograph as Paula Harmon who has reddish hair and was accompanied by a chow dog; that these two women cleaned up the house prior to moving in. They also identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as having visited the people residing at 4419 West 171st Street, advising in this respect, however, that Harry Campbell apparently did not, to their knowledge, ever live there but visited there frequently.

With reference to Dolores Delaney, they stated that as they recall she appeared there on one occasion only, driving to the address 4419 West 171st Street in an automobile. They identified the photograph of Dolores Delaney as being this woman who appeared at the house on one occasion only. The photograph of subject Weaver was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. George Willard, and they both identified this photograph as being the likeness of a person who visited 4419 West 171st Street on several occasions; that they were not so positive in this identification.

They both identified the photograph of Willie Harrison as having been a visitor at 4419 West 171st Street.

Agents were particularly careful in interviewing Mr. and Mrs. George Willard with reference to their identification of Harry Sawyer, and exhibited the photograph of Harry Sawyer, as well as the other subjects in this case to Mr. and Mrs. Willard among a large group of photographs, and they made the identification of Harry Sawyer by picking out his photograph from a large number handed them, and this is also true of the other identifications made by them. It is believed that they will upon viewing Harry Sawyer be able to make a positive identification. It might be well to state at this time that at the time Harry Sawyer was there he was wearing a moustache.

Mr. Willard when previously interviewed in this matter, as reflected in the summary report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minn., dated 4-10-35, positively identified the photographs of Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker as being persons who resided at 4419 West 171st St. However, at this time when shown the photographs of Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker among other photographs they were unable to make positive identifications and, as a matter of fact, were unable to identify Fred Barker at all; however, Mrs. Willard identified the photograph of Arthur R. Barker on the strip photograph, which is an old picture, as being the likeness of a person who resided at 4419 West 171st Street, but was unable to identify the most recent photograph of Arthur R. Barker taken at Chicago, and on the whole it is believed that her identification by photograph of Arthur R. Barker is not at all certain.

With reference to Harry Sawyer, both Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willard advised that he was seen at the address 4419 West 171st Street in a large sedan, either black or blue in color, which sedan they took to be a Packard sedan.

Mr. James Willard, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Willard, advised that he observed the large man who came to the premises the first time to rent the house, and at the same time picked out the photograph of Harry Sawyer as being this man whom he saw at these premises.

AT HURON, OHIO

Special Agent C. E. Smith interviewed Mr. Fred Wilgrube, route 1, who stated that during the summer he conducted a tourist home and rented cottages in the rear of his home, which territory is known as Grand Forest Beach, and that about June 1934 several individuals had occupied two cottages between his house and Lake Erie in the Grand Forest Beach allotment.

Photographs of subjects in this case were exhibited to Mr. Wilgrube, and he identified the photograph of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, who are known to him as Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orhood. He also identified the photographs of Karpis, Campbell and Harrison, as well as made tentative identification of the photograph of Wynona Burdette, stating that Wynona appeared to be the woman who was with Harry Campbell and who resided in a cottage opposite the one occupied by the Orhoods (Weaver and Eaton).

Mr. Wilgrube was unable to positively identify any of the other members of the gang.

Mrs. Fred Wilgrube, who, it will be well to note, has been divorced from Mr. Fred Wilgrube, is presently residing in a rooming house located on the corner of Warren and Main Streets in Sandusky, Ohio, was interviewed and stated that she had been the wife of Fred Wilgrube, of route 1, Huron, Ohio, during the year 1934, and stated that about June 1st two individuals known to her as Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orhood rented a cottage at Grand Forest Beach, which allotment was located directly in the rear of her former home, and then about two weeks thereafter another couple known to her as Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson also rented a cottage, which cottage was located about fifty yards east of the one occupied by the Orhoods. Photographs of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to Mrs. Wilgrube, and she positively identified the photographs of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, who were known to her as Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orhood, and the photographs of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, who were known to her as Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. Swanson. She also identified the photograph of William Harrison who was known to her as William Harrison and was generally called Willie, stating that Willie resided with Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson (Campbell and Burdette). Mrs. Wilgrube also identified the photograph of Volney Davis and stated that she knew this individual as "Happy".

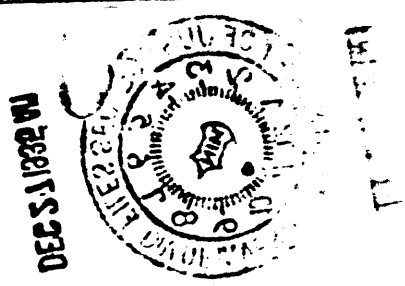
It will be noted here that when Mrs. Wilgrube was interviewed by Special Agent D. E. Hall at the Detroit office, at that time she stated that a Mr. and Mrs. Hanson had occasionally appeared at both of these cottages, and it was assumed at that time that those parties were, no doubt, Edna Murray and Volney Davis. However, she did not at that time identify these individuals nor could she do so when the writer exhibited to her photographs.

Continuing, Mrs. Wilgrube stated that the photographs of Karpis, Harry Sawyer and Russell Gibson appeared familiar to her; however, she was unable to associate them with any particular time or occurrence in connection with the Orhoods or Swansons.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Wilgrube is now divorced from Mr. Fred Wilgrube, she stated that until approximately the middle of Jan. 1936 she can be reached at the Holmes Smith farm at Berlin Heights, Ohio, which is a short distance from Huron, Ohio; however, in the event that she leaves that place she can be reached for further interview through her attorney, Emmett Murray at Huron, Ohio.

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1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin



December 28, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
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 undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota December 14, 1935, relative to the location of Edward Raymond Kilpatrick.

Special Agent A. P. Barber conducted inquiry through Mr. George F. Baker, Assistant Sales Manager, Kingsbury Brewing Company, Manitowish, Wisconsin, who advised that Kilpatrick is a beer salesman for the above company and is presently covering the State of Ohio. He changes headquarters daily. However, Kilpatrick will be in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio during the latter part of the first week of January, 1936, and Mr. Baker has directed a letter to Kilpatrick requesting him to call at the Cleveland Bureau Office for interview at that time. The address of the Cleveland Office was provided to Mr. Baker for that purpose.

In accordance with the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Agent Brennan, it is suggested that you issue instructions to the Cleveland Office relative to the interview to be conducted with Kilpatrick.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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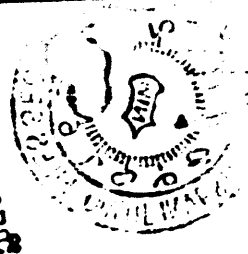
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In re: BEKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. T. Gray of your office dated December 16, 1935, and particularly investigation conducted by him at Philipsburg, Montana as to letter which had been received by Miss Isabelle Bomm at Mankato, Minnesota, and in which investigation it is indicated that apparently the only inquiry made was to determine who might have sent the letter to Isabelle Bomm at Mankato, this communication not having any return address.

It is believed that the preferable investigation would have been to determine whether or not Charles J. Fitzgerald was in that vicinity. However this situation is now eliminated, in view of the fact that Fitzgerald has been located. Also in this connection investigation should have been comprehensive enough to determine whether or not there was a possibility of Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis being located at Philipsburg.

If and when an Agent is next in the vicinity of Philipsburg, suitable investigation above suggested should be conducted, with the exception that Fitzgerald has been located and could not have been at the place indicated apparently at the time of the mailing of this letter to Mankato.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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