

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 14, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BRINK

Please find attached hereto the log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus at Cleveland, Ohio from January 4, 1936 to January 13, 1936.

A careful review of the calls made fails to indicate conversations of a pertinent nature which might be helpful in the instant investigation. It seems as though most of the calls made relate to social gatherings and that the appointments referred to therein which were to have been made were with a doctor, who was consulted by Mr. and Mrs. William Fergus.

It will be appreciated if you will please review the substance of these calls and indicate your pleasure with reference to the continuation of the tap on the telephone herein mentioned.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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The following is a log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 4, 1936 to January 13, 1936:

January 4, 1936

6:35 PM

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HED

January 5, 1936

11:18 AM

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[REDACTED]

HED

11:30 AM

[REDACTED]

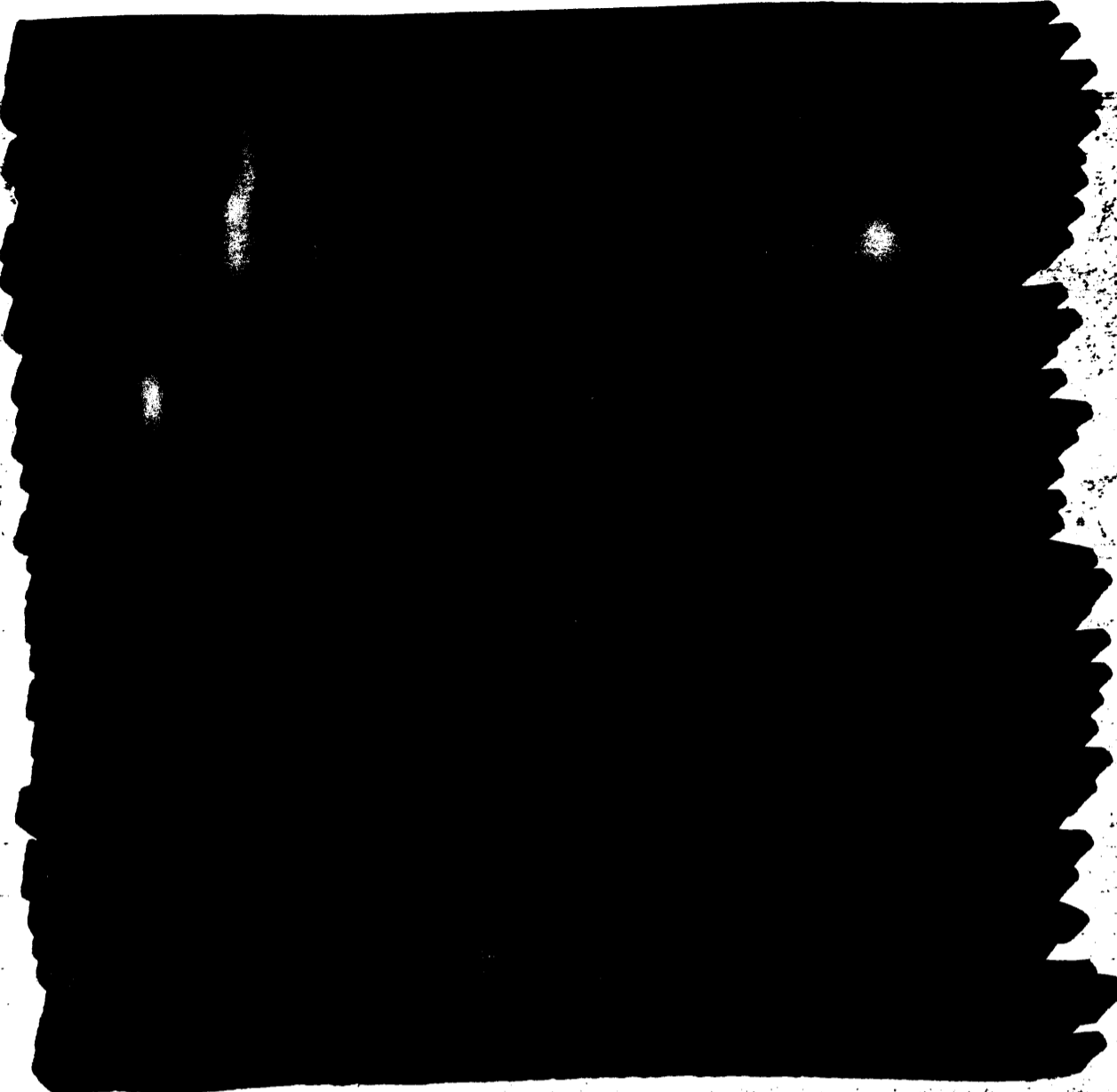
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2:15 PM

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HED

5:25 PM Call to Fergus home. No answer. HED
7:19 PM Call to Fergus home. No answer. HED
7:57 PM Call to Fergus home. No answer. HED
9:03 PM Call to Fergus home. No answer. HED
9:26 PM Call to Fergus home. No answer. HED
10:00 PM Call to Fergus home. No answer. HED

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January 6, 1936

10:30 AM

[REDACTED] HED

11:35 AM

[REDACTED] HED

11:45 AM

[REDACTED] HED

12:34 PM

[REDACTED] HED

12:45 PM

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2:05 PM

[REDACTED]

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2:20 PM

[REDACTED]

HED

3:10 PM

[REDACTED]

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7:35 PM

[REDACTED]

9:47 PM

[REDACTED]

January 7, 1936

11:30 AM

[REDACTED]

2:25 PM

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2:30 PM

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3:45 PM

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[REDACTED]

3:50 PM

[REDACTED]

4:50 PM

[REDACTED]

4:55 PM

[REDACTED]

5:45 PM

[REDACTED]

b7c

January 4, 1936

5:10 PM

[REDACTED]

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5:45 PM

[REDACTED]

EJW

6:05 PM

[REDACTED]

EJW

January 7, 1936

7:26 PM

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7:36 PM

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8:05 PM

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8:50 PM

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9:35 PM

[REDACTED]

11:35 PM

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January 8, 1936

9:50 AM

[REDACTED]

10:00 AM

[REDACTED]

12:21 PM

[REDACTED]

12:40 PM

[REDACTED]

1:00 PM

[REDACTED]

1:10 PM

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1:15 PM

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3:28 PM

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3:33 PM

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3:49 PM

[REDACTED]

4:02 PM

[REDACTED]

b7c

4:05 PM

[REDACTED]

4:10 PM

[REDACTED]

5:22 PM

[REDACTED]

7:25 PM

[REDACTED]

7:40 PM

[REDACTED]

10:15 PM

[REDACTED]

10:47 PM

[REDACTED]

January 9, 1936

11:15 AM

[REDACTED]

11:20 AM

[REDACTED]

11:50 AM

[REDACTED]

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12:10 PM [REDACTED] KJ

1:27 PM [REDACTED] KJ

1:45 PM [REDACTED]

2:15 PM [REDACTED]

3:10 PM [REDACTED]

5:20 PM Phone rang. No answer.

5:27 PM [REDACTED]

5:34 PM [REDACTED]

5:55 PM Recorder [REDACTED]

6:15 PM [REDACTED]

January 10, 1936

1:22 PM [REDACTED]

b7C

2:03 PM

[REDACTED]

(Details set out in 5:27 PM call, 1/9/36) HBD

3:45 PM

[REDACTED] HBD

4:30 PM

[REDACTED]

5:50 PM

[REDACTED]

6:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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1:00 AM

[REDACTED] HBD

8:00 AM

[REDACTED]

11:40 AM

[REDACTED]

6:15 PM

[REDACTED]

9:15 PM

[REDACTED]

January 12, 1936

11:30 AM [REDACTED]

1:15 PM [REDACTED]

1:55 PM

Phone rang. No answer.

3:20 PM [REDACTED]

5:40 PM [REDACTED]

5:50 PM [REDACTED]

10:35 PM [REDACTED]

January 12, 1936

10:45 AM [REDACTED]

b7c

[REDACTED]

11:12 AM

[REDACTED]

12:25 PM

[REDACTED]

January 13, 1936

12:33 PM

[REDACTED]

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

January 14th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 10th, 1936,
relative to the fingerprints of one J. D. Moran of 5039
Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It is suggested that your Office return the fingerprints
directly to Mr. Moran, it being noted that, according to
Bureau records, same were returned to your Office.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Geo Bremer

Post Office Box 618

Chicago, Illinois

January 14th, 1936

Warden
United States Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I desire to thank you for having forwarded directly to this Office a copy of the photograph of Edward Otis, your number 40215. This photograph will be of considerable assistance to this Bureau in an investigation which it is presently conducting.

Very truly yours,

DML:IJM
cc - Bureau

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE. BREKID. SEE REPORT HANSON JACKSONVILLE FEBRUARY 20, 1935, PAGE 112, COVERING REGISTRATION AT MCALISTER HOTEL FOR G. M. McDONALD,

COVERING PERIOD SEPTEMBER SIX TO NINE, 1934. CHECK YOUR FILES IMMEDIATELY AND FORWARD AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY THE REGISTRATION CARD FOR THIS PERIOD IF THERE. ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT CARD LOCATED.

AGENT DONALDSON REQUESTED PROCEED STPAUL FORTHWITH NECESSARY AS WITNESS IMMEDIATELY. REQUESTED TO BRING WITH HIM ORIGINAL NOTES SHOWING SERIAL NUMBERS OF BILLS DELIVERED TO JUDGE BUTCH.

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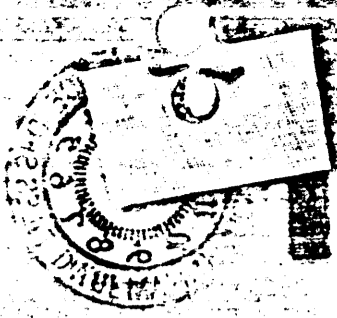
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL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

Review of Detroit file reveals no criminal record of William Elmer Mead in Michigan. No investigation concerning Mead performed by Detroit Bureau Office.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 12/19/35.
Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1/6/36.

DETAILS:

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

An examination of the file at the Detroit Bureau Office revealed that on August 4, 1934, the Chicago Bureau Office forwarded a letter to Sergeant Van A. Loomis, of the Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan, advising that they had no record in regard to Elmer Mead alias "Christ Kid." Bureau letter of August 27, 1934, to the Detroit Bureau Office advised that Elmer Mead alias "Christ Kid" was identical with William Elmer Mead. Copies of the criminal record of William Elmer Mead and pictures of his fingerprints were forwarded to the Detroit Bureau Office with the above mentioned letter. These pictures and the criminal record of Mead were forwarded to Sergeant Van A. Loomis, of the Michigan State Police, at East Lansing, Michigan.

AT EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

Lieutenant Hugo Erickson, in charge of the Identification Bureau, Michigan State Police, advised that all peace officers in the State

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of Michigan are required by law to submit copies of all fingerprints taken to the Identification Bureau of the Michigan State Police. An examination of such files, however, failed to reveal any criminal record of William Elmer Mead operating in the State of Michigan.

Lieutenant Erickson stated that he had requested the criminal record of Elmer Mead alias "Christ Kid" from the Chicago Bureau Office as he was in receipt of a wanted notice for Mead from the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, on August 6, 1934. He advised that there is no other record of Mead in the possession of the Michigan State Police. The only record of Mead in the possession of the Michigan State Police, their file number 7888, is as follows:

September 24, 1896 - as William Mead, #16947, California State Prison, San Quentin, California. Received from San Diego County, California, to serve three years for grand larceny. Discharged January 24, 1899.

December 18, 1920 - Arrested at Miami, Florida. No data given.

August 24, 1922 - as William E. Mead alias J. W. Reed, "Christ Kid", John H. Foster, J. W. Parker, #8390, Police Department, Denver, Colorado. Charge: Investigation, con. game. Disposition not given.

June 3, 1923 - as #12127, Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado. Sentenced to serve three to ten years for conspiracy to steal (one count) and con. game (two counts).

December 12, 1931 - WANTED: as John H. Foster alias W. E. Mead, "Christ Kid", #8390, by Police Department, Denver, Colorado, for bond forfeiture in Jacksonville, Florida.

July 2, 1934 - WANTED: as William E. Mead alias John H. Foster, J. W. Read, E. E. Laird, Edward E. Gaynor, by United States Marshal, Jacksonville, Florida. Forfeited \$10,000 bond at Jacksonville, Florida.

The report of reference contains all of the information which appears in the Detroit Bureau Office file, the above mentioned investigations having been conducted by offices other than the Detroit Bureau Office. Mead, so far as is known, never operated in this district.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

January 10, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

RE: Trial of Bremer kidnaping case.

As requested, I arrived at St. Paul on the morning of January 6, 1936, to appear as a witness in the above case. However, the entire day of the 6th was utilized by motions advanced by various attorneys and in the selection of a jury. The jury was not fully selected until about Noon of the 7th. Afterward, the defense attorneys endeavored to have the Government stipulate to certain phases of its evidence, particularly to the fact of kidnaping. This, apparently, was done in order to keep Mr. Bremer off of the witness stand.

The various attorneys and Messrs. E. J. Connelley and K. R. McIntire of the Bureau discussed this matter the evening of the 7th. When Court convened again on the 8th, it was indicated that some stipulations would be entered into. As a result of the stipulations agreed upon as the court progressed, Mr. Rose, Chicago photographer, was excused without testifying although his pictures were presented and accepted in Court and I was excused from testifying after the presentation of certain photographs by the United States Attorney's office.

I, accordingly, left St. Paul late the 8th and reported here early this morning.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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- Mr. Nathan
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1448 Standard Building
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January 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Director, dated January 4, 1936, a copy of which was furnished to your office, mention is made of one Tony, reputedly a bodyguard for the owners of the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, and the request is made that investigation be conducted to determine his identity, activities, etc. for the purpose of arriving at a determination as to whether or not he might possibly be the person handling the contacts for Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton.

The report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 1, 1935, page four, mentions one Tony Arnbraush (phonetic), it appearing that our confidential informant at the Harvard Club furnished information that Tony Arnbraush is one of the outstanding gangsters of Cleveland, is very active around the Harvard Club, and that he once killed a police officer at Toledo, Ohio, for which offense he was sent to the state penitentiary. The confidential informant has been recently interviewed with reference to Tony and he advised that Tony is very close to Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton and undoubtedly has acted as payoff man for them in so far as various officials are concerned, and that he is a gangster of the strong-armed type and has been out of the penitentiary about three years, it being the confidential informant's understanding that he was sentenced to the penitentiary for having killed a police officer at Toledo. It is felt that undoubtedly Tony described by the confidential informant is identical with the Tony mentioned in the letter in the first paragraph.

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In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 25, 1934, where on page 23 it is indicated that on the occasion of a raid in Cleveland, Ohio on an apartment formerly occupied by subject Harry Campbell there was found a paper containing the name and address, "Phillip Amersbach, 7124 Clerk Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The current telephone directory

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for Cleveland reflects an Amersbach family residing at 7124 Clark Avenue, telephone Evergreen 4095. A telephone call placed at that number resulted in information that one Tony Amersbach resides there, and it is very probable that he is identical with the Tony mentioned hereinbefore.

It is respectfully requested that your office, at an early date, conduct appropriate investigation at the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio for the purpose of securing pertinent data with reference to the Tony mentioned in this letter, it being noted that apparently the correct spelling of his last name is Amersbach. This investigation should include the obtaining of photographs, personal and criminal history and a list of correspondence on file at the penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

In our Sunday edition of January 19, or possibly later, I am planning to do a feature story on the life of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, as accompanied by the mat released by your department.

We would appreciate anything on his history which would make material for the yarn in which his many and nefarious enterprises will be told to our reading public.

The material at hand gives his record in brief and prevents elaboration, hence in order to thoroughly justify the printing of the mat we would like to have his history. Would like to have any information on his habits, how much schooling he had, when he first began his crime career, and facts about the personality which has brought him the nickname of "Old Creepy".

Hoping that you may see fit to grant us this favor, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Richard K. O'Malley
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January 18, 1936.

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Mr. Richard K. O'Malley,
The Missoulian Publishing Company,
Missoula, Montana.

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

I have your letter which was received in this Bureau on January 16, 1936, in which you request certain information concerning the life of Alvin Karpis.

I regret that the exact information you request is not available. However, I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you a copy of the Identification Order issued on this individual, which I hope will be of assistance to you.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE, N.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/10/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/26 to 31/35	REPORT MADE BY W. A. COLLIER, JR. FRS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, Et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Stop cards placed in N.C. and S.C. Motor Vehicle Departments on Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322,772. No evidence that Karpis is or has been in Greensboro, N.C. in 1935. J.B. Mackie, Mountain View, N.C., who operates a small store, located, but little learned of Mackie family to date. No Guy W. Patterson registered King Cotton Hotel, Greensboro, N.C. in 1935, but G.W. Patterson, who is a reputable Charlotte, N.C. insurance man, there 7/8/35 to 10/7/35. Buck Denby, reputedly a dishonest showman, living at Clegg Hotel, Greensboro, N.C. A surveillance of him on 12/30 & 31/35 unproductive of results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letters from Cleveland office dated 12/12 & 16/35; Teletype from Dallas office dated 12/26/35; Teletype from Nashville office dated 12/26/35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">By letter dated December 27, 1935, R. R. McLaughlin, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that his Bureau has no record of the registration or theft of Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322,772, serial #2,619,857, and that he had on that date placed a "stop card" in his files.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. N. Anderson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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on that car.

By letter dated December 20, 1935, Frank H. Barnwell, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina, supplied the same information as that supra.

By letter dated December 31, 1935, Arthur Fulk, Director, Highway Safety Division, Raleigh, North Carolina, stated that he is unable, at present, to advise whether anyone using the names G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth had a car registered or had applied for a chauffeur's license in North Carolina, but that he will secure this information in the near future.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Ralph H. Winton:

AT KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA.

On December 28, 1935, agent interviewed J. S. Ware, Postmaster, who advised that he had three clerks in his Post Office and three city boxes and that all of his carriers, both rural and city, pick up mail, and that it would be very difficult to ascertain where a letter mailed on December 19, 1935, originated in Kings Mountain. Agent typed the name Russell Mackie on a sheet of paper and Mr. Ware asked his clerks if they remembered a letter with this name and the Pampa, Texas, address passing through the Post Office about December 19, 1935, but none of them remembered handling these letters. Agent left the names Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mackie and the return address name of I. E. Mackie with Mr. Ware with instructions to acquaint the clerk who stamps the outgoing letters to look for a letter to the Russell Mackie's and ascertain when it was mailed in Kings Mountain, and to immediately notify the Charlotte office. Mr. Ware promised to do this and to keep the inquiry confidential. Agent exhibited the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell to Mr. Ware who advised that he had not seen anyone resembling them in or around Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Chief of Police R. B. Bryant advised that he had seen a black speedster with nickel plated exhaust pipes on the outside of the hood and had noticed it especially because it had a small man and a large woman in it; that it was night when he saw the car and consequently he could not describe the persons in it. Chief Bryant was not told why agent was inquiring about this automobile and it was brought up in casual conversation. Agent advised Chief Bryant that the Charlotte office would like to know who drove it and where this automobile stopped and if it

were seen again to inform the Charlotte Bureau office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr.:

Agent, on December 30, 1935, interviewed J. S. Ware, Postmaster at Kings Mountain, North Carolina, who advised that since agent Winton's interview he had talked to his rural mail carriers and that Mr. A. F. Collins, rural letter carrier for route #1, advised that he had a Mr. J. B. Mackie on his route, that this Mr. Mackie worked at the store of the cotton mill at Mountain View, a little community about four miles north of Kings Mountain on the old Gastonia, North Carolina road. Mr. Ware advised that he hardly knew this party and called Mr. George B. Hord, clerk at the post office, and requested that he talk with agent. Mr. Hord advised that he knew that this Mr. Mackie was living at the place and that he was operating a small store at the mill, but that he knew nothing about him other than that he, Mackie, had lived up there for a number of years and was a respectable man so far as he knew. Mr. Hord advised agent to contact Mr. L. B. Goforth, as he was the rural letter carrier on this route for several years, that Mr. Goforth was reliable and could be depended upon. Mr. Goforth was contacted at the Chevrolet Company, at which time he advised that he had carried mail on this particular part of the route for the years of 1933 and 1934 and that he recalled that there was a Mackie that operated a little store at the Mountain View cotton mill, that he did not have any contact with this Mr. Mackie and knew nothing about his background, that he did not recall the initials of this Mr. Mackie, but from his best recollection Mackie was just a plain ordinary poor man, below the average liver, and had lived there for a long time. He had never known Mackie's name associated with criminals. Mr. Goforth advised agent to contact a Mr. Allison, who once carried the mail on this route for a number of years, but agent had been previously advised by the Postmaster and Mr. Hord, clerk at the post office, not to contact Mr. Allison, as he, Allison, was very old and rather cranky and could not be depended upon.

At Grover, North Carolina, which is only a few miles south of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, agent endeavored to contact Mr. A. F. Collins, rural letter carrier for route #1, but he could not be located, he had left his home for the time being and no one was there. The post master stated that he could be contacted at Kings Mountain around noon, when he returned from his route.

Mr. Ware advised that he would talk to Mr. Collins in an effort to develop any information relative to the Mr. Mackie that lived at Mountain View and that in the event any mail was mailed with this name on the envelope or the name of the town 'Pampa', Texas, he would immediately get in touch with the Charlotte office.

It is thought advisable that Mr. Collins be contacted and that possibly after this interview, investigation be conducted at Mountain View route #1, which is only a very small town, the road to which is impassable at present.

As enclosures in a letter dated December 23, 1935, the Dallas office forwarded to the Charlotte office the mail tracings of Mr. Russell Mackie and Mr. ~~and Mrs. Russell Mackie~~, Pampa, Texas, referred to in teletype of reference.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

A search of the records of the King Cotton Hotel, Greensboro, North Carolina, from 1/1/35 through December 25, 1935, does not reveal that a "Guy Patterson" or "Guy W. Patterson" has been registered there during this period. The records, however, do reflect that one "G.W. Patterson" was registered there on July 8, 1935, and again on October 7, 1935.

Registration card of "folio #44,225", King Cotton Hotel, reflects:

G. W. Patterson.	Folio #44,225
Charlotte,	Room #801
	Date-- 7/8/35
	Rate \$2.50
	Clerk-- S.

The clerk whose initial is "S", is Ed Spence and upon interview Spence advised that he had registered this party in at the hotel, but that he could not remember what he looked like, and that he did not know him. Agent then exhibited to Spence a photograph of subject Karpis (the name having been cut off), and this did not refresh his memory as to the identity of "G.W. Patterson". Spence advised that he does not remember ever seeing anyone who resembled this photograph.

Registration card of "Folio #1135", King Cotton Hotel, reflects:

G.W.Patterson	Folio #1135
116-1/2- E.4th.	Room 620
Charlotte ,N.C.	Date- 10/7/35
	Rate \$2.50
	Clerk-A.

The clerk whose initial is "A", is Austin Comer, and upon interview Comer advised that he registered this person in at the hotel, but that he did not know him and that he did not remember what he looked like. Agent exhibited to Comer a photograph of subject Karpis (the name having been cut off) and this did not refresh his memory as to the "G.W.Patterson". Comer advised that he did not think that he had ever seen the man whose photograph was exhibited to him.

Both registrations appear to be in the same handwriting.

Both of these men were questioned as to any person who may have stopped at the King Cotton Hotel with a tall blonde woman and they both advised that they did not remember any particular blonde, but that it was mighty hard to keep women out of a hotel these days.

A search for the "rooming slips" and "service tickets" for the above dates was made and the records for 10/7/35 were found and Mr. Clark, head of service department advised that the records for July 8, 1935, had been destroyed as these records only kept for about four months.

The records for room #620 on October 7, 1935, reflect that the party arrived about 3:25 P.M. and had one suit case and one hand bag and was roomed by bell boy #1. Clark advised that Bell Boy #1 was Frazer Baskerville, and upon interview, Baskerville advised that he did not remember the party in room #620, October 7, 1935, and that unless a person demanded a lot of service, or was a regular guest at the hotel, he did not pay much attention to them. A photograph of subject Karpis was exhibited to Baskerville and he advised that he did not remember that person.

The "service tickets" for room #620 on October 7, 1935, and October 8, 1935, do not reflect that any other service, than rooming, was requested by room #620.

The account ledger reflects that G. W. Patterson had checked out the day following each registration and that only the amount of the room rate was collected, thereby indicating that no telephone calls or other service was rendered.

Tracings of the registration of G. W. Patterson were made and are being retained in the Charlotte office. "Rooming Slip" for Room #620 on October 7, 1935, was also obtained from the King Cotton Hotel and is being retained in the Charlotte file.

By inquiry it was ascertained from the King Cotton Garage and the Gate City Motor Company, the only two parking garages near the King Cotton Hotel, that they did not keep any records of the automobiles that were stored with them and that no one remembered an Auburn automobile. At the King Cotton Garage agent ascertained that a good many traveling men had Auburn automobiles and parked them there, but was unable to learn the name of the owners, the license tag numbers or the state from which they were registered, of any of these automobiles.

Chief of Police M.D. Caffey, when asked as to the reliability of Buck Denby, Clegg Hotel, advised that he had only known Denby for about five years and that Denby had been connected with the Satlin-Wilson (phonetic) Shows and had been wintering in Greensboro for the past four or five years. Chief Caffey advised that he thought Denby a crook, and that when one went into a deal with him that he had better be on the look out for being crooked. Caffey also advised that his only dealings with Denby had been in requesting that Denby close certain concessions and that in this matter Denby had always cooperated and had closed the concessions and had not reopened them as soon as the police left, as many other showmen had done in the past. Caffey advised that in his opinion Denby was the type of man that would stand by a bargain that he made, but would cover up any crooked move made by one of his associates.

Agent did not reveal to Chief Caffey the nature of this investigation, but let it stand as understood that agent was attempting to ascertain some information relative to some show people. Caffey stated that most people thought that Denby was a crook and that it was his (Caffey's) understanding that he had been discharged from the Satlin-Wilson Shows because he and Wilson could not get along. Chief Caffey expressed the

view that it may have been a case of one crook trying to beat another. Caffey further stated that he had never had any other dealings with Denby except as heretofore set out, but that he would like to give Denby a chance to cooperate with him further and suggested that if agent wanted to interview Denby that he (Caffey) would be glad to have Denby come to his office for that purpose. Agent declined this offer and told Chief Caffey that it was not important and that his assistance might be asked at a later date.

Lieutenant Strong, Police Department, advised that in his opinion Buck Denby was a crook and was not reliable for anything. Lieutenant Strong was interviewed in the absence of Chief Caffey, and advised that he had not had any direct dealings with Denby, but that Denby had impressed him as a crook during a fair that the Police Department had put on a few years ago.

Both Chief Caffey and Lieutenant Strong advised that Denby was a man of heavy build, about forty-five to fifty years of age, a cripple, and that he lived at the Clegg Hotel.

Agent made casual observations at the Clegg Hotel, South Elm Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, and a man answering the description of Denby was noted in the lobby along with a blonde woman about 5' 5" tall, who was referred to as Mrs. Denby, and several men among them being men who would easily fit the meager description of the criminals alleged to be residing at the hostelry.

As long as agent was sitting nearby, very little was said among the parties in the lobby, but agent then inquired of the bell boy if there was a "Chicago paper" in town and upon receiving a negative reply, agent purchased a local paper and upon the front page was a story relating to a murder in Chicago. Agent read this paper, and the parties in the lobby continued to talk very little, and after about thirty minutes agent clipped from the local paper the article relating to the murder in Chicago and put it in his pocket and carelessly left the remaining paper on the chair. Agent then left the Clegg Hotel and returned later with a New York paper carrying the same story of the Chicago murder. At this time agent occupied a chair close to Denby and the talk between the parties there in the lobby was all concerning the show business and the different rackets that the various shows would have next season. It was apparent that Denby and his associates did not mind if agent heard these conversations. On one occasion when Denby

went to the back of the hotel for a cup of coffee, the blonde woman, who had been referred to as Mrs. Denby, remarked to one of the men that "Buck did not want her to talk with any one or go anywhere out of his sight".

The above information was discussed with Special Agent in Charge G. N. Lowdon and on the night of December 30, 1935, agent checked in at the Clegg Hotel and registered as "Bill Alexander, Atlanta, Georgia", and was assigned to room #23. From about 8:00 P.M. until 11:30 P.M. Denby sat around the lobby and talked with the other persons there, who by all appearances and conversation were show people. Agent did not remain in the lobby at all times, but went into a pool room which is connected to the back of the Clegg Hotel, and in the pool room the name of "Buck Denby" was mentioned several times in conversations between the other occupants of the room, but always relative to some show business.

On December 31, 1935, Denby did not come down from his room, which is located on the second floor, until about 11:30 A.M. and at that time he talked with the same crowd in the lobby and shot a few games of pool.

On one occasion a man came into the lobby, was referred to as "Bob" and greeted Denby with "Hello Buck, Dick Fisher said to tell you hello, he is in Bluefield now". Later conversation between these two (only part of it being overheard by agent) had to do with what a good spot Bluefield was for a tourist camp and what a damn fool Nichols was to get caught. This person "Bob" did not remain in the lobby very long, departing about 2:15 P.M.

Denby went upstairs about 3:00 P.M., and did not remain very long, but no telephone calls were put through the hotel switchboard, and then he came down and stated that he was going to ride over to High Point and asked if anybody wanted to go for the ride and a short blonde headed man about thirty years old, who had been with Denby for the past two days and who had run several errands for Mrs. Denby, left with him. They left in a Chrysler four-door sedan, with extra wheels on the side, bearing 1935 Virginia license #335-392.

During the morning of December 31, 1935, agent contacted Bert E. Florida, Superintendent of Mail, and he advised that the mail received in a lock box and that it would be difficult to cover this mail without bringing in twenty to twenty-five persons and that when that many people

were in on a mail cover there was a good chance of a leak. Eldridge ascertained from Ralph Ohman, in charge of the general delivery window, that Buck Denby received his mail at general delivery. Eldridge advised that to cover the general delivery window would require informing about six or seven and that that also would create a danger of a leak. It was deemed inadvisable to place a cover on the mail of Buck Denby in view of the fact that the mail was addressed to Buck Denby, New Clegg Hotel, Greensboro, N.C. and the mail was delivered to the general delivery window at the Clegg Hotel.

Agent noted in the second floor hallway of the Clegg Hotel three wooden boxes about two and one-half feet square and marked "Glass handle with care" which were addressed to "Buck Denby, New Clegg Hotel, Greensboro, N.C." and the label indicated that these boxes came from "Buckley Manufacturing Company, 2156 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill."

At about 4:00 P.M., December 31, 1935, agent again telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge G. N. Lowdon and at about 5:15 P.M., checked out of the Clegg Hotel and took a taxi from the Clegg Hotel to the Southern Railway Station.

At no time during December 30, 1935, or December 31, 1935, was an Auburn automobile or Green Dodge automobile noted at the Clegg Hotel.

Pending more definite information as to the relationship of Alvin Karpis with Buck Denby, Greensboro, North Carolina, or advice from the office origin, no further investigation is being made at Greensboro, North Carolina. By teletype dated December 27, 1935, the Charlotte office advised the Director, the Chicago and the Washington Field offices, in brief, of the results of the above investigation at Greensboro.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Ralph H. Winton:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

A search of the Charlotte, North Carolina, City Directory revealed that George W. Patterson has been General Agent for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, at least since 1932; that his offices have been at 116-1/2 East Fourth Street, since 1932, and his residence has been 2028 Roswell Avenue.

George W. Patterson, upon being interviewed, advised that he often went to Greensboro, North Carolina, and when there stayed at the King Cotton Hotel; that he had been in Greensboro this year and had stayed at the King Cotton Hotel for one or two nights on two occasions; that he did not know of but one person who might be impersonating him and that was a man by the name of Patterson, who had formerly worked for the Continental Life Insurance Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, two years ago, and who cashed a check in his, George W. Patterson's, name, and that this man has since left Charlotte.

George W. Patterson is about sixty years of age, about six feet in height, and weighs about one hundred seventy-five pounds, is of slender build, with gray hair, blue eyes, fair complexion and looks to be a man of good character as well as a successful business man.

The Chamber of Commerce telephonically advised that George W. Patterson enjoys an excellent reputation in the business circles of Charlotte, North Carolina, and that the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of which he is General Agent, is highly regarded as a reputable firm.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Highway Departments in North and South Carolina, will follow up the request made on December 21, 1935, for information as to whether G. R. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Forth have attempted to secure drivers or chauffeurs licenses, or have attempted to register an automobile under these names.

At Mountain View, North Carolina, near Kings Mountain, will conduct a thorough and discreet investigation into whether J. B. Mackie is a relative of the Mackies at Pampa, Texas, and if he is, will conduct appropriate investigation looking toward ascertaining whether he, or any of his relatives, have information concerning the present location of Harry Campbell.

Will exhibit the mail tracings of letters addressed to Mr. Russell Mackie and to Mr. and Mrs. Russel Mackie, Pampa, Texas, postmarked Kings Mountain, North Carolina, December 19, 1935, to the mail carrier covering the rural route on which J. B. Mackie lives, for him to identify the handwriting thereon if possible with the writing of any person served by him.

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

RE: 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:

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Tamm to the Director dated January 15, 1936, concerning a telephone call received from Special Agent K. R. McIntire at St. Paul in connection with \$12,760 of the ransom money which was a portion of a shipment of \$68,000 sent by the Havana Agency of the Federal Reserve Bank to the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. on May 16, 1935 for mutilation and destruction. The date of the shipment given in the memorandum is May 16, 1935, but May 16th is correct. The memorandum indicates that this money was sent to the Treasury Department under what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes", Treasury Department Form 6338 RA. Of the shipment above mentioned of \$68,000, the memorandum indicates that approximately \$13,000 was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota and was comprised entirely of \$10 bills.

The memorandum indicates that the United States Attorney at St. Paul desires to have some person from the Treasury Department produce the original of what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes" which lists the denominations of the money, and the names of the banks issuing the same. He also desires that this person from the Treasury Department appear in person in Court and produce and testify to the same. The memorandum indicates that the money in question was sent in 37 individual packages and the United States Attorney desires to have someone from the Treasury Department produce and testify to the fact that such monies were as a matter of fact received in these 37 packages. He also wants a representative of the Treasury Department

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who can testify from his own personal knowledge that the shipment of \$68,000 mentioned above was received in Washington and destroyed.

Special Agent R. P. Burruss conferred with Mr. F. E. Reppert, Redemption Division, Treasurer's Office, Treasury Department who suggested that Mr. M. E. Slindee, Superintendent, National Bank Redemption Agency be consulted regarding the above. Mr. Slindee advised that the shipment of \$68,000 above referred to was made to the Treasury Department after the notes had been punched four times and then diagonally cut in half. He stated that the \$13,000 above referred to in \$10 bills was contained in package #12.

After outlining to him the wishes of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, arrangements were completed with him as follows:

M. E. Slindee, Superintendent, National Bank Redemption Agency, Office of the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, will personally proceed to St. Paul and introduce in evidence the following:

Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes dated May 16, 1935, covering the shipment of \$68,000 as indicated above.
Receipt from Destruction Committee for lower halves of notes.
Receipt from Comptroller of the Currency for upper halves of notes.

Mr. L. G. Copeland, Chief, Federal Reserve Issue and Redemption Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department will produce receipt from the Destruction Committee for upper halves of notes.

Mr. John F. Moran, Chairman, Destruction Committee, Division of Loans and Currency, Treasury Department, will produce and testify concerning records as to the destruction of both halves of notes.

It was explained to Mr. Slindee that subpoenas would be handed to him and the other representatives of the Treasury Department upon arrival at St. Paul and that expenses incident to the trip would be paid by the United States Marshal there. The three representatives

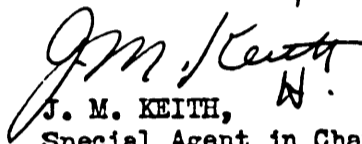
of the Treasury Department will leave Washington, D. C. for St. Paul on Friday, and will report Saturday, January 18, 1936 to Mr. Clinton Stein, Acting in Charge of the St. Paul Office and to Special Agent K. R. McIntire.

Mr. Slindee requested that a joint memorandum or letter be delivered to him and the other two representatives of the Treasury Department briefly instructing them to proceed as indicated above with the records listed.

Mr. Slindee stated that in his opinion the records above referred to and testimony relating thereto would take care of the request of the United States Attorney.

The above data and information were verbally conveyed to Mr. Rosen of the Bureau by Special Agent Burruss on January 15th and 16th, 1936, who stated he would immediately inform the St. Paul Office by long distance telephone in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,


J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

January 21, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. John Welch of the File Room advised me in connection with a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of January 16, 1936 in the Bremer Case, by the Washington Field Office, that he formerly resided with John F. Moran, presently Chairman of the Destruction Committee, Division of Loans and Currency, Treasury Department, and had been informed by Moran on various occasions that the various employees of the Treasury Department felt antagonistic towards the Department of Justice. Mr. Welch also advised that John F. Moran is a brother of Special Agent W. B. Moran of the New York City Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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January 14, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, directing that a summary of the information contained in the files of the New York office with regard to William Elmer Mead be compiled and forwarded to the interested field offices.

The files in the New York Bureau office have been reviewed and all of the information pertaining to William Elmer Mead was set forth in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, with the two exceptions which will be stated hereinbelow. In order to avoid duplication of the facts as set forth in Agent Suran's report, the New York office does not deem it advisable to prepare a summary report in this matter.

The additional information which is contained in the New York Bureau office file and which was not contained in Agent Suran's report is that a Mr. Joe Morrison, field investigator of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, advised an agent of this office when interviewed in September, 1935, that about eight years ago a druggist of Holyoke, Massachusetts, had a car stolen and that this car had been traced to Canada and to William Mead. Mr. Morrison further advised that William Mead was the same person as C. E. Carter, who was arrested in Northampton, Massachusetts, a short time prior to September, 1935, and that this C. E. Carter was the same person who was wanted in connection with the theft of this druggist's automobile.

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Information received from Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, as set forth in the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 31, 1935, in this case, is to the effect that William A. Shaw, alias Brady, and H. C. Howard, alias Leon Felix, were indicted with Mead at Jacksonville, Florida, in 1922 on a swindle charge; that H. C. Howard was convicted and has served his time, being released from the Atlanta Penitentiary on November 29, 1935; that William A. Shaw pleaded guilty on April 2, 1934 at

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Jacksonville, Florida, and was discharged; that at the present time Shaw is probably living in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is operating a hotel. Post Office Inspector Graham stated that Shaw is married to a woman who was secretary to a Federal Judge several years ago; that Shaw was well known in Salt Lake City and could probably be located through the Police Department of Salt Lake City. It was thought that, as suggested in the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Massachusetts, dated November 13, 1935, Mead might possibly be located through these two men who were indicted with him in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1922. Leads have been set out to the respective offices to try to locate Shaw and Howard and conduct the proper investigation toward the location of Mead.

Post Office Inspector Graham, at the above referred to interview, gave the name of a Secret Service Agent at Birmingham, Alabama, who might be able to locate William Mead. This information was forwarded to the Birmingham office. By letter dated January 6, 1936, the Birmingham office advised that they had been receiving information from this Secret Service Agent and that this agent requested that his name be held in the strictest confidence and that no intimation be made that he is furnishing this Bureau with information which he is receiving from a confidential informant.

In letter dated January 8, 1936 from the Jacksonville office to the Bureau, it is mentioned that Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, has the file of the Postal Inspectors pertaining to the case pending in the Federal Court at Jacksonville, Florida, against Mead. The New York office wishes to advise that Post Office Inspector Graham, who specializes in cases involving confidence men throughout the United States, is interviewed every two or three weeks by the New York office for such additional information as he may have pertaining to the apprehension of Mead.

Very truly yours,

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

cc to all offices as follows:

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Ed. George Bremer

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 BREKID WHAT IS PRESENT STATUS AND MOST RECENT ACTIVITIES SURVEILLANCE FITZGERALD
 STOP KEEP ME ADVISED

Edward O'Brien

Official Business, Government Rate
 Chg. Federal Bureau of Investigation,
 U. S. Department of Justice,
 232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,
 ST. PAUL, MINN.
 cc Bureau Chicago Cincinnati

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P. O. Box #64
Buffalo, N.Y.

Jan. 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
New York City

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 13, 1936 requesting to be furnished with a copy of the report upon which this office predicated its investigation with respect to Harry Lee Hayden, the details of which investigation are set out in report of Special Agent J. H. Farley of this office dated December 11, 1935.

I am enclosing herewith for the information of your office one copy of the report of Special Agent G. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio dated 11/27/35, which contains the necessary information. This report may be kept at your office inasmuch as another copy is available here.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. HOMER FANNING INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENT J. S. BUSH OF THIS OFFICE AT KIRKSVILLE, MO., YESTERDAY STATES POSITIVELY INDIVIDUAL WITH HIM IN KANSAS CITY ON ~~12-31-35~~ 12-31-35 WAS NOT KARPIS. REFUSES TO REVEAL NAME OF ACOMPLICE IN KANSAS CITY BUT INDICATIONS ARE HE IS ALFRED SCHMIDT. FANNING CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN KARPIS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO BUT REFUSES TO STATE WHERE HE SAW HIM AND NO CREDENCE PLACED IN THIS STATEMENT. SCHMIDT DENIED HE WAS WITH FANNING IN KANSAS CITY. FANNING AND ALFRED SCHMIDT ARE BEING HELD BY SHERIFF AT ~~KIRKSVILLE~~ KIRKSVILLE, MO., ON NUMEROUS BURGLARY CHARGES AND THEFT OF BUICK AUTOMOBILE USED AT KANSAS CITY ON 12-31-35. THE KEY TO GARAGE IN WHICH THIS AUTOMOBILE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT KIRKSVILLE, MO., WAS FOUND IN SCHMIDTS POSSESSION, THEREFORE, HE ~~UNDUBT~~ UNDOUBTEDLY WAS INDIVIDUAL WITH FANNING IN KANSAS CITY.

Edw. H. Brennan

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

January 13, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREYER

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 8, 1936, in which you advise that you have information that Heberbrand and Mitchell are not expected to return to this country from Europe in the near future and that it is possible that William Fergus will return to Europe to rejoin Heberbrand and Mitchell in the near future.

It is noted that in teletype, dated December 31, 1935, addressed to the Director and the Kansas City Office, a copy of which was received by your office, SAC Connelley advised that it was reported that Clarence Heberbrand and William J. Mitchell were expected to return from Europe the week ending January 3, 1936. Since receipt of this telegram the New York Office has been checking all ships arriving in New York from Europe to ascertain if Heberbrand and Mitchell were on board. None of the steamship companies which were checked had an advance list of the passengers on board, and the only way to definitely ascertain if Mitchell and Heberbrand were on board before the ship docked was to have the various steamship companies cable their respective ships at Government expense previous to the arrival of these ships in New York. All ships coming from Europe since receipt of the above teletype, through January 10, 1936, were checked by having the various steamship companies cable their respective steamships.

Arrangements have now been made with Mr. Byron H. Dhl, District Director of Immigration and Naturalization, U. S. Department of Labor, Ellis Island, New York, whereby the Immigration inspectors will notify the New York Office upon the return of Heberbrand and Mitchell from Europe. The Immigration inspectors are unable to notify the New York Office until after the time that the ship docks at its pier in New York City, and for this reason it is difficult for the New York Office to solely depend upon the Immigration inspectors in this matter, because it will be practically impossible to make a proper surveillance of Heberbrand and Mitchell upon their arrival, as it is very likely that they would leave the pier before agents of the New York Bureau Office could reach the pier after

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January 13, 1936.

SAC, Cleveland

receiving information from the Immigration inspectors of the arrival of Heberbrand and Mitchell at the port of New York. For this reason, upon receipt of teletype referred to dated December 31, 1935, check of the steamship companies was made, as mentioned above.

Since receipt of your letter, dated January 8, 1936, the New York office has requested the steamship companies to discontinue sending cables in this matter to their ships arriving in New York from Europe, and until further advice is received, this office will depend solely upon the Immigration inspectors to notify the New York Bureau Office of the arrival of Heberbrand and Mitchell at the port of New York.

Very truly yours,

R. WHILLY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau ✓
Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

January 11, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Rosen, I am transmitting herewith three copies of abstract of criminal record as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Joseph Weil, our file #FBI-14923.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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C. W. STEIN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
252 UPTOWN STATION & FEDERAL COURTS
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

BREKID ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER PRESENCE AGENT DONALDSON REQUIRED JANUARY FIFTEENTH OR SIXTEENTH NECESSARY MAKE PLANE RESERVATIONS IF NEEDED THREE FIFTEENTH

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 Mr. Connelley, Chicago
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JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

Jan 17-24

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 14th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In accordance with telephonic request of Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein of your Office, the writer communicated with United States Marshal McDonnell at Chicago, Illinois, and ascertained from him that Deputy United States Marshal Golden and one other Deputy were en route to St. Paul with a prisoner, one Leon Kysier; that Kysier was to be turned over to the Ramsey County Jail in accordance with instructions received from the Department in Washington.

Kysier, it will be noted, testified in the removal hearing of Tommy Touhy in Chicago and it is presumed that he will be used in St. Paul in the trial of the case involving Tommy Touhy at that place.

This information was furnished to your Office by telephone on the night of January 11th, 1936.

Very truly yours,

DML:JFM

cc - Bureau

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D. M. LADD

Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

January 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BRKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Detroit office dated April 24, 1935, supplemented by letter from the Cleveland office dated June 24, 1935 to interested offices requesting that certain reports be furnished by those offices to the Cleveland office in order to complete the file. To date the following reports from the offices designated have not been received at this office:

Report of Special Agent	R. C. Suran	Chicago	4/12/35
"	O. G. Dewey	Omaha	3/13/35
"	D. P. Sullivan	Chicago	5/12/35
"	J. D. Cunningham	Buffalo	5/6/35
"	W. B. Klein	Cincinnati	1/9/35
"	O. G. Dewey	Omaha	12/24/34
"	F. S. Dunn	Dallas	12/21/34
"	D. McGovern	Cincinnati	11/22/34
"	D. L. Nicholson	St. Paul	10/19/34
"	S. V. Hardy	Buffalo	8/30/34
"	A. R. Gere	Salt Lake	3/22/34

It is respectfully requested that you give consideration to this matter and that the above-mentioned reports be submitted to the Cleveland office at an early date in order that the Cleveland file may be complete.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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- E. J. Connelley
- Omaha
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/10/36	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY LBC		
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218, Fugitive, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping, Obstruction of Justice, Harboring Fugitives, National Fire Arms Act.			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Michigan Department of State files in Title Division and in Operators Division reveal a Dr. George Benton, Leslie, Mich., George M. Benton, Jackson, Mich., George E. Benton, Detroit, Mich., George L. Benton, Detroit, and Mary Forth, Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge, J. P. McFarland, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT LANSING, MICHIGAN:</u></p> <p>Mr. H. E. McConnell, Director of the Title Division of the Michigan Department of State examined the various auto registrations in Michigan against the aliases of Harry Campbell as set out in reference letter and advised that the following are the only registrations in Michigan which bear a close resemblance to subject's aliases:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">1. George M. Benton 504 West Madison Street, Jackson, Michigan</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Ford Coupe Motor No. 12306615 Issued November 10, 1930</td> </tr> </table>				1. George M. Benton 504 West Madison Street, Jackson, Michigan	Ford Coupe Motor No. 12306615 Issued November 10, 1930
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2. George E. Benton
3670 Van Dyke Street
Detroit, Michigan

*Chevrolet
Motor No. 4499286
Issued March 16, 1935

3. George L. Benton
9437 McQuade Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

*Plymouth (New Car)
Motor No. 82168
Issued January 25, 1935

4. Mary Forth
3872 Garvin Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Issued April 12, 1935; repossessed
on May 22, 1935 by Associates
Investment Company, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. George O'Connor, manager of the Michigan records for drivers and chauffeur's licenses, examined the records in his possession and advised that he has no record of a G. R. Benton or a Mary Forth. Mr. O'Connor advised that Michigan driver's license number 860256 was issued to Dr. George Benton at Leslie, Michigan on May 20, 1935, and his description at that time was, Age, 70; Color, White; Male; Weight, 165 pounds; Height, 5 feet, 10 inches; Eyes, Blue; Hair, White.

AT EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

Lieutenant Hugo E. Erickson, Deputy Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Michigan State Police, advised that if he received any information concerning Elmer Meade, alias Christ Kid, he will immediately notify the Detroit Bureau office. An appropriate stop order was placed in Mr. Erickson's files.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DETROIT OFFICE, at Detroit, Michigan will ascertain the identity of Mary Forth from the Associates Investment Company, Detroit, Michigan, and will also check the George Bentons at Detroit, mentioned in body of the report.

P E N D I N G

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 14, 1936.

Mr. K. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Supplementing letter of this date, please find enclosed herewith log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Vergus at Cleveland, Ohio from January 13, 1936 at 1:03 P. M. to January 14, 1936 at 1:15 P. M.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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The following is a log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 13, 1936 at 1:03 P. M. to January 14, 1936 at 1:15 P. M.:

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 15, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Miss Helen Ferguson, Melrose Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed on January 10th, 1936, by Special Agent G. E. Smith and was advised by him of the action the government had taken with reference to her Buick automobile, which is presently in the possession of the Chicago Bureau office.

Miss Ferguson stated that she would leave Toledo, Ohio, on January 15, 1936, and arrive in Chicago, Illinois on the morning of January 16th, 1936.

Miss Ferguson was requested by the said special agent not to contact anyone in Chicago until such time as she had been interviewed by either Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley or D. M. Ladd, and in the event neither of them was available to contact Special Agent R. C. Suran.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 13, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office dated December 24, 1935, addressed to Special Agent in Charge Connelley concerning one Robert O. McBride, also referred to as David C. McBride, a confidence man residing in Kansas City.

It is recalled that the name of McBride appeared frequently in connection with an investigation made by the Kansas City office in the case relating to the Union Station massacre.

It is assumed that the information contained in the file in that case has been brought to the attention of the Agents making the present inquiries, but I am writing this letter to call it to your attention in event it may have been overlooked.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Jacksonville, Fla.
January 13, 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC STPAUL

FROM. BUREAU. FILES THIS OFFICE CONTAIN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES REGISTRATION OF G M McDONALD AT McALLISTER
HOTEL MIAMI REFERRED TO YOUR TELETYPE. PENCIL NOTATION ATTACHED
TO PHOTOSTATS AS FOLLOWS "ORIGINAL LOST BY McALLISTER HOTEL".
ALL ABOVE BEING FORWARDED AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TONIGHT. AGENT
McDONALD PRESENTLY AT TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA UNDER SUBPOENA CAN BE
RELEASED TOMORROW ARRIVING STPAUL VIA RAILWAY MORNING JANUARY SIXTEEN
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CC BUREAU
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Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

RBN:PAL

January 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BRKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your teletype message of tonight I am forwarding herewith positive and negative photostatic copies of registration at the McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida, of C. M. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Michigan. This registration bears number 6543, and shows that the guest arrived on September 6, 1934, and departed on September 9, 1934. There is also attached a three by five slip which was found attached to the photostatic copies in the files of this office, which bears the pencilled notation "Original lost by McAllister Hotel".

The file in this office appears to contain no reference to the source of the information that the original registration card was lost. The notation was apparently made by an employee of the Jacksonville Office, and I will continue my search of the file and inquiries in this connection, and will advise you by teletype of any further information developed.

As you were advised by teletype tonight, Agent Donaldson is at Tallahassee, Florida, under subpoena. He can be released on January 14th, and can reach St. Paul by railway on the morning of January 16th, and by plane on the morning of January 15th. Upon further advice from you it will be determined which mode of travel he will take, and he will bring with him the original notes referred to in your teletype.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

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Los Angeles, California

January 10, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID
L. A. File 7-42

There are transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to the offices listed below one copy each of a photostated sheet containing handwriting specimens of Imogene Robertson and J. C. Foster, whose correct name is Charles J. Fitzgerald, and a photostatic copy of a registration card containing the handwriting of Foster.

There are also being transmitted copies of a photograph which has been secured of Fitzgerald. This photograph was taken by Special Agent E. K. Merritt of this office, and the negatives, as well as extra copies, are being retained in the file of this office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Please take notice that the proprietor of this hotel keeps a fireproof safe where money, jewelry, documents, furs, fur coats and fur garments, or other articles of unusual value and small compass may be deposited for safe keeping, and unless such articles are deposited with it to be placed therein, it will not be responsible or liable for any loss of or injury to such articles, nor in any case for more than the sum of \$250.00 for any or all such property of any individual guest, or boarder or lodger.

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF
Mrs. H. Roy Newman \$140⁰⁰
One hundred forty and no/100 DOLLARS
Eugene Robertson

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
Benjamin Franklin Apt. \$70⁰⁰
Seventy and no/100 DOLLARS
Eugene Robertson
Apt. 603

Martha J. Robertson
Eugene Robertson
& Foster

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
D. P. Darnick \$50⁰⁰
Fifty and no/100 DOLLARS
J. P. Foster
Payment in full including July 1918

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 13, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge
New York City, New York.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of
the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville,
Florida, dated November 17, 1935, which report contains a
lead for the New York office with reference to the location
of Andrew S. Gurante.

It does not appear that copies of this re-
port have been previously forwarded to the New York office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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PHONE. BREKID. JOHN KARPAVICZ WRECKED HIS CAR NEAR MAUSTON, WISCONSIN
TONIGHT. CAR WILL BE REPAIRED BY TOMORROW NOON. AGENTS THIS OFFICE
MAINTAINING CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE. NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS DISTRICT
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 1-10-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-6-36	REPORT MADE BY A. R. GERE NK
TITLE 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			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran's sister, Mrs. Anne LaChapelle, advises that allegation that Dr. Moran went to Cuba and joined the Cuban Army originated with Elmer Hager, husband of Mrs. Hortense Hager, Denver, Colo., about two years ago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Denver Office to the Bureau, dated December 3, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>At Tabernash, Colorado</u> Mrs. Anne (L. Harry) LaChapelle, sister of Subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran, stated that she had heard the rumor that Dr. Moran went to Cuba and joined the Cuban Army about two years ago, right after Dr. Moran disappeared, and that the rumor originated with Elmer Hager, husband of her niece, Mrs. Hortense Moran Hager, of 4822 Perry Street, Denver, Colorado, and that he told her at Christmas time, 1934, in the presence of his wife, that he had heard that from a "G-man" several months before that that the alleged "G-man" did not know that Elmer Hager was related in any way to Dr. Moran, when he told him that he was hunting Dr. Moran for violation of</p>			
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of the narcotic laws, and that he knew where Dr. Moran was located; that he was in the Cuban Army in Cuba, but that no one could touch him there; that Mrs. Hortense Hager did not hear the rumor from her relatives at Spring Valley, Illinois, as alleged by her to SAC E. P. Guinane, but that she received that information from her husband, Elmer Hager. She stated that she did not believe at the time nor since that the rumor related by Elmer Hager was based upon fact, but believed that he was talking to be entertaining, and that he probably hazarded the guess that Dr. Moran had gone to Cuba. She added that Dr. Moran several years ago said that he was going to South America when the opportunity afforded, according to information given her during the past summer by his sister, Mrs. Catherine Lauer, of Spring Valley, Illinois, and that Dr. Moran seemed to be closer to his sister, Mrs. Catherine Lauer, than any other members of his family when he was in trouble before being sentenced to the Joliet Penitentiary; that he made his home with her more or less; that Mrs. Catherine Lauer seemed to know about other things connected with Dr. Moran, but would not tell her (Mrs. LaChapelle) anything more, but ventured the opinion that if Dr. Moran was living he would be in South America. She stated that Dr. Moran's fiancée, who suffered a nervous collapse after Dr. Moran disappeared, is living in Chicago and corresponds with Mrs. Catherine Lauer at Spring Valley, Illinois, and that the fiancée's name and address can be ascertained from the latter; that the last she ever heard from Dr. Moran was a letter written to her by Dr. Moran on December 20, 1933, from Chicago, Illinois, and that she had seen him at Chicago during the Fair in the summer of 1933. She stated that she still retains in her possession the letter received from Dr. Moran and permitted Agent to read it. She advised that Elmer Hager is employed on W.P.A. work as an engineer at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The newspaper clipping which Mrs. LaChapelle received from her niece, reads as follows:

"KARPIS MOBSTER ON RIDE".
"Chicago, October 25, 1933. Joseph P. "Doc." Moran, gangster physician member of the Karpis-Barker mob, was taken for a ride in a boat, slain and his body dumped into Lake Erie, the Chicago Daily News says today in a copyrighted story. Moran, indicted for the Edward J. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., was too talkative and was murdered about a year ago last May, the News says."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: at 4822 Perry Street, or Colorado Springs, Colorado, will interview Elmer Hager as to the source of the information received by him that Dr. Moran had joined the Cuban Army in Cuba about two years ago and was being sought by a "G-man" for violation of the narcotic laws.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE: at Spring Valley, Illinois, will interview Mrs. Catherine Lauer, sister of Dr. Moran, as to any information given by Dr. Moran to her that he was going to South America.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 13, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent in Charge R. D. Brown arrived in Saint Paul, Minnesota, at 8:50 A.M., January 13, 1936, in order to appear as a witness in the trial of the Brekid Case. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir: SPECIAL AGENT S. L. FORTENBERRY

Agent Fortenberry arrived in Saint Paul, Minnesota at 7:50 A.M., January 12, 1936, in order to appear as a witness in the trial of the Brekid Case. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 14, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

On January 13, 1936, an individual named A. P. Askew, who resides on Route 1, DeLand, Florida, and who frequents the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, was in the Jacksonville office on another matter and mentioned that a number of confidence men are presently in Daytona Beach, including Thomas O'Dell. Askew indicated that he is very familiar with the operations of these confidence men and has made investigations into their activities.

It should be noted that Askew apparently fancies himself as a student of criminology, and this office has been advised in the past that Askew has done some work in connection with investigations made by the Narcotic Bureau.

In view of Askew's intimated knowledge of O'Dell, he was questioned as to the possibility of William Elmer Meade, reputed associate of O'Dell, being in Daytona Beach. Photographs of Meade were exhibited to Askew but he was unable to identify the photographs as being a likeness of any one he has seen.

It is noted from the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago January 6, 1936, that O'Dell has been contacted by the New York office, at which time he disclaimed any intimate association with Meade. Inquiries will be made by this office at Daytona Beach to determine whether there is any indication that Meade is, or has been, there, but before endeavoring to conduct an interview with O'Dell, should he be located there, your advice is requested as to whether he should be openly contacted or whether it is believed desirable to endeavor to maintain a surveillance of his movements.

In this connection, it is noted that the Jacksonville office is not in possession of recent reports submitted by the New York office relative to contacts with O'Dell.

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Director,

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I might state that I am not particularly impressed with the thought that Askew is an individual of reliability.

Very truly yours,



R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1516, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 14, 1936,
concerning an individual named A. F. Archer, who resides on Route 1,
DeLand, Florida, and his mention of Thomas O'Dell.

Please be advised that if O'Dell should be located in your
territory, or in any territory to which copies of this letter are
being transmitted, it would appear advisable to openly interview
O'Dell and question him with reference to the location of William
Elmer Heide. This, of course, appears to be the most logical
avenue of approach, inasmuch as Archer apparently fancies himself a
student of criminology and has, in the past, done some work in
connection with investigations made by the Narcotic Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-J. Connelley - Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul
New York
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-13-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/30/35 to 1/9/36	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN E. BRENNAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mail, telegraph, telephone and address for Jack/Davenport covered for possible contacts by members of [redacted] letter [redacted] by Fitzgerald from [redacted] address to Mrs. A. [redacted] Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, called for Davenport, January 7, 1936.			
REFERENCE: Telegram from Chicago Office 12-30-35; teletype from Los Angeles 1-3-36.			
DETAILS: Mail covers to be placed on all mail addressed to [redacted] Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, the home of [redacted] Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, the home and place of business of Davenport. Mr. E. F. Kelly, District Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was interviewed and agreed to notify this office of any telegrams received for delivery to [redacted] Columbus Avenue or 501 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, the home and place of business of Davenport. A similar agreement was made with Mr. A. A. McLaughlin, District Superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company. The contents of messages received at these addresses will be made available to the St. Paul Bureau office.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>L. W. Stern</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-9007	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 15 1936
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A similar arrangement was made with F. L. Fudd, General Agent, Railway Express Agency, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A photograph of the signature of Mrs. Mary B. Davenport, the wife of Jack Davenport, was obtained from the application for a beer license for the Third Street Buffet, and a tracing of the signature of J. B. Davenport was obtained from an automobile driver's license application, and these were forwarded to the Chicago and Los Angeles Offices.

Interview was had with Mrs. Morris J. Cohen of 4108 Columbus Avenue, which is located directly across the street from the home of the Davenports. She stated that her husband is in the hospital but that she was present when he was interviewed by Special Agent Melvin some time ago and understood the nature of the inquiry being made, and stated that she would watch the Davenport house and make a note of the license numbers of any cars of visitors.

On receipt of the teletype message referred to above, arrangements were made through the Postmaster at Minneapolis to have General Delivery, and at that time it was ascertained that the letter in question could not reach Minneapolis until after the General Delivery window had closed on January 6, 1936. Surveillance of the General Delivery was undertaken by Special Agents E. W. Hardy, C. W. Dunker, P. C. Dunne, and Agent. At 4:30 P.M. on January 7, 1936 a woman called for mail addressed to Mrs. A. B. Gilbertson, and when inquiry was made by the clerk for a permanent local address she stated she had none but that she was expecting an air mail letter from Los Angeles. The woman answered the description of Mrs. Jack Davenport and she was followed from the Post Office to the Third Street Buffet operated by Davenport, and left there with Jack Davenport and proceeded by street car to 4109 Columbus Avenue, their home.

Mr. J. P. Mason, Commercial Superintendent of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Minneapolis, went through toll tickets of calls made from Locust 9948, the telephone listed in the name of Mrs. J. B. Davenport, 4109 Columbus Avenue, and it was found that calls were made to the following numbers:

November 1, 1935 - to Cicero, Illinois, telephone Cicero 4596
November 5, 1935 - to Cicero, Illinois, telephone Nevada 5563
December 19, 1935 - to Miami, Florida, telephone 52848

(The last number of this series, that is, what appears to be an 8, is barely distinguishable and may be a 5).

Main 9458 is a pay station telephone in the Third Street Buffet which is operated by Davenport. Mr. Mason stated that he would arrange to have toll tickets on these telephones forwarded to his office before they would go to the auditor's office, and that he would notify the St. Paul Bureau Office as soon as toll calls were made from these telephones.

On January 9, 1936, a call was placed from Locust 9948 to Cicero, Illinois, the El Patio Club, 5912 West Philmac.

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CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE

Will ascertain the identity of the persons to whom Chicago and Cicero telephone calls were placed from Davenport's telephone, Minnesota, Minnesota.

JACKSONVILLE BUREAU OFFICE

At Miami, will determine the identity of the party to whom is listed telephone 52848 (or 52845).

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: DECODED COPIES

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 BREXID. INVESTIGATION THIS CASE HAS DISCLOSED THAT ~~THE~~ THORNTON,
 NEVADA, MISSOURI, PROBABLE CONTACT OF FUGITIVES IN THIS CASE.
 HE RECEIVED FOLLOWING NIGHT LETTER TODAY, WHICH WAS SENT FROM
 VISALIA, CALIFORNIA, VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH TWELFTH INSTANT, QUOTE
 DOLLY AND HUSBAND LEFT FOR IOIA SATURDAY ELEVENTH LOOK UP RECORDS
 AT IOIA FOR LEGAL ADOPTION BY GEORGE IF NONE STOP COURT ACTION
 UNQUOTE SIGNED MAMIE, WELL, IDA AND HARRY. SUGGEST INVESTIGATION
 AT VISALIA TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF SENDERS AND WHETHER HAVE ANY
 CONNECTIONS WITH FUGITIVES. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE OF COURT
 RECORDS AT IOIA KANSAS BY THIS OFFICE IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN THE
 MATTERS REFERRED TO IN THIS WIRE.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
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Director
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
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RE: B R E K I D

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Reference is made to letter from the Bureau to Mr. 154036
Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, dated
December 14, 1935, wherein it is requested that Dr. William
Loeser be interviewed at the United States Penitentiary Annex
at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

JAN 21 1936

When interviewed on January 7, 1936, by Special Agent
A. J. Norstrom, Dr. Loeser advised that William Elmer Mead, whom
he knew as "Lane", was virtually a stranger to him, he having met
him on only two occasions and all pertinent information concerning
this party has previously been related in statements furnished by
him in the DILLINGER case.

However, Dr. Loeser related that he had learned, subse-
quent to the trial of Louis Piquett, in conversations with Arthur
O'Leary and Dr. Harold Cassidy, that a very close relationship
existed between O'Leary and Mead and that they had implicit con-
fidence in each other, having worked together for a number of years
in Blue sky promotion schemes. Dr. Loeser further related that
neither O'Leary nor Cassidy would cooperate in any manner in causing
the apprehension of Mead, but he was positive through conversations
with O'Leary that he was well acquainted with Mead's whereabouts at
all times.

Dr. Loeser further related that "Hub" Mullins, an attorney
presently officing with Louis Mack, another attorney in Chicago,
Illinois, was closely associated with O'Leary and would undoubtedly
have some valuable information in his possession concerning Mead.

Dr. Loeser stated that he is not in a position at the
present time to obtain information concerning Mead, but although
his maximum term will not expire until May 7, 1937, he expects to
be released from the penitentiary about March 14, 1936, after which

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he might obtain information valuable to the Bureau relative to this investigation.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 13, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 10, 1935, relative to the family history of the Barker family. Supplementing the investigation set out in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated January 3, 1936, Special Agent W. John McNulty received the following information:

Ralph Brooks, of the Greene County Health Department, Green County Court House, Springfield, Missouri stated that under law in the state of Missouri the recording of vital statistics was not compulsory until the year 1910. Mr. Brooks stated that prior to that date cities and towns did not keep any record of vital statistics, but that in some instances counties, in a haphazard fashion, had recorded some births and deaths and that these records would be found in the offices of the clerks of the county courts.

Carl R. Johnson of Ashgrove, Missouri, who is clerk of the county court for Greene County, was interviewed at his office in the Greene County Court House at Springfield. He stated that he had one volume of birth records for Greene County, which, even for the period in which it was kept, was not complete. Agent McNulty consulted this volume and found that it started in the year 1883, which was subsequent to the birth date of Arizona Clark.

Earl Roberts, County Recorder, Lawrence County, Mount Vernon, Missouri, permitted Agent McNulty to examine his records of marriages, and on page 341 of Book F the marriage license of George B. Barker of Aurora and "Arrie" Clark of Mount Vernon was found. No age was specified in the license, it merely stating that George was over twenty-one and "Arrie" over eighteen. This marriage license is dated September 11, 1902, and is over the signature of the then recorder, W. C. Trimble.

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Agent McMulty contacted W. G. Wilkerson, Clerk of the Lawrence County Court at Mount Vernon, Missouri, who stated that Lawrence County had no records of vital statistics prior to the year 1910, other than one volume of miscellaneous births covering the years 1883 to 1893. A careful search of this book failed to reveal a record of the birth date of Herman Barker.

At Aurora, Missouri, Eva Jones, Deputy Recorder of Vital Statistics, and Mrs. Mary Melton, former recorder, could give no information of value pertaining to the birth dates of Herman, Lloyd, Arthur or Fred Barker. No records of births were kept in Aurora prior to 1910.

At Webb City, Missouri, D. R. McDonald, Superintendent of Schools, stated that he had no personal knowledge of the Barker family. Upon consulting his records he stated that Herman, Lloyd, Arthur and Fred all attended the Central Primary School at Webb City. The school records for Webb City did not reflect the dates of birth of the pupils. However, it was found from these records that in September, 1903, Herman Barker entered the third grade of Central School and was then ten years of age. Also, in September 1903 Lloyd (spelled Lloid) entered the first grade of Central School, his age being given as seven years. It was further ascertained that in September 1905 Arthur entered the first grade of Central School, his age then being given as six years; and in September 1908 Fred entered the first grade of Central School, his age then being given as six years.

Primary school records of Webb City at that time were not alphabetically arranged, but were kept by year, school, room and grade. An examination of the early primary years of Herman Barker reveals that he was an average student with generally regular attendance at school but with deportment rather poor; Lloyd also was an average student, a regular attendant, and his deportment ranged from fair to very good. Arthur's record of scholarship was satisfactory, his attendance record perfect, and his deportment record good. Fred's attendance record was perfect, scholarship good, deportment good.

The school records also reflected that the residences of George E. Barker and family during the early school years of the four sons was, first, 207 North Pennsylvania, Webb City; and later, 114 South Hall Street, Webb City.

Judge Adolph McGee of the Jasper County Probate Court was interviewed at his office at Carthage, Missouri. He could furnish no personal information on the Barkers, other than to say that George E. Barker had a good reputation in Jasper County. He permitted Agent McMulty to examine what papers were available in his office on the estate of Arizona Barker. The papers reflected that

on April 8, 1935 George Barker and Frank Dixon applied for letters of administration on the estate of Arizona Barker, also known as Kate Barker. Their application recites that the deceased died intestate on January 16, 1935, and avers that at the time of her death she was a resident of Jasper County, having a personal estate in the approximate value of \$500.00. They recite that the heirs of the deceased are: George E. Barker, widower, Joplin; Arthur, son, Joplin; "Lloyd", son, Leavenworth, Kansas. In pursuance of this application for letters of administration the requisite legal notice was published in the Webb City Leader on April 27, 1935, and May 4, 11 and 18, 1935. The certified return of publication was filed with Judge McGee on May 25, 1935. George Barker and Frank Dixon were appointed administrators on April 22, 1935.

Judge McGee told Agent McNulty that a claim had been filed against the estate by a bank at Fort Scott, Kansas, and that this bank had questioned the jurisdiction of the Joplin Probate Court, stating that Arizona Barker at the time of her decease was not a resident of Jasper County. Preliminary litigation on this point in the Circuit Court for this area was decided in favor of the Fort Scott bank. Judge McGee, however, expressed his opinion that Jasper County was the only place that could have jurisdiction, inasmuch as this was the last legal domicile of Arizona Barker. His records did not show the birth date of Arizona Barker or any of her sons.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

AJH:os

cc - Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
Jacksonville
Los Angeles.

318 Security Building,
Phoenix, Arizona

January 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith report of Special Agent
N. F. Marshall, Phoenix, Arizona, dated December 29, 1935,
wherein it is reflected that a Wanted Notice for a 1935
Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772 has been placed with the
Arizona Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, Phoenix,
Arizona. Through inadvertence copies of this report were
not designated for the Cleveland office.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge

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To

Mr. Tamm

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 13, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Reference is made to previous letters from the Bureau and from the Chicago Office setting out information indicating that ALVIN KARPIS is reported to have been seen at Las Vegas, Nevada, and is likewise reported to have a friend operating a night club at Las Vegas, or Las Vegas, New Mexico.

In a recent interview with Dolores Delaney she stated that in December 1933 she and ALVIN KARPIS visited Las Vegas, where they met Fred and Doc Barker; that they registered at the largest and apparently the best hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Delaney woman stated that there is a gambling hall located immediately next door to this hotel; that ALVIN KARPIS and herself visited a small night club located about a block and a half from this hotel; that this tavern is described as follows:

On entering the front door a bar extends along the left wall almost the entire length of the place. Along the right wall, upon entrance, is located several slot machines. In the rear corner, opposite the bar, was located a small three-piece orchestra. There are no tables in the night club, which she described as being a small place. She stated that ALVIN KARPIS spoke to either the bartender or the manager, who was working behind the bar, and from his attitude she gathered that KARPIS was a friend of this man. The Delaney woman also stated that she, ALVIN KARPIS, and Doc and Fred Barker likewise visited the gambling hall located next door to their hotel; that apparently they were not acquainted with anyone therein.

The above information is herewith provided for use in any investigation to be made at Las Vegas. It is suggested that an effort be made to ascertain as discreetly as possible, all possible information concerning the above described night club, its owner and employees, with the particular view in mind of ascertaining whether KARPIS or CAMPBELL have been frequenting this night club.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent

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Chicago
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El Paso
Los Angeles

Ed. George Bremer

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

January 14, 1936.

Mr. Byron H. Uhl,
District Director,
Immigration and Naturalization,
U. S. Department of Labor,
Ellis Island, N. Y.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

At the request of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson of this office, you directed a letter on December 19, 1935 to the Chief Immigration Inspector, requesting him to advise all of his inspectors to notify the New York office of this Bureau in the event William F. Fergus, William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand presented a passport for entry into this country.

Please be advised that William F. Fergus returned to this country during the latter part of December, 1935, through the port of New York, and through the aid of Immigration inspectors the New York Bureau Office was able to locate this man. I wish you would have the Chief Immigration Inspector advise his inspectors of the fact that William F. Fergus returned to this country. At the same time, it would be appreciated if you would also state that the New York office desires to be notified in the event that William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand present a passport for entry into this country.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: BREKID

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Ed George of Bremer

Reference is made to your letter to all field offices dated December 16, 1935, wherein it is requested that the Motor Vehicle Divisions be searched for the purpose of ascertaining if Harry Campbell, using the aliases G. E. Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, has applied for a chauffeur's license or has registered an automobile within the state.

This is to advise that a search of the records in the office of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, failed to reflect that any cars had been registered in the State of Kansas during 1935 by a G. E. Benton or one Mary Forth.

On January 29, 1935, one George Benton, 1317 Ohio Street, Wichita, Kansas, registered a 1929 Ford Tudor, Motor Number A-1637298. However, the record reflects that this George Benton is colored and consequently eliminated. On January 17, 1935, one George Benton, Osage City, Kansas, registered a 1925 Ford Coupe, Motor Number 12,662,219. However, a search of the records showed that this George Benton applied for a driver's license in 1931. His age at that time was 63, his height 5'11", which eliminates him as being identical with Harry Campbell. Other than the George Bentons referred to above, the records failed to reflect that a driver's license or chauffeur's license had been issued to any other George Benton, G. E. Benton or Mary Forth.

The records of the Missouri State Motor Vehicle Department, Jefferson City, Missouri, were checked and it developed that there was a registration under the name of George Benton, dated July 29, 1935, on a Ford Special Roadster, 1931 Model A, Motor Number 468091, Missouri title 44-1976, and that 1935 license 620-416 was issued to this car. The address given is 121 Elizabeth Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. A tracing of the signature was made and in Agent's opinion it is not identical with the signature of Harry Campbell. This tracing is being transmitted herewith to the Cleveland Office. Suitable investigation will be conducted at St. Joseph, Missouri, and you will be advised of developments.

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If it is desired that a like search be conducted for 1936 registrations it is respectfully requested that the Kansas City Office be so advised.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 13, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Deputy Warden A. J. Graham, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, has recently advised that O. R. Ison, register number 539, who escaped from that institution on July 16, 1935, was a cell mate of Alvin Karpis during the time Karpis was incarcerated in that penitentiary. He further advised that Elmer Frazier, a former inmate of that penitentiary, register number 2430, had also been very friendly with Karpis and Ison while at that institution.

Mr. Graham has advanced the theory that Ison and Frazier may now be in contact with Karpis. Ison, who was a Trusty at a guard's home outside the penitentiary, while effecting his escape kidnaped two persons which resulted in a great deal of newspaper publicity. Mr. Graham felt that Ison could easily have left the penitentiary without having created any alarm, but feels that Ison chose the other method to inform Karpis he was at liberty. He further advised that Frazier had paid several visits to Ison prior to Ison's escape, at which time Frazier had announced that he had just arrived from Chicago, Illinois.

Copies of the report of Special Agent A. S. Reeder, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 1, 1935, in the case entitled "O. R. Ison with aliases; Anthony J. Prince - Victim; Kidnaping - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act" have been previously furnished to the Chicago Office, as well as a reward circular containing Ison's description and photograph. Frazier's description, as obtained from the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, is as follows:

AGE
HEIGHT
WEIGHT
BUILD
HAIR
EYES
COMPLEXION
OCCUPATION

35
5' 11 1/2"
155 lbs.
Medium slender
Brown
Brown
Medium dark
Chauffeur

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(Description of Elmer Frazier continued)

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St. Joseph, Missouri

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A photograph of Frazier was secured and is being transmitted herewith to the Chicago Bureau Office.

Very little investigation has been conducted in this matter in that the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, declined prosecution in the event Isom was apprehended.

The foregoing is being furnished for your information, and unless otherwise directed no further investigation will be conducted in this regard.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

copy to Mr. Tamm

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T. N. Stapleton
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 508 Medical Arts Building
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 SEEN AT AURORA MISSOURI THIS MORNING CONTAINING INDIVIDUALS RESEMBLING
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W. A. Rorer
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
503-a U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY ONE FORD CABRIOLET BEARING LICENSE PLATE SIX FOUR

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V. W. Peterson
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 U. S. Department of Justice
 1021 Bankers' Building
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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D. M. Ladd,
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 U. S. Department of Justice,
 1900 Bankers' Building,
 Chicago, Illinois.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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January 15, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Bremer Case.

In compliance with your instructions concerning the telephone call received from Mr. McIntire at St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to the disposition of the \$68,000 which was sent by the Havana Agency of the Federal Reserve to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., on May 16, 1935, for mutilation and destruction, I immediately requested Mr. Hickey of the Washington Field Office to contact the Treasury Department and determine whether the information requested by the United States Attorney at St. Paul was available. Mr. Burruss who was dispatched to the Treasury Department to obtain this information advised me that the information was available. I requested Mr. Burruss to arrange for the production of the original records at St. Paul and to determine who the necessary persons are to be subpoenaed in this connection. I was advised by Mr. Burruss that the Superintendent of the National Bank Redemption Agency, of the office of the Treasurer of the United States, Mr. M. E. Slindee, would be able to produce the original advice of shipment of Federal Reserve notes on May 16, 1935, in the amount of \$68,000. This would show that the money was transmitted in 37 packages, that \$13,000 in \$10.00 notes, listed in package #12 of this shipment, was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. This office will also produce a receipt for the lower halves of this money which was received from the Destruction Committee and will also show a receipt for the upper halves, received from the Comptroller of the Currency.

Edw. H. Burruss

The office of the Comptroller of the Currency, through Mr. L. G. Copeland, will produce a receipt from the Destruction Committee for the upper halves of this money.

The Destruction Committee, of the Division of Loans and Currency, of the Treasury Department, will produce records and testify as to the destruction of both halves of the notes.

On January 16, 1936, at 11:00 A. M., Mr. Burruss requested that a letter be directed to the Secretary of the Treasury asking

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the presence of the aforementioned persons so that they may have authority to depart from Washington for St. Paul. Mr. Burruss also requested that the time of their departure be indicated in this letter, inasmuch as he had completed arrangements with Mr. Slindee for the production of all records which will be required.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen.

Addendum:

*This was done
and St. Paul was notified.*

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

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January 18, 1936.

Edward J. Connelley

Special Agent in Charge,
Denver, Colorado.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith tracing of
a letter received by Miss Golda Gibson, White
Deer, Texas, Box 511, with return address Hazel
Parker, Karrai, Colo. and postmarked Haco, ~~Missouri~~
January 9.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 1-16-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-7,8-36	REPORT MADE BY G. B. O'CONNELL
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 FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Mary Adeline Morrison, 358 North Holmes Avenue, Indianapolis, is a widow age 73 years, and presumably a half sister of Mrs. Alta Morgan Robertson. Martha Imogene Robertson was born Indianapolis 7-21-08 -- parents Arthur F. and Alta F. Morgan Shafer. No further information developed as to history of Robertson women.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference: Report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hansen, Los Angeles, California, January 4, 1936 and letter Chicago Bureau Office to San Francisco Bureau Office dated January 4, 1936.</p> <p>Details: Upon receipt of reference report and letter, an examination was made of the Indianapolis City and Telephone Directories with the following results: The City Directories for 1933, 1934, and 1935 failed to list anyone by the name of M. A. Morrison. The 1935 City Directory listed one by the name of A. F. Shafer. The 1933 and 1934 City Directories listed only one whose name resembled A. F. Shafer, this listing being Anthony F. Shaffer whose wife is Clara, they residing at 3012 Byram Avenue and Mr. Shaffer's occupation being indicated as watchman. The 1933, 1934, and 1935 City Directories indicated that at 358 North Holmes Avenue there resided Donald Q. Tooley and his wife, Ruth E., and that Mr. Tooley was a detective sergeant on the Indianapolis police force.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Cloud</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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An examination of the current Indianapolis Telephone Directory listed no one by the names of M. A. Morrison or A. F. Shafer.

Agent contacted Mr. C. A. Shelby at Window No. 9, Indianapolis Post Office, who is in charge of the local mail directories, and through him it was ascertained through contact by Mr. Shelby with the carrier who serves 358 North Holmes Avenue, that he has delivered mail to that address designated for M. A. Morrison, the carrier advising Mr. Shelby that he was of the impression that this Morrison person was an in-law of the Tooley's who are the principal residents at that address. Mr. Shelby further stated that the carrier advised that he had been serving that vicinity for only the past seven or eight months, but that he does recall having served some mail to M. A. Morrison during that period, though he believes he has had none lately.

Miss Pauline Priddy in the office of the State Board of Health, State House Annex, Indianapolis, Indiana, located the birth record on Martha Imogene Shafer in Birth Certificate Book for the year 1908, Volume 92. The birth certificate was number 52205 and bore the register number 2850, and set out that this female child was born July 21, 1908 at 2308 Park Avenue, the father's name being indicated as Arthur F. Shafer, age 30, born in Illinois, and whose occupation is that of an attorney. The mother's maiden name was indicated as Alta F. Morgan, age 25, born in Indiana. The certificate further reflected the name of the attending physician to have been Francis O. Dorsey.

In view of it having been ascertained that M. A. Morrison resided with Donald Tooley, a detective sergeant on the Indianapolis police force, Frederick A. Simon, Chief of Detectives, Indianapolis Police Department, was contacted and stated that Tooley had been on the force for a number of years and had enjoyed ranking as high as that of lieutenant. Chief Simon regards Tooley as very reliable and said that Tooley is generally regarded throughout the Department with high esteem. Continuing, Chief Simon said that Sergeant Tooley is between forty and forty-two years of age, and that the latter's father was also a member of the Indianapolis police force, presently being stationed at the Union Trust Company, that he too is highly regarded, and that he has a long record of service on the police force. Chief Simon said that he did not know anyone by the name of M. A. Morrison said to reside with Sergeant Tooley, but said that the wife of Sergeant Tooley had previously been married and she has a daughter by her former marriage, and that the step-daughter of Sergeant Tooley also is presently married. However, the step-daughter's husband is said to have been out of work for a considerable length of time during the period of the depression; that during this era they resided at the Tooley's, during which time a youngster was born to Sergeant Tooley's step-daughter; that Sergeant Tooley was having a difficult time making ends meet in supporting his step-son and daughter along with his wife and maintaining his own home, but that he had finally succeeded in getting his son-in-law a position with some railroad, since which time the step-daughter and her husband have gone elsewhere to

establish their own home. Chief Simon said that he does not know the former name of the wife of Sergeant Tooley, nor does he know the married name of her daughter. Chief Simon concluded that aside from these two who resided with Sergeant Tooley only temporarily due to circumstances mentioned above, he knows of no one other than the Sergeant and his wife occupying the residence at 358 North Holmes Avenue. The nature of the inquiry concerning M. A. Morrison of the above mentioned Holmes Avenue address was not stated to Chief Simon and he was requested to refrain from any comment in this regard to Sergeant Tooley unless Agent should further contact him in the matter.

In an effort to ascertain some of the history of the Robertson women and perhaps which would also indicate something relative to the identity of M. A. Morrison, Agent telephonically contacted Thomas C. Batchelor, Secretary of the Indiana Bar Association, telephone number Riley 6677, who stated that there is no record of any present member of the Indiana Bar Association by the name of A. F. Shafer. Furthermore, Mr. Batchelor stated that all records of the Association date back only to 1930. He is sure that no one by the name of A. F. Shafer had been a member since that time, and further suggested that he has never heard of any Indianapolis attorney who might now be about 57 years of age by the name of A. F. Shafer.

Agent likewise telephonically communicated with William C. Kern, Secretary of the Indianapolis Bar Association at telephone number Talbott 4601 who stated that there is no present member of the Indianapolis Bar Association by the name of A. F. Shafer nor could Mr. Kern recall at any time ever having heard of an attorney practicing in Indianapolis who might now be about 57 years of age by the name of A. F. Shafer. Mr. Kern stated further with reference to the records of the Association that a membership list is not preserved from year to year, but that stencils are prepared on active members and arranged alphabetically, but after a member dies or drops his membership in the Indianapolis Bar Association, his stencil is merely removed and destroyed and that as a consequence there was no way in which it could be determined whether or not anyone named A. F. Shafer had previously at any time been a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

It was determined that Detective Sergeant Donald Q. Tooley could be contacted relative to ascertaining the identity of M. A. Morrison on the pretense that the Indianapolis Office was investigating an impersonation case with the following details referred to: that someone using the name M. A. Morrison had to numerous persons in Springfield and Van Wert, Ohio, and in Richmond, Newcastle, Marion, Fort Wayne, Elkhart, and Kokomo, Indiana, represented that he was a representative of the United States Veterans Hospital at Chillicothe, Ohio, and as such, this individual would as a rule contact an official of the American Legion in the respective towns and in some instances a prominent banker as well, usually succeeding in gaining the recommendation of those individuals, after which he would approach a number of citizens of the respective communities displaying the endorsements that he had thus received and representing himself as .

a representative of the United States Veterans Hospital at Chillicothe, Ohio, selling various articles made by the veterans of that institution; that this M. A. Morrison in particular succeeded in obtaining orders for a clock which was set in a wooden frame which had been molded by hand by the veterans, the top bearing a design of an eagle; that he would display one of these clocks to the individuals he would contact and on his representation would collect the money for their purchase of one of these clocks, but that no deliveries were ever effected.

It was believed that on the above pretense Sergeant Tooley would have no reason to suspect this office's interest in M. A. Morrison other than that the name of the individual residing with him was identical with the name employed by the individual who was the subject of this office's impersonation investigation, and Sergeant Tooley was further advised that the subject of the impersonation case invariably represented to his contacts that his home was Indianapolis although his headquarters were at the hospital, and that it had been ascertained through the postal directories that an M. A. Morrison resided at his address.

Sergeant Donald Q. Tooley, when interviewed in the Indianapolis Bureau Office, stated that M. A. Morrison residing at his home was a woman whose correct name is Mary Adeline Morrison, and whose maiden name was Anderson; that she has been a widow for a number of years; and that he does not know her deceased husband's name. Sergeant Tooley stated that Mrs. Morrison is referred to by his wife and himself as Aunt Addie; that she is in fact a cousin of Mrs. Tooley; that she is 73 years of age, and due to her poor health she very seldom ventures out of the house. Mrs. Morrison is said to have been the mother of two sons, Claude and Earl, both of whom died during the same year at Indianapolis, Indiana which Sergeant Tooley said was about ten or twelve years ago. Shortly preceding the deaths of her sons, Mrs. Morrison's mother had died and shortly after the death of her sons, a half sister who was unmarried and whose name was Prudence Morgan also died. Sergeant Tooley stated that these deaths all coming in very close succession weighted her down in deep sorrow, and that she was very badly broken up. Sergeant Tooley said that he could not say definitely, but he believes that Mrs. Morrison's mother's name at the time of death was Morgan. With reference to further relatives of Mrs. Morrison, Sergeant Tooley said that she has a brother named R. J. (Jess) Anderson who resides at 209 Woodvale Avenue, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Morrison is said to have stayed with him on occasions, but that of recent years, she claims that the climate of Texas does not agree with her, for which reason she has not visited him for some time. Mrs. Morrison also has a half brother named Frank Morgan who is presently residing at Greenfield, Indiana, and with whom she is said also to have spent some time. A sister-in-law of Mrs. Morrison is one Belle Kinsler, presently residing at Connersville, Indiana.

Continuing, Sergeant Tooley said that Mrs. Morrison, he believes, was born at Lebanon, Indiana, and that she has spent a considerable part of her life around Lebanon and Whitestown, Indiana, but that her principal residence for the past twenty-five years has been in Indianapolis where she has lived for

a time on Belfountain Street and subsequent thereto at the Landers Apartments, 1526 East Washington Street. Sergeant Tooley stated that he has been married to his wife, Ruth, for fourteen years, and that his acquaintanceship with Mrs. Morrison dates back to about fifteen years ago. He further stated that the name of his wife by her former marriage was Simpson, and that her maiden name was Dodson. Mrs. Morrison is said by Sergeant Tooley to have resided at his home for the past three years; that she has somewhat of an income which enables her to purchase her clothing; and that she helps around the home and prepares the meals.

In conclusion, Sergeant Tooley said he does not know of any other living relatives of Mrs. Morrison than those above recited.

It will be noted that Sergeant Tooley made no reference whatever to Mrs. Alta Morgan Robertson of Los Angeles, California, which may have been due to an oversight or it may be that Sergeant Tooley does not know her. However, in view of Mrs. Morrison being the half-sister of Frank Morgan of Greenfield, Indiana, and it being stated by Sergeant Tooley that the family name of Mrs. Morrison's mother was Morgan there seems to be a strong possibility that Mrs. Alta Morgan Robertson and Mrs. Morrison are half-sisters.

No further effort is being made at this time to develop information concerning the history of Martha Imogene Robertson since it is not known how long she may have been away from Indianapolis. If further investigation along that line is desired by the office of origin, the Indianapolis Office could undertake to check the records of the local public schools situated in the vicinity of the address at which it appears she was born and in this way possibly develop some history regarding her. However, the possibility is considered, too, that she may never have attended school in Indianapolis and it may be that since early childhood Los Angeles has been her residence.

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REPORT MADE AT: Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-6-36	REPORT MADE BY: PHILIP M. BREED
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TITLE 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.	CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
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SUMMARY REPORT

Information incorporated in this report has been taken from the investigative reports previously prepared at the Atlanta Office which reflect information relative to the background, habits, friends, method of operating, places of residence and criminal activities of William Elmer Meade who is being sought by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the above captioned case.

Report of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins, Atlanta, Georgia, July 26, 1935, reflects that one T. M. Smith, 461 Pulliam Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that in his opinion Meade was identical with one George Brown of Caney, Oklahoma, that this Brown was convicted of Train Robbery in 1906 or 1907 at Caney, Oklahoma, at which time he served a sentence of seven years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Smith further advised that in 1913 Brown was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and shortly thereafter shot and killed a constable by the name of Ben Pearson who had attempted to arrest Brown. After this shooting Brown escaped from Caney, Oklahoma, and has never been seen there since. Smith further stated that one Mrs. Minnie Rice who formerly lived in Caney, Oklahoma, had stated that Brown was an old "fiddle" player and had played at a great number of dances there prior to 1906. The description previously in possession of the Bureau of Meade did not fit the description of Brown as given by Smith. However, he stated that the picture of Meade did show a resemblance to Brown. In connection with this information given by Smith, it should be noted that subsequent investigation by the Oklahoma City Office did not bear out Smith's claims that Brown and Meade were identical.

The same report of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins reflected an interview with one Roy G. Booker, 1314 Rhodes-Haverty Building, Atlanta, Georgia, who stated that during 1925 at Miami, Florida, he had met one

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William E. Meade who appeared to be identical with the Meade sought in this case, at which time he and Meade had become quite friendly. Meade at this time was working as a manufacturer's Agent for several overall companies of Ohio, Meade having his offices in Columbus, Ohio. Booker stated that the period of a week or more during which he had contact with Meade, Meade was in possession of a great amount of money and stayed intoxicated a great deal of the time, buying expensive liquors and giving expensive parties. Meade claimed to have a wife and a twelve year old daughter living in Columbus, Ohio. Booker further stated that he had exchanged personal letters with Meade during 1934, Meade having written on stationery of the Raimon Laboratories, 70-86 West Chippewa Street, Buffalo, New York, the last of these letters being written by Meade on October 14, 1934. Meade was endeavoring at this time to interest Brooker in some sort of a stock development scheme. Booker further stated that in January, 1934, two Western Union telegrams were received by him from Meade at Tampa, Florida, requesting a loan of \$50.00.

In connection with the information given by Mr. Booker, it should be stated that William E. Meade, formerly attached to Raimon Laboratories, Buffalo, New York, was interviewed by an Agent of the Buffalo Office of this Bureau and did not appear to be the person sought in this case.

Reports of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins, Atlanta, Georgia, dated August 5, 1935 and July 26, 1935, reflect that inquiry was made at the Atlanta Biltmore and Henry Grady Hotels, Atlanta, Georgia, without gaining any further information relative to Meade.

Report of Special Agent E. F. Emrich, Atlanta, Georgia, September 30, 1935, set forth the substance of an interview with Mr.

Joseph O. Ewing, Attorney at law, Atlanta, Georgia, who has represented William E. Meade on several occasions in times past but claims that he has not seen or heard from him since about 1930 or 1931. Attorney Ewing stated that to the best of his recollection Meade and his wife were living in Atlanta, Georgia, in the year 1923; that at that time Mr. and Mrs. Meade were both arrested by the Atlanta Police Department on a charge of disorderly conduct and shop lifting. At that time Meade approached Attorney Ewing and through him it was arranged that Meade and his wife be released on bond but bond was subsequently forfeited. For this reason, Ewing stated he never had had an opportunity to represent Meade in any court. Sometime later, about 1930 or 1931, he met Meade in Chicago, Illinois, at which time Meade informed that he had just skipped out on a bond of \$10,000 returnable in Jacksonville, Florida, on a con game charge. Ewing subsequently approached a Federal Judge in Florida, whose name he believed to be Judge Stromm and asked whether or not he could get a suspended sentence for Meade. However, the Judge declined to do this primarily because Meade had forfeited his bond.

Report of Special Agent Robert C. Hendon, October 9, 1935, Atlanta, Georgia, reflected that Joseph Peter Dowling and E. M. "Jack" Lentz were interviewed by that Agent at Charleston, South Carolina, at which time they stated that they had an accidental contact with William E. Meade in Charleston, South Carolina in March, 1935, but stated that they had no information as to his present whereabouts. Dowling stated that at the time Meade had been going by the name of Miller. Lentz gave information along the same lines as Dowling, at which time Meade had questioned him concerning the possibility of operating a confidence game in Savannah, whereupon he gave Meade his address in Savannah and said that he would look the situation over and would advise Meade if he would call him there. After Lentz' arrival in Savannah, Meade had called him from the Savannah Hotel. He had then gone to Meade's room and which he also occupied with Mrs. Meade whom Lentz described in conformity with the description contained in this file of Kate Meade. Lentz advised Meade against operating such a game in Savannah. Shortly thereafter he left there and has not seen or heard of him since nor has he any idea where Meade now is.

Report of Special Agent Philip M. Breed, dated January 14, 1936, reflects that certain information was obtained at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, concerning the record of associates of one Leon Felix, alias H. C. Howard, who was indicted and sentenced for his participation with Meade in a swindle in Florida several years ago. Felix was discharged from the Atlanta Penitentiary by reason of expiration of sentence on November 29, 1935, and was reported to have gone to 814 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, his alleged home. There is considerably more information relative to Felix in this report but as the Atlanta Office is not in possession of the entire file on this case, it is not known how much of this may be relevant to the matter now under investigation.

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REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7,8/36	REPORT MADE BY D.W. GLEASON.
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (Victim)		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No information secured at Pampa, Texas, concerning R.R. Mackie, and no leads obtained from Postmaster there. Eula Bee Campbell, upon return from Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised she had not seen her daddy and had received no Christmas present from him at Tulsa through the mail or in any other manner. Postal cooperation at Pampa and White Deer, Texas, will be continued.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Reports Special Agent D.W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated 12-17-35; and Special Agent C.O. Hurt, Dallas, Texas, dated 12-23-35.			
DETAILS: <u>At PAMPA, TEXAS.</u> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">David E. Cecil, Postmaster, advised Agent he had not obtained any information concerning R.R. Mackie which would explain his true identity or relationship to Mildred Campbell, and had received no leads concerning Mackie, Mildred Campbell, or Mrs. Gibson since the writer's last visit in Pampa. He informed Agent he has been watching the mail of all parties concerned at Pampa, and has been submitting tracings as a result of the mail covers to the Dallas Office just as soon as he makes them. Mr. Cecil had never heard of the surname, Mackie, in Pampa, prior to Agent's last visit, and subsequent to said visit, he has been unable to discreetly ascertain whether Mackie had lived in Pampa prior to the time his name entered this case.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Cecil stated that during the Christmas Holidays, he paid</p>			
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special attention to any mail or packages received by Mrs. Gibson or Mildred Campbell; that he also requested the Pampa Express Agent, who is a good friend of his, to observe express carefully and to advise him before deliveries were made; that after Agent placed the mail covers on the last visit, he issued a written order to all of the postal clerks requiring them to initial the same, which order was that no letter or any communication was to be placed in the mail boxes of the parties concerned, until after he had examined the same; that despite the care he exercised, one of the clerks did place one letter in Mrs. Gibson's mail box, but he (Cecil), was close to Mrs. Gibson when she extracted the letter from the box, and in Mr. Cecil's opinion, the handwriting was different from that on any communication he has observed addressed to her since his active participation in this case.

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E.C. Rupp, Clerk, was spending his annual leave in Missouri at the time of Agent's visit, so that an interview was not had with him. However, Mr. Cecil assured Agent he had given all the information available on this case in Pampa at the present time.

At White Deer, Texas, Agent called upon Alice Pipes, Postmaster, to thank her for the results she furnished the Dallas Office in covering mail addressed to R.E. Gibson and Mrs. R.E. Gibson. On the day preceding Agent's visit she had used the last self-addressed envelope of the supply given to her by Agent, in sending a tracing to the Dallas Office.

Additional envelopes were given to her to be used in submitting tracings, and she expressed a willingness to continue to cooperate in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS OFFICE at Pampa, Texas - no immediate lead is set forth, but it is suggested that from time to time Agents visit Mr. Cecil, Postmaster, and either directly or through Mr. Cecil [REDACTED]

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

ENT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 16, 1936.

- 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

Time - 9:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Special Agent in Charge Richmond telephoned me from the Trenton Office and said that this morning, Charlie Madison, an Essex County Identification Officer, called the Resident Agent at Newark, New Jersey, and said that over the interstate teletype there came the following message: A taxi driver reported to the New York Police at 7:15 this morning that he had let out a person he believed to be Karpis and a blonde haired woman near the Hudson tubes in Newark; that this man had a scar over his left eye and scars on both sides of his face. This is the only information available on this situation at this time.

Mr. Richmond said that he called the New York Office, and that office is checking on any information the police may have on this situation at this time. Attempts are being made to find the cab driver who reported this in order that he might be interviewed.

Any additional information will be reported to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While in New York, Harry Katz, former Special Agent, conversed briefly with me while waiting to see you. He had also called upon me in Philadelphia previously. He wanted to submit the name of an individual known as the "Mile-a-Minute Kid", who he said was a con man in Cleveland, Ohio and probably interested in concealing Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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*Harry and
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cc: C. J. Connelly
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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
POSITIVE, I. O. #1216, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of information to the effect that an individual known as the "Mile-a-Minute Kid", who is believed to be a "hon" man in Cleveland, Ohio, may probably be concealing Alvin Karpis.

You are requested to determine the identity of this individual and conduct the necessary investigation in accordance with this information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 1-15-36 8: -

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Edward J. O'Driscoll

PHONE. A BREKID CASE INFORMANT ADVISES ONE JIMMIE MOON, A STRANGER, HAS BEEN FREQUENTING SKIATOOK AND SPERRY, OKLAHOMA FOR LAST WEEK OR MORE ENDEAVORING OBTAIN SOMEONE TO PROCURE TRAVELING BAG SHIPPED BY HIM FROM NEW YORK CITY TO A WESTERN OKLAHOMA TOWN CONTAINING LOOT FROM MAIL ROBBERY, MOON OFFERING TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THIS SERVICE. MOON STATES MAIL ROBBERY EFFECTED SOMETIME AGO IN VERMONT, PROBABLY NORTHERN PART OF STATE, AND THAT MOON'S EMPLOYER, NAME AND ADDRESS NOT GIVEN, WAS ARRESTED FOR INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. MOON CLAIMS ALSO ARRESTED, TAKEN TO NEW YORK CITY, BUT RELEASED ON HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS, BEING LATER REARRESTED BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE CHARGE CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS AND ON DAY OF TRIAL MINGLED WITH WITNESSES, AND FLED. MOON HAS NOT DEMANDED ANY MONEY IN SEEKING SOMEONE TO OBTAIN ALLEGED LOOT. JIMMIE MOON DESCRIBED AS AGE THIRTY FIVE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE, BUILD MEDIUM, SHOULDERS HEAVY, LARGE HEAD, BROWN HAIR, EYES SHIFTY AND NERVOUS, MEDIUM DARK COMPLEXION. NEW YORK CITY AND BOSTON OFFICES REQUESTED TO CHECK INFORMATION CONCERNING MAIL ROBBERY AND ARRESTS OF MOON, ADVISING OKLAHOMA CITY BY TELETYPE. EXPEDITE.

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1531 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

January 14, 1936

Mr. E.J. Connelley,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID;
El Paso File 7-8.

In connection with the investigation recently conducted at Midland, Texas, concerning (Jack) Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, I enclose herewith tracings of four letters received at the Midland, Texas, Post Office:

To: Mr. Joe Campbell,
c/o Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co.,
Midland, Texas.

Return address Mildred Walling, 318 S. Grand Ave., Gainesville, Texas.

To: Mrs. C.C. Campbell,
c/o Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co.,
Midland, Texas.

Return card: Collect [unclear] Texas, Box 538.

To: Mr. C.C. Campbell,
Midland, Texas.

Return card: Mrs. L. Campbell, 318 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Okla.
Mailed on some R.P.O. - illegible.

To: Mrs. C.C. Campbell,
c/o T & P Coal & Oil Co.,
Midland, Texas.

Postmarked Skiatook, Okla., January 4, 1936.

The tracings are forwarded for consideration and determination as to whether they should be investigated further at the several points of origin.

Very truly yours,

cc - Bureau - Cincinnati
Dallas - Oklahoma City
San Antonio.

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enc to Mr. Connelley.

R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 16, 1936



Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Michigan, December 28, 1935, and the letter from the St. Paul office to the Chicago office, December 30, 1935, in connection with a search being made to locate Robert Carville Ormiston, also known as Walter Raymond Armstrong, who may be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1222.

Although previous efforts were made to contact Thomas E. Jarrard, District Manager of the Dodge Motor Company, 1005 Fairfax Building, Kansas City, Missouri, he was not located for interview until January 8, 1936, he having been on a tour of the eastern states for the past several weeks.

Mr. Jarrard informed that he was employed as General Sales Manager for the Durant Motor Company, Lansing, Michigan, from 1922 to 1928, and during that time he traveled extensively and spent some time in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in connection with his work with the Durant Company. He related that he was also employed by the Dodge Motor Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from April to December, 1932. However, at no time during those periods does he recall having had a Robert Carville Ormiston or Walter Raymond Armstrong in his employ in any capacity. He believed, however, that he had heard the name Ormiston mentioned, but he could not recall in what connection. When shown a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, he stated that he believed that this photograph was the likeness of an individual whom he had met somewhere, although he could not recall this individual's name or in what manner he had met him.

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Mr. Jarrard related that Richard H. Thornton, who is now employed as Secretary at the Lake Shore Athletic Club, Chicago, Illinois, who at one time was zone manager for the Durant Motor Company at Minneapolis, might

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possibly be acquainted with the name of Armstrong or Orniston, and he suggested that Mr. Thornton be contacted.

Mr. Jarrard also informed that George K. Belden, the present owner of the Minneapolis Baseball Club on 31st and Nicolett Avenues, Minneapolis, Minnesota, might be of assistance in locating Armstrong, in that Belden was the Minneapolis dealer for Durant Motors for a number of years and was presumably well acquainted with all Durant employees in that vicinity.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley
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CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date April 27, 1935

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

319190

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
<i>1-875</i> Chicago, Ill. <i>4</i> JOHN R. MORAN Police Depart- ment No. C-46457	<i>06/20 T</i> <i>inf previously reported</i>	Dismissed.
Arrested 2/12/33.	<i>Washington</i>	

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

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

(Official Title)
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. TWO MEN SALES 1 5 HUDSON COACH MOTOR NUMBER 59987,

BEARING 1935 ILLINOIS LICENSE TAG 1-044-078 AT SEBURN MOTOR COMPANY

GARAGE, AURORA, MISSOURI, DECEMBER 30, 1935 STATING WOULD LEAVE CAR THERE

TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS. GARAGE ATTENDANTS STATE ONE MAN SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES

PROFILE PHOTOGRAPH OF KARPIS. CAR REPORTED STOLEN FROM B. E. JACQUES,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON NOVEMBER 3. GARAGE NOW UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY BUREAU

AGENTS. FEW FRAGMENTARY LATENT PRINTS FOUND IN CAR. SINCLAIR ROAD MAP

BORE "FUSZNER BROTHERS 322 SOUTH KIRKWOOD". NO CITY GIVEN.

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Alvin Karpis
Edward G. Bremer

503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 14, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREYID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your circular letter of the
12th ultimo, this is to advise you that the Motor Vehicle
Registration Bureaus in Nevada and Utah, have no information
concerning Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ322772.
have been placed.

Very truly yours,

W.A. HORRER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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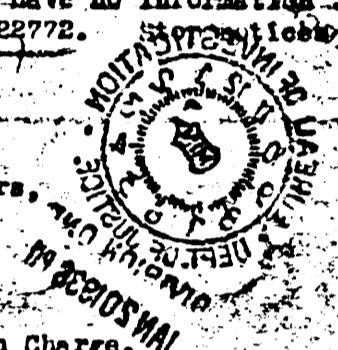
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SAC CONNELLEY AT ST. PAUL

PHONE. BREKID. FITZGERALD AND PARTY RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES AT ABOUT

SEVEN PM JANUARY 13 TH. TRIP WAS IN CONNECTION WITH OIL DEALINGS AT

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO AND NO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES NOTED. FORMER

SURVEILLANCE SETUP AS TO FITZGERALD AND ROBERTSON WOMAN WILL BE CONTINUED

HERE AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS DAILY.

HANSON.

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- Mr. Boardman
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated he had just received information from Mr. Peak to the effect that Alvin Karpis had just escaped in a gun battle and wanted to know if we had any information on it. I advised him we did not and inquired if he knew the place where the battle was held and he stated that he did not. He later called back and stated that the battle took place near Aurora, Missouri, which information was furnished to Mr. Tamm.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn
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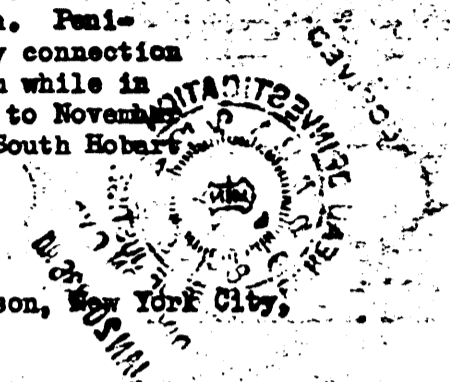
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ATLA. FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-4-36	REPORT MADE BY PHILIP M. BRKED
TITLE 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.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Record and identification data on Leon Felix, alias H. C. Howard, obtained from United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. Penitentiary records did not indicate any connection with Meade or correspondence with him while in Penitentiary from September 17, 1934 to November 29, 1935. Gave home address as 814 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California.



REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, December 31, 1935.

DETAILS:

Through Mr. B. F. Bates, Record Clerk of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, Agent obtained the following information concerning Leon Felix (true name) who was committed to that institution as H. C. Howard from Jacksonville, Florida, on September 17, 1934, to serve a sentence of eighteen months for Conspiracy to use the United States Mails to defraud. With his good time allowance, he was released from the institution on November 29, 1935, by reason of expiration of sentence. He was given transportation to Los Angeles, California and he gave his home as 814 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, care Dorothy Felix, his wife. There was a notation on his record that his wife was in prison but it did not state the institution where she was or is confined nor any further details regarding her incarceration.

Besides the alias of H. C. Howard, his record reflected the following additional aliases: Robert Davis, Leon Davis, and Robert E. Daves. While at the Atlanta Penitentiary he corresponded with the follow

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ing named persons:

Mrs. Dorothy Fisher, Wife, Post Office Box 54380, Tehachapi, California.

O. H. Mathews, 625 Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Miss Ruth Hudson, Friend, 1426 West Minnehaha (?), St. Paul, Minnesota.

John Fuller, 84 Furnace (or Lunan or Gurman - handwriting very illegible).

Mrs. Ray Hutson, Ed Whay (?) Building, Los Angeles, California.

Harry Golden, Los Angeles, California.

In addition to the above correspondents, there was a letter in his file which was not delivered to him, the Clerk stating that the prison rules forbade married prisoners from corresponding with other women not related to them. This was from one Genevieve Johnson, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, which was merely a friendly letter expressing regret that she was not permitted to see him when she had called at the institution the day previously and stating that she was on her way to St. Louis, Missouri.

Felix' registry number at the Atlanta Penitentiary is 44817. The following criminal record was in his file:

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His fingerprint classification as classified at the Atlanta Penitentiary is 32 I O. His description is as follows, same being taken from the fingerprint card at the Atlanta Penitentiary:

Age	47 (Born June 6, 1887, in Louisiana)
Height	5' 5 1/2"
Weight	148
Build	Medium - low
Complexion	Florid
Eyes	Gray - brown
Hair	Dark brown
Scars	2" scar on neck, rear
Occupation	Race track book maker

A sample of Felix' handwriting (as H. C. Howard), together with his photograph were obtained and same are being forwarded to Mr. E. J. Connelley with copy of this report.

In the absence of complete reports on this case, no undeveloped leads are being set forth to interview Felix, same being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 16, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent R. B. Donaldson arrived
in St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A.M., today, in order
to appear as a witness in the trial of the Brakid
Case. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

On December 30, 1935, a 1935 Hudson Coach bearing motor number 59987 was stored by two men at a garage at Aurora, Missouri. Subsequent investigation reflected that one of the men resembled the photograph of Alvin Karpis, Subject in the instant case, and another the photograph of Percy Geary, I.O. 1216.

A complete report relative to the investigation in that matter is being submitted by Special Agent M. C. Spear, of this office, under date of January 16, 1936.

In the above mentioned Hudson car was found a Sinclair Refining Company road map of the State of Missouri, upon one side of which was stamped "Fuszner Bros., 332 South Kirkwood Rd." The car was dusted for latent fingerprints and three fragmentary latent prints were lifted, the "lifts" being designated as 1, 1a and 2.

The above mentioned road map, together with three "lifted" prints and the known fingerprints of E. L. George, Harry Seburn and Oliver Seburn are being forwarded herewith for appropriate comparison of any latent fingerprints found on the map and the lifted prints with the known fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and Percy Geary. The three sets of fingerprints of George and the two Seburns are being transmitted for elimination purposes, as these individuals had opportunities of placing their fingerprints on the exhibits being submitted herewith.

It is also requested that the "lifts" of the three latent fingerprints, as well as any latent prints developed on the map, be checked against the single fingerprint file.

You are advised that the above mentioned Hudson car was stored in Seburn's Garage on December 30, 1935, and that the examination for latent prints resulting in the obtaining of the three "lifts" enclosed herewith was made on January 10, 1936.

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It is requested that the Kansas City Office and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley be telegraphically advised if any of the latent fingerprints found on the exhibits being forwarded herewith are identified as those of Subject Alvin Karpis; in the event any of the prints are identified as those of Percy Geary the Kansas City and New York offices should be telegraphically advised.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago
cc - Cincinnati
cc - New York

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1936.

Time - 2:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division telephoned me and said that he wanted the Bureau to know that he considered the work which Special Agent S. K. McKee ^{has} done in Cuba with reference to the Cuban witnesses in this matter of a very excellent character. He said that the situation was undoubtedly a very ticklish and a very hard one, and Mr. McKee appears to have been fully equal to the occasion in every respect. He said that if it hadn't been for Mr. McKee's work down there, we would never have gotten those witnesses to go to St. Paul.

I told Mr. Fisher that I was very glad to hear that the Department was pleased with the work which Mr. McKee and the others have done on this case, and told him that his commendation of the work of Mr. McKee in particular would be brought to your attention.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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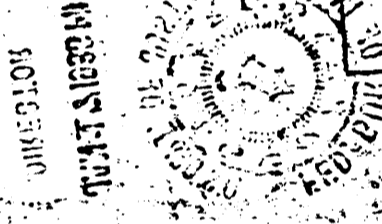
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POLICE COFFEYVILLE KANSAS NOVEMBER LAST YEAR ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE SHERIFF
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BREKID. ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED HERE WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO PRODUCE ORIGINAL ADVISE OF SHIPMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES AND ORIGINAL RECORDS SHOWING DISPOSITION OF MONEY RECEIVED CONTAINED IN 37 INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES FOR FINAL DESTRUCTION BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT. ENTIRE TRANSACTION WILL BE TRACED. M. E. BLINDEE, SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL BANK REDEMPTION AGENCY, L. J. COPELAND, CHIEF OF OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY, AND JOHN P. MORAN, CHIEF OF DESTRUCTION COMMITTEE, ALL OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WILL DEPART BY TRAIN FOR ST. PAUL JANUARY 17, 1936 AND REPORT TO ST. PAUL OFFICE. YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-14-36	REPORT MADE BY B. F. Fitzsimons
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">David L. Shackelford presently residing at Miami, Florida, where he is engaged in used car business and also operates the Ford agency at Homestead, Florida. Although he has no criminal record he is considered a persistent law violator, particularly in automobile transactions, and of poor character.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Jacksonville, Florida, December 26, 1935.			
DETAILS AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Through discreet and confidential inquiry of Captain Frank Mitchell, Automobile Theft Bureau, Police Department, Miami, Florida, it was ascertained that David L. Shackelford has been in Miami for the past fifteen years and has been continuously engaged in the automobile business, both in Miami and Havana, Cuba. For about three years prior to 1926, Shackelford was the authorized Ford and Lincoln Dealer at Miami, then having his place of business at the corner of Northeast Thirty Ninth Street and Second Avenue. But, because of his alleged shady transactions, he lost his agency in Miami, after which he is said to have carried on in the automobile business as an independent dealer. In his dealings with Shackelford, Captain Mitchell stated that he has consistently found Shackelford to be dishonest, particularly in the matter of registering automobiles and purchasing cars that were stolen or</p>			
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were obtained by Shackelford through the medium of defective titles. However, sufficient evidence has never been obtainable to warrant the arrest of Shackelford, although he has been questioned by Police on numerous occasions.

Captain Mitchell further stated that Shackelford has no regard for law enforcement and has openly asserted himself in that respect. He is of poor character and reputation and is usually associated with individuals of the underworld or those possessed of criminal tendencies, nevertheless, he maintains his home at 245 Northeast Twentieth Terrace, in a reputable and exclusive residential section and is apparently financially well-to-do. Captain Mitchell stated that he is not aware of any local political connections which Shackelford may have.

At the present time, according to Captain Mitchell, Shackelford has the Ford agency at Homestead, Florida, and also operates the Palm Motor Sales Company, 1895 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, a used car concern.

Agent personally examined the records of the Bureau of Identification, Miami Police Department, but found no record of Shackelford's arrest.

It may be stated that the Biltmore Apartments, 512 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, in which Shackelford is said to have an interest, are located in a section inhabited by underworld characters, exclusively of the Jewish race.

Because of the necessity for discretion and confidence in this investigation, as suggested in the report of reference, no further inquiries were made at Miami at this time. Such additional investigation as may be desired will be conducted upon receipt of appropriate instructions from the office of origin or Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

The following description of Shackelford was obtained from Captain Frank Mitchell:

Name	David L. Shackelford
Age	55-60
Height	5'8"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Stout
Complexion	Ruddy
Color of hair	Dark brown
Color of eyes	Unknown

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Condition of teeth
Marital status

Good
Married. Wife: Theresa Shackel-
ford.

Residence

246 Northeast Twentieth Terrace,
Miami, Florida.

Occupation
Peculiarities

Automobile dealer
Dress, average, rather un-
kempt appearance.

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F. O. Box 64
Buffalo, New York

January 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 14, 1936 directed to the Chicago office requesting certain field offices to forward copies of reports submitted with respect to the above matter which your office does not possess.

In accordance therewith I am enclosing one copy each of the following files.

Report of Special Agent J. D. Conningham, Buffalo, N.Y. dated 3/6/35.

Report of Special Agent G. W. Hardy, Buffalo, N.Y. dated 8/30/34.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 17th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 14th, 1936, requesting the submission of certain reports in the above-entitled matter.

Your attention is specifically directed to letter of May 3rd, 1935, from this Office to your Office, submitting certain reports to you and to the ultimate paragraph thereof where it is stated that no extra copies of the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated March 12th, 1935, and the report of Special Agent H. C. Suran, dated April 12th, 1935, are available in the Chicago files, and suggesting that these reports be forwarded to your Office by the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice
508 Medical Arts Building,
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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:

Confirming telegram of this date, please be advised that I returned to Nashville at 11 a.m., January 17, 1936, from St. Paul, Minnesota, where I was a necessary witness in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton
T. N. STAPLETON
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT: Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/16/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/16/36	REPORT MADE BY: C. E. SMITH CES/EJB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a., I. O. #1252; HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: CRIMINAL KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SUMMARY REPORT

Synopsis of Facts:

Summary report of information relative to WILLIAM KIMMER MEAD as is reflected in file of Cleveland Bureau office.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 12/19/35; report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., dated 1/6/36.

DETAILS:

Desk officer William F. Keller of the Lima, Ohio Police Department stated that he had left the department shortly after 1929 and returned four years later and only had his memory and a page of notes to depend upon. However, it was his recollection that William E. Meade, known then as J. W. Longworth, had in company with Charles Lancaster, J. D. Stager and Charles O. Leamington, become acquainted with one W. T. Hamilton in Florida and as a result of that acquaintance induced victim Hamilton to meet them in Lima and purchase shares of stock of "The Huichihusyan Oil & Gas Company of San Luis, Potosi, Mexico."

The Lima Police Department records were searched by Officer Keller and the only record found relative to Meade was a wanted notice issued by the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, on July 2, 1934 bearing case #34837-E.

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Miss Agnes Dimond, Deputy Clerk of Municipal Court, was interviewed and a copy of a warrant based upon a complaint sworn to by W. T. Hamilton on July 5, 1929 is herein set forth:

"The State of Ohio, Allen County) ss CRIMINAL COURT
"The City of Lima,)

TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE, Greeting:

"WHEREAS, Complaint has been made before me, Judge of the Criminal Court of said Municipal Corporation, upon the oath of W. T. Hamilton; that J. W. Longworth, alias William E. Mead, alias "Christ Kid" did, on or about the 5th day of July A. D., 1929, in the City of Lima, in said Allen County, unlawfully and knowingly did falsely pretend with intent to defraud to one W. T. Hamilton that he was the owner of sixty thousand (60,000) shares of the stock of The Huichihuayan Oil & Gas Company of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and that he obtained said stock while he was in the railroad contracting business in Wyoming and that said stock was inherited by him from his father and that said stock had been purchased by his father for Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, by which false pretenses the said J. W. Longworth then and there unlawfully did obtain from the said W. T. Hamilton the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) in cash the personal property of the said W. T. Hamilton with intent then and there to cheat and defraud the said W. T. Hamilton out of the same; whereas, in truth and in fact he did not obtain said stock from his father and that said stock was not worth Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, and the said J. W. Longworth at the time he so falsely pretended as aforesaid well knew the false pretenses to be false; that the said false pretenses were false in fact and induced the said W. T. Hamilton to part with his said property.

"These are, therefore, to command you to take the said J. W. Longworth, alias, William E. Mead, alias "Christ Kid", if he be found in your County, or if he shall have fled, that you pursue after him in any other county within this state, and him take and safely keep so that you have his body forthwith before me, or some other magistrate having competent jurisdiction, to answer said complaint, and be further dealt with according to law.

"Given under my hand and seal, this 13th day of July A. D., 1929.

SEAL

NEIL R. POLING, Judge

WILMA CORDIER, Clerk."

This warrant has never been withdrawn and is in force and effect.

Officer Keller stated that his notes revealed that Mead had arrived in Lima, Ohio on June 24, 1929 and left on July 5, 1929, and had resided at 1315 W. Market Street, during the time he was in town.

Continuing, Officer Keller advised that on March 23, 1932 the Cincinnati Inquirer had carried an article relative to the apprehension of the following named individuals: Mark Fisher, age 49; Fred Reardon, age 40; Yellow Kid Weil; James Mill, age 24; Robert Fisher, age 26; George Spigham, alias Smith, age 62; Edward Fay, age 37; and Bernard Anderson, Marion, Indiana, and it was Keller's recollection that Spighman was Mead.

Keller further advised that Post Office Inspector J. F. Cordrey had also investigated the case at the time and offered for Agent's inspection numerous copies of letters and memorandums made by Mr. Cordrey at the time. As Agent was permitted to take the file to his hotel room to review same, it will be well to state here that Mr. Cordrey was later interviewed by Agent and repeated substantially the same story as Mr. Keller, advising however, that all of his correspondence on the matter had been destroyed as there appeared to be no violation of the postal laws.

Mr. Cordrey intimated that both Officer Keller and himself felt at the time that Mead had an "in" somewhere in the police department and in view of the above facts Agent did not disclose to Mr. Cordrey that he had reviewed any of his letters or memorandums.

The following information set forth was obtained from a review of the letters and memorandums in Officer Keller's possession.

On July 19, 1929, Post Office Inspector J. F. Cordrey wrote to the Inspector in Charge at Cincinnati, Ohio, and advised in substance that Sergeant William Keller of the Lima Police informed him that a Mr. Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio, had been fleeced of \$30,000 by a group of men operating a confidence game in Lima, Ohio, based upon fake Mexican oil stock.

According to Keller, the gang consisting of three men, namely William E. Mead, George Sterns, and Charles Long, inveigled Hamilton to come to Lima, Ohio, where Hamilton and Mead paid Long \$30,000 each while Sterns acted as attorney for both.

The last two paragraphs of this letter are quoted:

"It is understood that the men are out of Chicago, Illinois, and are known to police officials there. Warrants for their arrest have been furnished Chicago police, but the police department here are unable to get any action.

"It is thought that the Chief of Police here is personally acquainted with the men, or that he knew of their presence in Lima, and that they were protected while here. Sergeant Keller will greatly appreciate any information that might be available through me, of the persons."

Victim Hamilton advised Mr. Cordrey by letter on September 25, 1929 that it was his understanding that Charles Long, alias Leamington, had or was residing at 325 Maderia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, with a woman who posed as his wife and accompanied the letter with a photograph of Long and the woman. Mr. Cordrey transmitted this information to the Postmaster at Miami, Florida, requesting an investigation.

On March 17, 1930, Mr. O. W. Pittman, Postmaster at Miami, Florida, advised Inspector Cordrey that Mrs. Long had been identified as Mrs. Edith Marco, daughter of Mrs. Anna Duhl, who had rented the house at 325 Madeira Avenue from a Mr. Kettman of 315 Madeira Avenue. A search of the Miami Police Department records revealed that in 1928 Mrs. Edith Marco had been detained for investigation in connection with the robbery of the Lamar Bank, Lamar, Colorado, as she was in communication with two of the accomplices of that robbery.

The Postmaster at Miami, Florida, secured several tracings from the mail received by Mrs. Duhl, who later moved to 25 N. W. N. River Drive and it was noted that letters were received by Mrs. Duhl from the Fireproof Warehouse Transfer Company, 1018-1034 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, and John E. Wethers Transfer & Storage Company, 1000-12 N. E. Street, Miami, Florida, as well as the Secor Hotel, 1017 N. E. Street, Miami, Florida, and the Linden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

The following description of Mead is set forth and was obtained from various letters and wanted notices on file at the Lima Police Department and from Officer Keller's notes:

Name	-	William E. Mead
Alias	-	William E. Meade
"	-	J. W. Longworth
"	-	J. W. Reed
"	-	John Henry Foster
"	-	J. W. Parker
"	-	Christ Kid
"	-	E. E. Laird
"	-	Edward E. Gaynor
Age	-	60 (1934)
Height	-	5'8 1/8" to 5'11"
Weight	-	140 to 160 lbs.
Color of hair	-	Dark chestnut and thin
Color of eyes	-	Medium blue
Complexion	-	Florid
Peculiarities	-	Mouth distorted by wound, looks like a hairlip.
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	American, supposedly born in Iowa.
Marital status	-	Married, wife Katherine, alias Marie, alias Kate Schmitt.
Relatives	-	In Portland, Oregon and San Francisco, California, no names mentioned.
Residence	-	1928 to 1934 - 1833 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Criminal Record	-	Obtained from Wanted Notice issued by USM at Jacksonville: Convictions: San Quentin, Cal., 1896; Canon City, Colo., 1923; London England, 1930.
		Obtained from Officer Keller's notes: Chicago, Illinois #8390.
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Associates

CHARLES LANCASTER - no information as to criminal record.

J. D. STAGER, alias WILLIAM DORRY, alias GEORGE STERNS, alias GEORGE STEARNS, alias JOHN J. CUMINGS, alias GRAHAM SMITH, alias GEORGE STEINHART, alias GEORGE PHILLIP CONRAD. As GEORGE PHILLIP CONRAD - arrested 9/2/25 at Memphis, Tenn, Memphis PD #8348, FPC

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CHARLES O. LONG, alias CHARLES O. LEAMINGTON, alias EARL LUERMAN, Chicago PD #C-6436, FPC

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EDITH MARCO, alias MRS. CHARLES O. LEAMINGTON, no record.

MRS. ANNA DUEL, no record, residence 1930 - 25 N. W. N. River Drive, Miami, Florida.

Officer Keller stated that he had heard that restitution had been made to victim Hamilton, however, he had no evidence to substantiate the rumor. He also advised that all he had ever heard about Charles Lancaster was that he operated a beer joint in Chicago.

It is noted that in the report of Special Agent E. C. Suran, Chicago, dated January 6, 1936, the Chicago Police Department advised that subject Mead had been returned to Lima, Ohio and had later jumped a \$30,000 bond at that place. Desk Officer Don Miller of the Lima Police Department telephonically advised that their records did not disclose, nor could he personally recall, that WILLIAM KIMER MEAD had ever been apprehended or returned to the Lima, Ohio Police Department.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 17, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Reference is made to the long distance telephone conversation had with you by Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office on January 16, 1936, concerning the identification of THOMAS J. SHAW, Akron, Ohio Police Department No. 26337, as being identical with MILTON LETT, informant of the Oklahoma City office.

You will recall, as set out in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935, that reference is made to the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935, and that as a suspect in this particular robbery the post office inspectors secured information linking Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, who was arrested at Akron, Ohio on October 19, 1935, but released without any serious prosecution, with the said robbery. It appears that the investigation conducted by the post office inspectors developed the information that this individual purchased a 1935 Plymouth sedan, which car was used in the job, and information concerning this car was furnished to all field offices by letter from the Cleveland office, dated December 12, 1935, that the respective offices place wanted notices against this car.

The Bureau, by letter dated January 13, 1936 (7-576) furnished the criminal record of said Thomas J. Shaw, FBI #1008739, pursuant to request made of the Bureau by letter from the Cleveland office dated January 4, 1936. It is noted that the criminal record reflects that Thomas J. Shaw is identical with Milton Lett, the aforementioned informant of the Oklahoma City office.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd contacted Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, on January 17, 1936 and Mr. Hettrick advised Agent Dowd that the Akron, Ohio Police Department called him.

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on the afternoon of January 16, 1936, advising that they had just received the criminal record of Thomas J. Shaw, who was arrested by them on October 19, 1935, their number 26337, from the Bureau, and it is presumed that the Akron Police Department received this information as a result of the letter sent to the Bureau by the Cleveland office dated January 4, 1936. According to Post Office Inspector Hettrick, at the time he was making his investigation in the Garrettsville robbery and at the time he secured the photograph from the Akron Police Department, that department advised him that they had been advised by the Bureau that the arrested person had no previous criminal record and from this it would appear that when the Akron Police Department, on January 16, 1936, received the record from the Bureau they immediately contacted Post Office Inspector Hettrick by telephone.

As you were advised in long distance telephone conversation, Post Office Inspector Hettrick is now making active effort to locate and apprehend Milton Lett, who is now positively identified as being identical with Thomas J. Shaw. It would appear from the criminal record that this individual was not in fact involved in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail-train robbery, which occurred on November 7, 1935, inasmuch as the criminal record reflects an arrest by the Coffeyville, Kansas Police Department on November 6, 1935 and an arrest by the Sheriff at Yates Center, Kansas on November 7, 1935. However, in this respect, the post office inspectors feel that he has knowledge of the case inasmuch as the automobile which he purchased for cash, described in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935, was the car actually used in the robbery.

Special Agent C. E. Smith contacted confidential informant at the Harvard Club and exhibited the photograph of Milton Lett, alias Thomas J. Shaw, to him. He immediately identified it as a man known to him as "Willie" from New Orleans, stating, however, that it was his impression that the man was from Missouri rather than from New Orleans. The informant was unable to state what had given him the impression that Willie was from Missouri. The confidential informant further stated that he first recalls observing Lett at the Harvard Club about April or May of 1935, where he frequently shilled at the black-jack and crap tables. In so far as informant can recall, Lett disappeared from the Harvard Club for a period of approximately two months and then later returned, stating that he had visited his parents on a farm in New Orleans. Continuing, the confidential informant stated that Lett operated a black colored, two-door Ford sedan with Ohio license plates on same. During the time he was engaged as shiller and crap man at the Club he was very friendly with one "Smoky" Sharkey, who in turn was very close to Shiny Patton. Lett was also friendly with Tony Amersbach

It will be recalled here that the name of Phillip Amersbach was found on a piece of paper in the apartment at 7009 Franklin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, at the time that apartment was raided by Agents of the Bureau in September, 1934. The confidential informant further stated that he had observed Lett on several occasions having conferences with Art Hebebrand, each conference being held away from the rest of the persons in the Club. The confidential informant was unable to state where Lett resided when in Cleveland, but had the impression that he had heard he was a cousin of "Smoky" Sharkey and probably resided with him. According to the confidential informant, Lett disappeared some time ago and he has not seen him since.

It is to be noted that the letters emanating from Cleveland, Ohio to Mrs. Maggie Lett coincide in dates with the approximate periods that Lett was in Cleveland, Ohio, namely, May 6th, June 3rd, July 29th, August 5th, and October 7th, 1935. It would appear, therefore, that there is a strong possibility that the letters were sent by Milton Lett to his mother, Mrs. Maggie Lett, Wann, Oklahoma.

The Akron, Ohio Police Department photograph #26337, is being forwarded to the Chicago office with the request that a suitable number of photographs be furnished to interested offices.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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- St. Paul
- Oklahoma City
- Kansas City

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

There is being transmitted herewith photograph of one
THOMAS J. SHAN, alias Carl Baker, Akron, Ohio Police Department #26387.

It has been ascertained through a check of this man's finger-
prints that he is identical with one MILTON LINT, informant of the
Oklahoma City office. From information obtained, this individual pur-
chased the automobile which was used in the mail train robbery at
Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935, and is also wanted at the
present time by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the
above captioned case.

It is requested that sufficient copies of this photograph
be made and two each transmitted to all offices receiving copies of
this letter, and that the Cleveland office be furnished with six
copies of the same.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

REPORT MADE AT: PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-18-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-15 & 16-36	REPORT MADE BY: B. BILIRIO
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. #1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SUMMARY REPORT

In accordance with suggestion contained in Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, a review was made of the Pittsburgh file in this matter but no information was therein found in addition to that contained in Summary Reports submitted by the Chicago, New Orleans, and Detroit Offices and carbon copy of letter dated at New York City, January 14, 1936 to the Bureau, concerning **WILLIAM ELMER MEAD**.

A review was also made of all cases in the Pittsburgh Office where the name of Mead and his aliases appear as principal of the investigation but it was found that the said Pittsburgh files do not refer to **William Elmer Mead** sought by the Bureau in connection with this case.

The Pittsburgh files do indicate that within the past two years one **DR. G. C. KREIDLER**, 1206 Clark Building, Pittsburgh, now deceased, was defrauded of the amount of \$50,000; **JOHN HARRY COOK** of Youngwood, Pennsylvania was defrauded of \$22,000; **BERNARD B. BYCKERS**, Clarksburg, West Virginia, was defrauded in the amount of \$5,000; **ELI SZEP**, 2442 Casper Street, Detroit, Michigan, was defrauded in the amount of \$2,700 by confidence men who used the same scheme employed by Mead and referred to in the Summary Report submitted by the Chicago Office.

The descriptions of the confidence men who defrauded the persons herein mentioned, however, do not answer the description of **William Elmer Mead**.

Inquiries were made at the Identification Division of the Pittsburgh Police Department concerning Mead but no information could be obtained. Mead, according to police records at Pittsburgh, evidently never operated within the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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R. L. Shivers
 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Edward J. O'Connell

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID
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Dear Sir:

Reference is had to letter from Chicago office to the Special Agent in Charge, Salt Lake City, January 3, 1936, referring to possible location of Karpis in Las Vegas, Nevada, or Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Reference is further had to letter of Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, St. Paul, January 13, to the Special Agent in Charge, Salt Lake, in the letter of which it appears it has been quite definitely established by interview with Dolores Delaney that the Las Vegas referred to is in Nevada instead of New Mexico.

Furthermore, I am quite sure there is no night club or gambling house in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and in the light of present information it is deemed unnecessary to make check at Las Vegas, New Mexico, and same will be held in abeyance until specific instructions are received.

Very truly yours,

R. E. COLVER
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward J. Brennan

W.A. SMITH,
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
 1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
 KANSAS CITY, MO. *649-597*
 BREKID LICENSE PLATE SIX FOUR NINE FIVE NINE SEVEN WHITE NUMERALS ON
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Salt Lake City, Utah.
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 17th, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to my letter of January 6th, 1936, requesting authority to continue the employment of confidential informant Tony Vaitkus for an additional thirty-day period.

This authority has not as yet been received and it is requested that the Bureau telegraphically advise whether such employment should be continued, it being noted that the previous authority for the employment of this informant expired on January 7th, 1936.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd
D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JANUARY 20, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.
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Transmit the following message to:

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BREKID. AUTHORITY GRANTED EMPLOY TONY VAITKUS AS CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANT FOR ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAY PERIOD.

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Per *[Signature]*

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri,
January 17, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE:

BREKID

On January 16, 1936, a mail tracing was received from
the postmaster at Topeka, Kansas, on a letter addressed to Mrs. A.
Groons, 1234 North Monroe, Topeka, Kansas. The return address on
this letter, which was postmarked St. Paul, Minnesota, 1936, 9:30
P.M., is John Karpavicz, General Delivery, St. Paul.

This information is being furnished as it is not known
at the Kansas City office whether John Karpavicz is in St. Paul to
attend the trial.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated January 10, 1936, wherein you advise that you are desirous of establishing a contact at the Hollander Hotel, at Cleveland, Ohio, and in that connection you are desirous of knowing the reliability of Mr. R. F. Marsh, the present manager of that hotel, who came to Cleveland from Kansas City.

Mr. Thomas B. Bash, Jackson County Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, who has cooperated very closely with this office and this Bureau throughout his administration, was contacted in view of the fact that Sheriff Bash maintains a downtown residence at the Hotel Kansas Citian, Mr. Marsh having formerly been the manager of that hotel. Sheriff Bash stated he has known Mr. Marsh for a number of years; that he cannot speak too highly of Mr. Marsh as he is a man of good reputation and always has cooperated with Sheriff Bash. Sheriff Bash remarked that Mr. Marsh often took the initiative to call matters to the attention of Sheriff Bash which were of interest to the Sheriff in his official duties; further adding that on one occasion the Sheriff had told Mr. Marsh of some undesirable people residing at his hotel and Mr. Marsh immediately took steps to make these people leave. Sheriff Bash reiterated that Mr. Marsh was "A-one", and he felt sure that Mr. Marsh would cooperate sincerely with this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Cincinnati
St. Paul
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Chicago

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629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska
January 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Agreeable with the request in your letter of
January 14, 1936, to the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago
Office, there are being enclosed, one copy each of the reports
of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, March 15, 1935
and December 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

H. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
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Chicago (Connelley)

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

CONFERENCE CALL TO:

FBI BOSTON 1-15-36 6-55 PM JLB

SAC NEW YORK CITY

SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

PHONE. BREKID RE JIMMIE MOON. J. J. BRESLIN, CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR

FOR NEW ENGLAND, ADVISES THAT HIS RECORDS DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY MAIL

ROBBERIES PERPETRATED IN VERMONT. FURTHER ADVISES THAT LARGEST

BURGLARY IN VERMONT OCCURRED IN NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY TWO AT WHITE

RIVER JUNCTION WHEN NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND THREE THOUSAND

IN LIBERTY BONDS WERE TAKEN. BONDS HAVE NOT YET APPEARED BUT BRESLIN

DOES NOT THINK THEY WOULD BE WORTH TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AS THEY

ARE STILL CONSIDERED "HOT". BRESLIN HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF MOON NOR OF

MOON'S EMPLOYER.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Edw. G. Brennan

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

January 15, 1936.

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Time - 12:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent K. R. McIntire telephoned me from St. Paul and said that they have run up against a snag in connection with the trial of the above case in St. Paul, the situation being as follows: In connection with the ransom money which was picked up in Havana, Cuba, there was \$12,760 of this money segregated at the Federal Reserve Agency of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank in Havana, Cuba. This amount of money was a portion of a shipment of about \$68,000 which was sent by the Havana Agency to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., on May 18, 1935 for mutilation and destruction. It was sent to the Treasury Department in Washington under a cover letter written by Mr. H. C. Frazer, who is manager of the Havana Agency of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank in Havana. Mr. Frazer forwarded this money to the Treasury Department in Washington under what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes". This is known as Treasury Department Form 6338RA. This money was not money which was drawn or issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank; as a matter of fact, it is described as moneys or currency other than that which was drawn or issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia. Of the shipment above mentioned of \$68,000, approximately \$13,000 was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The bank in Havana, Cuba which transmitted this money is not able to send \$12,760; they must send either \$12,000 or \$13,000. \$12,760 of that \$13,000 which was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is ransom money. The entire \$13,000 is in ten-dollar bills.

Now, what the United States Attorney wants is to have some person from the Treasury Department produce the original of what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes", which "advice" lists the denominations of the money and also the names of the banks issuing the same. The U. S. Attorney wants this person from the Treasury Department to appear in person in court and produce and testify to the same. The money in question was sent in 37 individual packages, according to the information, and the U. S. Attorney would like to have someone from Washington to produce or testify to the fact that such moneys were as a matter of fact received in these 37 packages. The U. S. Attorney also wants a representative of the Treasury Department who can testify from his own personal knowledge that the shipment of \$68,000 mentioned above was received in Washington and destroyed. The U. S. Attorney wants these witnesses forthwith.

I told Mr. McIntire we would take care of this at once.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

JAN 29 1936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Edw. N. Bremer & Bank Notes
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-50. EPL.**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-15-36	REPORT MADE BY E. J. CHAYFITZ.
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Chief Postal Inspector, Breslin, Boston, Mass. states no mail robberies in Vermont. Further advises has no knowledge of Moon nor Moon's employer. Dolly J. Carter employed as maid for past 8 years to F. Gregg Bemis' family, 70 Codman Road, Brookline, Mass. Dolly is aunt of Melba Coker through Melba's mother. She is also aunt of Edna Carter; is devoted to these two persons and sends money frequently. Further information ascertained as to Dolly's relatives. 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor PJ 322772 not registered in States of Rhode Island, Mass. or Vermont. Flash cards placed. Impossible to check same through registries of Maine and New Hampshire.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype message from Oklahoma City Office, dated 1-15-36.
Letter from SAC, Oklahoma City, dated 1-10-36, addressed to E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, copy to Boston.
Letter from SAC, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 12-12-35.

DETAILS:

With reference to the teletype message from the Oklahoma City Office, requesting information regarding Jimmie Moon and a United States mail robbery supposedly committed sometime ago, in the northern part of Vermont, Agent E. J. Chayfitz contacted J. J. Breslin, Chief

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Postal Inspector for New England. Mr. Breslin advised that he has been in charge of this district for a great number of years and that he does not recall any mail robberies being committed in Vermont. He stated that his records show that there have been only a few crimes against the United States mail in Vermont, and that these were burglaries. He said that the largest of these burglaries occurred in 1922, at White River Junction, Vermont, when \$900. in cash and \$3,000 in Liberty Bonds were taken. No traces ever been found of these Liberty Bonds but Mr. Breslin was of the opinion that no one would be willing to pay \$2500 to obtain these Bonds as they are still considered "hot goods".

Chief Breslin further stated that he had no knowledge of any one by the name of Jimmie Moon, nor of any individual set forth in the reference teletype, nor of any crime against the United States Post Office wherein an employer of a suspect was arrested for investigation in connection therewith.

Being unaware of the fact, as stated in the reference teletype, that Moon had not asked for any money in seeking some one to obtain the alleged loot, Chief Breslin suggested that the whole affair bore characteristics similar to the well known "Spanish swindle".

A teletype incorporating the above facts was immediately dispatched to the interested offices.

In accordance with reference letter dated January 10, 1936, from Oklahoma City Office, Agent Plunkett of this office contacted Hugh J. McCall, Money Order Clerk at the Tremont Street Station Post Office, Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. McCall showed this Agent the original request for the instant money order #457434, in the amount of \$30.00, issued January 3, 1936 to Miss Melba L. Coker, Nowata, Oklahoma. The request showed that the remitter, Dolly J. Carter, resides at 70 Codman Road, Brookline, Massachusetts, instead of "care of Cadman Road, Boston", as stated in reference letters. Mr. McCall stated that this person calls every week or ten days and sends small amounts by money order.

Mr. Conley, Superintendent of the Brookline Post Office advised Agent Plunkett that Dolly Carter is a maid in the home of F. Gregg Bemis at 70 Codman Road, Brookline.

The Boston City Directory shows that Mr. Bemis is Vice President and Treasurer of the Bemis Bag Industries at 40 Central Avenue, Boston, Mass., a reputable business house in this city.

Accordingly Mr. Bemis was contacted by Agent Plunkett and he stated that he had hired Dolly Carter as a maid in 1927 when he was living in St. Louis, Missouri, and that with the exception of one year (about 1930) Dolly has been living with them ever since. He stated that she is a steady and reliable woman and apparently very devoted to her nieces, to whom she sends practically all her earnings. Mr. Bemis found it necessary to contact his wife in order to obtain information as to Dolly's relatives. He informed Agent Plunkett that, without disclosing the reason therefor, he has now obtained from his wife, the following information as to Dolly J. Carter's relatives:

Dolly's parents reside at Bois D'Arc, Missouri. Her father works on the railroad in that vicinity and her mother apparently is part Indian. As far as is known Dolly apparently had one sister and one brother. The sister married a man named Coker and subsequently died leaving a daughter, Melba. Melba at one time resided at Kansas City; on another occasion had tuberculosis, and is presently engaged to marry some man in Santa Fe.

Dolly's brother had a daughter named Edna Carter, who is now married and lives on a farm with her husband near the home of her grandparents in Bois D'arc.

Mr. Bemis was not informed of the reasons for Agent's questioning, but was only assured that Dolly was in no trouble with this Bureau. He gave his assurance that he would treat the inquiry as strictly confidential, not even mentioning the same to his wife.

No leads are being set out in connection with these relatives of Dolly Carter since apparently they are not related to the Coker family. Further action in this connection is left to the discretion of the office of origin or the Oklahoma City Office.

With reference to the letter of the Cleveland, Ohio Office, dated December 12, 1935, addressed to all field offices, concerning the 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, this will report that the Motor Vehicle Registries in the States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont have advised that this car has not been registered in those States, but that a flash card is now on file so that the Boston Bureau Office will be notified in the event registration is attempted. The States of Maine and New Hampshire do not carry registrations through index of motor numbers, so that it is impossible to ascertain whether a car has been registered, with the owner's name, and impossible to place a flash card against a motor number.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11-36	REPORT MADE BY VAL C. ZIMMER OS
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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William Shaw, with wife and mother-in-law, operated Stratford Hotel, Salt Lake City, 1931 and 1932; presently managing Broadway Hotel, Salt Lake City. Bob Lynch, owner of Stratford, advises Shaw formerly indicted Florida on mail fraud charge over ten years ago; advised Shaw has reputation of being contact man for confidence men over country and absolutely uncooperative.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, 12-31-35.

DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

An examination of Salt Lake City directory failed to reflect a listing for William A. Shaw; however, agent remembered that in connection with investigation being made in the Weynap case, certain information was obtained concerning one William Shaw, which information was set forth in the report of this agent dated at Salt Lake City, September 7, 1935, in report in the Weynap case.

Information concerning Shaw was received as the result of inquiry being made at the Stratford Hotel concerning certain individuals believed to

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have been acquainted with Dainard who stayed at the Stratford Hotel. Agent, as set forth in above mentioned report, contacted Bob Lynch, manager of the Stratford Hotel. Mr. Lynch was personally known to Special Agent (A) C. B. Duggan and also to this agent, and is a law-abiding citizen of good character and well regarded in the community; he also is well informed concerning certain activities of confidence men who had previously congregated at the Stratford Hotel.

Mr. Lynch advised that during 1931 he had leased the Stratford Hotel to a Mrs. Camp, who formerly lived at Ogden, Utah, and who had a very excellent reputation. According to Lynch, the reputation of Mrs. Camp was such that he did not require any security from her at the time she leased the hotel from him. At the time such lease was made, Mrs. Camp had with her a daughter, Mrs. Shaw, who was married to one William Shaw. Lynch advised that William Shaw did very little work and depended upon his wife and mother-in-law to support him, and spent most of his time around pool halls and gambling places. Lynch further stated that Shaw had been indicted on a Federal charge for using the mails to defraud in Florida over ten years ago, and that it was his understanding that Shaw had not been convicted on that charge, although he had gone to Florida in answer to the same.

Through inability of Mrs. Camp to successfully operate the Stratford she relinquished the same to Mr. Lynch in 1932, who took over the active management of the Stratford. He stated that an undesirable class of guests came to the hotel, which he believed was the result of William Shaw having assisted his mother-in-law in the operation of the same, and that he, Lynch, made it known to such individuals that they were not welcome there, as a result of which such clientele ceased to pay visits to the Stratford. However, shortly after he took over the management of the hotel from Mrs. Camp, Lynch advised that a man and woman came to the Stratford Hotel and registered, at which time the woman raised an objection to staying in the Stratford, saying that it was not good enough. Lynch said he particularly remembered this incident because of the manner in which the man quietly and definitely informed her that it was a good, clean hotel, and that they would remain there for the night. This man also asked Lynch whether Bill Shaw was yet connected with the Stratford. Lynch also remembered that a maid working in the hotel at that time, who had also worked there during the regime of Mrs. Camp and the Shaws, made a remark to him that the man who had just registered was Mr. Shaw's boss from the east. From other information which Lynch had acquired, he stated it was his understanding that Shaw was a confidence man and worked under the direction of some person, name unknown, either around St. Paul or Chicago. He also advised that it was current rumor that Shaw was used as a contact man for all the confidence men who might pass through Salt Lake City, and that he usually had information concerning the location and addresses of his confederates engaged in the confidence business.

Mr. Lynch advised agent that he did not know whether he could identify a photograph of the individual who came to the Stratford Hotel with his wife, but that he recalled this man was about fifty years of age or older and well dressed, with a quiet and confident air, wore glasses, was of medium or slender build. He could not furnish any description of the wife. Agent exhibited a full-length photograph of William Mead to Mr. Lynch and he stated he could not identify the man by features but that the general physical build appeared to coincide with that of the man who registered at his hotel.

Mr. Lynch also stated that William Shaw's wife had been a secretary at one time to U. S. District Judge Tillman D. Johnson; that she was well educated and a very smart woman, but that after having married Shaw she apparently had turned her talents toward crookedness. He stated it was his opinion that it would be absolutely useless to interview Shaw or his wife concerning the location of any of their confederates, inasmuch as they would not divulge any such information. He stated Mrs. Camp is over eighty years of age and undoubtedly did not know the identity of the Shaws' confederates or the activities of the Shaws, and probably was only aware of the fact that her daughter had married a man who was no good.

As set forth in the above mentioned report of this agent in the Weynap case, discreet inquiries were made at the Broadway Hotel, 222 West 3rd South, Salt Lake City, at which time agent talked with William Shaw under pretext of being an acquaintance of one Jack O'Neil, who had stayed at the Stratford Hotel at the time Shaw operated the same. At the time of such interview Shaw furnished no information of value.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Cincinnati office: Inasmuch as report of reference asked for the location of Shaw, is respectfully requested to advise whether, in view of information secured concerning Shaw, it is desired that a direct interview be had with him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-35-**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1/16/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3,4/36	REPORT MADE BY C. O. HURT
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; NATL. FIREARMS ACT	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lucy Lee Mann, age 15, well known at Decatur, Texas, and is not believed to have any information in this case. Superintendent of Mails, Wichita Falls, has no information of value; must have registry number to trace delivery of registered mail in his district. O. E. Whisnand, County Highway Officer, Electra, Texas, will cooperate in this case but has no information at this time. Cover placed on mail of Chloë Bush at Wichita Falls, Texas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12-23-35, and letter from Cleveland Office dated 12-20-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: This report is submitted for the purpose of reflecting the identity of persons corresponding with Mrs. Howard McNeel, Route 2, Decatur, Texas. It will be noted that Mrs. McNeel is a sister of Harry Campbell. A mail cover was placed on Mrs. McNeel's mail by the Dallas Office on 1-15-36. This mail cover reflects that Mrs. McNeel is the wife of Howard McNeel, Box 374, Decatur, Texas, and Chloë Bush, 150 [redacted] Texas; that these two persons are the only persons in the Dallas District who are corresponding with Mrs. McNeel.</p> <p>On January 3, 1936, the writer proceeded to Decatur, Texas, where Lela Mann, Postmistress, was interviewed. It should be stated that Lela Mann and Lucy Lee Mann are not related. Lela Mann stated that she had known Lucy Lee Mann all her life; that Lucy Lee Mann is a young girl about fifteen years old, and has been away from Decatur, Texas, only twice in her life; that for the last two sum-</p>			
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 1 St. Paul 1 Cleveland 1 Chicago (Mr. Connelley) 2 [redacted] 2 Dallas		<p>7-1576-9103</p> <p>JAN 20 A.M.</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 20 5 MAR 29 1965</p> <p>STAT. SECT.</p>	<p>JAN 20 1936</p> <p>JAN 29 1936</p>

mers Lucy Lee Mann has visited her mother, Mrs. George Lewis, Iowa Park, Texas; that Lucy Lee Mann's mother, Amy Lewis, was formerly Amy Mann and lived at Decatur, Texas, until about six years ago when she married George Lewis and moved to Iowa Park, Texas. Mrs. Lela Mann stated that in her opinion, Lucy Lee Mann is not real bright; that no one would trust her with any secrets that they would not want everybody to know.

Grady Woodruff, a reputable attorney at Decatur, Texas, who has assisted the Dallas Bureau Office in a prior case, stated that he has known the Mann family for several years; that Cander Mann, father of Amy Mann, raised a large family of girls and boys, and that the children have a bad reputation around Decatur though none of the family has been in serious trouble. He stated that Amy Mann has given birth to two or three illegitimate children, including Lucy Lee Mann; that several years ago George Lewis was City Marshal at Decatur, and deserted his family, married Amy Mann, and moved to Iowa Park, Texas, where he has since been residing on a farm; that when Lewis and Amy Mann were married they left the children of Amy Mann with her father, Cander Mann, at Decatur; that Lucy Lee Mann and the other children visit their mother at Iowa Park, Texas, during the summer months.

O. E. Whisnand, Wichita County Highway Patrolman, was interviewed at Electra, Texas, and stated that he knows George Lewis and his wife; that they live about sixteen miles southeast of Electra, Texas, on the Iowa Park, Texas, Mail Route, and until recently they lived near the Howard McNeel family; that he remembers during the summer of 1934 that Mrs. Lewis's daughter from some other town visited her; that Howard McNeel has a boy about the age of Mrs. Lewis's daughter; that it is his opinion that the McNeel boy and Mrs. Lewis's daughter went together while the daughter was visiting her mother; that the McNeel family recently moved about a mile from where they formerly lived, and are now living neighbors to some of his, Whisnand's, best friends; that he will know everybody who visits the McNeel family. He stated that he visits this community about three times each week, and will keep in close contact with his friend living near the McNeel family, and will advise the Dallas office if any strange car or people appear at the McNeel home.

C. K. Johnson, Superintendent of Mails, Wichita Falls, Texas, stated that the only record he keeps of registered mail is the registry number and the office of origin; that Wichita Falls, Texas, Post Office is a distributing point for numerous small towns in the Wichita Falls community, and that mail is routed from Wichita Falls. He stated that if the writer could furnish him the registry number, he could advise in what section the mail was routed; that a large part of the registered mail is re-routed by the Railway Mail cars after it leaves Wichita Falls Post Office. Mr. Johnson also stated that Chloe Bush, 1907 Holliday Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, does not have a Post Office box; that she receives her mail through the Post Office Carrier. Mr. Johnson examined his Post Office directory, which revealed that O. E. Bush and Mildred Bush, husband and wife, have lived at 1907 Holliday Street since October 30, 1935; that

he has no record of a Chloe Bush at this address, but that his carrier delivers mail for a Chloe Bush at the O. E. Bush home. Mr. Johnson stated that O. E. Bush works for the Wichita Mill and Elevator Company; that Gene Berry is the General Manager of this Company and a personal friend of his. Mr. Johnson contacted Mr. Berry who advised that O. E. Bush has worked for him for the past two years; that Mildred Bush formerly worked for the Northwestern Produce Company, Wichita Falls, Texas; that it was his opinion that both O. E. and Mildred Bush are reliable; that he does not know of any children of the Bush family.

Mr. Johnson and Agent interviewed T. P. Norwood, City Mail Carrier for 1907 Holliday Street, who advised that he recalls delivering mail to Chloe Bush at 1907 Holliday Street on one or two occasions; that he never sees anyone around the Bush home; that it is his opinion that both Mr. and Mrs. Bush work. Mr. Johnson instructed Mr. Norwood to ascertain the identity of Chloe Bush, if any more mail appears for her at this address, and to make a note of any visitor or strange automobile at this address, and report same to him.

Mr. Johnson stated that he will keep notes on mail or anything else he can learn about this address for the next thirty days, and will save these notes, if any, until an Agent calls for them. Mr. Johnson was requested to forward tracings of mail from the vicinity of Colorado, Cleveland, Ohio, to the Dallas Office, and was advised that an Agent would call to see him relative to other mail received for Chloe Bush from the Wichita Falls vicinity.

C. C. Burrus, Postmaster, Iowa Park, Texas, stated that he and the rural carrier are keeping close watch on the Howard McNeel mail; that he is forwarding tracings of everything they receive to the Dallas Office; that he has instructed the carrier to see if he can find out where the McNeels live, and has cautioned him not to ask questions that might arouse suspicion.

Mr. Burrus also informed Agent that he will soon retire as Postmaster and will notify the Dallas Office when he does.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, Ohio** I P FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/6 to 12/36	REPORT MADE BY R.H. Colvin jrn
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, IO 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO 1236; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Agents at El Paso Office assisted Agents from Los Angeles in surveillance of Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias J. Coster, at El Paso and Carlsbad, N.M., January 8 to 12 inclusive. Fitzgerald and companions kept under constant surveillance, telephone and telegraph messages covered, resulting in no suspicious contacts. Mail tracings received on C.G. Campbell, Midland, Texas, transmitted to SAC Connelley.			
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REFERENCE: Conference teletype message from Los Angeles Office to Bureau, Phoenix, and El Paso, 1/6/36; and conference teletype from El Paso Office to Bureau, Los Angeles, and SAC Connelley, St. Paul, 1/9/36.			
DETAILS: AT EL PASO, Texas:- Upon receipt of the first teletype of reference advising that Charles J. Fitzgerald was expected to arrive at El Paso on January 8th accompanied by T.C. Haley, Imogene Robertson, and possibly Catherine Packard, Agent proceeded to the Hilton Hotel at El Paso where arrangements were made with Mr. Don R. Burger, Manager of said Hotel, to select in advance rooms to which the party would be assigned upon arrival and that the room adjacent thereto should be reserved for use of Agents covering this party. Accordingly rooms 919 and 915 were set apart for the two girls and for Fitzgerald while room 917, between these two rooms, was reserved for the use of Bureau Agents. Inasmuch as the arrangements were that the party was to go to Carlsbad, N.M. and vicinity ostensibly to visit an oil well in that section in which			
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Fitzgerald was interested, Agent M.C. Falkner was despatched to Carlsbad to ascertain the exact location and route to the property in question. At Carlsbad and vicinity Agent Falkner made the following investigation:

Agent interviewed E.B. Harrison, President of the Carlsbad National Bank, who was not given the details behind the inquiry and who promised that the inquiry would be held confidential. Harrison stated that Haley is a rather frequent visitor to Carlsbad, where he is interested in the development of oil fields; that he knows nothing further about Haley and knows Foster and Imogene Robertson only through correspondence with them in regard to their affiliations with Haley in connection with an oil well being drilled about twenty miles south of Carlsbad. Mr. Harrison produced his records which reflect the following: b7c

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Mr. Harrison further stated that all the papers in connection with this matter are in proper order and apparently pertain only to what is indicated, namely the drilling and development of an oil property; that the well is now being drilled under the supervision of William Leonard, a well known and responsible local oil man. (note: This would seem to explain [REDACTED])

With reference to the above named John G. Archer, the records in Mr. Harrison's office disclose that this person is connected with Archer Blow Pipe and Incinerator Corporation, 704 Compton Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Harrison was unable to advise as to the exact location of the oil well in question, but did know that it is about 25 miles south of Carlsbad, N.M. in the neighborhood of Black River Village.

Under pretext of being a Mr. Warren of El Paso in search of the George Penland Ranch near the Black River Village, Agent interviewed Mr. Dowling, of the above named real estate firm, to whom Agent stated that Penland had only recently arrived in Eddy County and had advised that his place was just south of where the Haley well was being drilled. Mr. Dowling then pointed out on the map the location of the Haley well and stated there were several ranches beyond this well, but he did not know who owned them.

Through the information obtained Agent located the well in question, but owing to the number of small, dim roads after the main highway is left, it is impossible to describe the location of this well; however, Agent prepared a plat from speedometer readings indicating exactly the route from Carlsbad to the oil site. Copy of this plat was subsequently furnished to Special Agent F.H. Wright, Los Angeles Office, and additional copy is on file at the El Paso Bureau Office.

AT EL PASO, Texas:-

The following investigation was made by Agents Colvin and Falkner on 11/8/36:

Having received a telegram from Agent Wright at Deming, N.M., advising that the parties would arrive in two cars about 9 p.m. that night, arrangements were completed with Mr. Don R. Burger, Manager of the Hilton Hotel, for rooming the Fitzgerald party as related hereinbefore.

At 7:50 p.m. Agents, from a position on the street near the Hilton Hotel, observed Imogene Robertson and Catherine Packard drive to the entrance of the Hilton Hotel in a Terraplane Sedan, California license 5X-9201. They were immediately assigned, by previous arrangement, to room 919. About the time that they procured their room Agents Wright and Leckie appeared and a short time later Agents observed Fitzgerald and Haley arrive at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel in a Pontiac Sedan, California license 6 S 5275. The members of the party registered at the hotel under their own names with the exception of Fitzgerald who used his present alias of J.C. Foster.

Immediately the party had been roomed Agents Colvin and Falkner entered Room 917 with the contact dictaphone, where attempts were made to listen in on the conversation in room 915, assigned to Fitzgerald; but owing to the extreme thickness of the walls, not all of the conversation could be heard; however, it was ascertained that the girls first came into Fitzgerald's room followed shortly by Haley who had been registered into room 905. They held a general conversation and about 9:30 decided to go to Juarez, Mexico, by taxicab, for dinner. They were tailed out of the hotel by Agent Falkner who secured the taxi cab number and proceeded to Juarez where they were located in the Lobby #2 Cabaret, all seated at the same table.

Agent Falkner was joined shortly by Agent Colvin and the party was kept under surveillance until 1:30 a.m. They had no contacts with anyone and spent the time eating, drinking and dancing, except that Fitzgerald, apparently on account of his crippled leg, was unable to dance. Fitzgerald bought a considerable quantity of wine during the evening. Upon departure from the Lobby #2 about 1:30 a.m., they proceeded in a taxicab to the Venice Cabaret on South El Paso Street, El Paso, Texas, to which

place they were followed by Agent Falkner, and where they continued their previous activities until 2:30 a.m., and then walked from there the three blocks to the Hilton Hotel. They were not seen to contact or speak to anyone during the entire evening.

Arrangements were made with the hotel that this office would be immediately notified by telephone in the event either of the two cars used by the party was called for. The observation is here made that as soon as the party had left the hotel on the evening of the eighth for Juarez, two Agents from the Los Angeles office moved into room 917 and remained there continuously during the occupancy of the adjoining rooms by Fitzgerald and party. On January 9th a Bureau car was kept available at all times to follow either of the two cars when it was learned that either had been called for. However, later it was decided to send Agent Falkner on to Carlsbad in advance of the party in order that they might not observe him or think that he was following them. He therefore arrived at Carlsbad in advance of the party and reports that at about 6:55 p.m. the people in question arrived at the La Caverna Hotel there, registering under the same names as used at El Paso.

Fitzgerald was assigned to room 318, Haley to room 312, and the women to room 319. Owing to the fact that Carlsbad is a very small town and to the further fact that Haley is a constant patron of La Caverna Hotel, it was decided it would be inadvisable to solicit cooperation of the hotel management for fear that the matter would not be kept confidential. The two cars driven by the party were stored at the Sears Garage, across the street from the La Caverna Hotel. Agent Falkner, from within his room, was able to hear considerable talking done by the party. They spoke principally of oil wells and liquor, and nothing was heard which would have any bearing on this investigation.

Fitzgerald and party had been followed to Carlsbad by Agents Wright and Bugas in a Bureau car, previous arrangements having been made for them to stop at the Crawford Hotel and not to take any part in the surveillance for fear of disclosure or exciting the suspicions of Fitzgerald, who was thought to have possibly observed them enroute from Los Angeles to El Paso.

On 1/10/36 Agent Falkner observed Fitzgerald and Haley in the latter's car in front of the Sears garage. They proceeded north on Highway 285 to Artesia, N.M. where they stopped in front of the Artesia Hotel and Haley got out of the car and entered either the hotel or the office of the Pecos Valley Gas and Oil Company in the same building. Fitzgerald remained in the car and ten minutes later Haley returned and they proceeded east on the Artesia-Lovington highway for a distance of five miles, where they turned sharply to the right on a one-way trail over the plain. It was not practical to follow further as from the nature of the country a car could not proceed very far and in this connection Agent had been advised by Agent Wright that his instructions were that the surveillance was to be very discreet. Therefore, the following was discontinued at this point for the moment.

It will be stated that when Haley and Fitzgerald left the hotel, the former had several large maps in his hand which were later seen in the car.

Agent Falkner waited at a point one mile down the highway and then proceeded to Artesia where he waited until 12:30 p.m., at which time Haley and Fitzgerald had

not appeared, but discreet inquiry disclosed that a person driving out the road in question could reach the Artesia-Carlsbad highway without returning to Artesia. Agent returned to Carlsbad at 1:30 p.m. and at approximately 4 p.m. Fitzgerald and Haley entered the hotel and went to Haley's room. A few minutes later the two women went to that room. The door being left open, their conversation was easily overheard. They were drinking and talking about oil wells, particularly with reference to a new one beyond Artesia, which is probably the property Fitzgerald and Haley had gone to look at when at Artesia. Haley was heard to call someone over the telephone and invite that person to bring his girl friend to a dinner party that evening at 7 p.m., Haley mentioning that his friend "Foster" and the two women would leave Carlsbad the following morning.

Agents Wright and Bugas were kept informed of the developments, it being further ascertained that the dinner party was to be held in the private dining room of La Caverna Hotel. Agents Wright, Bugas and Falkner observed the party in progress. The man and woman whom Haley had invited to the party did not resemble any of the subjects in this case and from later conversation in the Haley room, it appears these individuals were doubtless local citizens, the man being interested with Haley in local oil developments. The parties returned to their rooms at about midnight on 1/10/36.

On 1/11/36 Haley was overheard to tell Fitzgerald that they would have to hurry and get their bags packed. Agents Wright and Bugas were immediately notified and preparations made to tail them. At 9 a.m. on 1/11/36 Imogene Robertson left the hotel and proceeded to the Carlsbad National Bank, returning in about thirty minutes; then Haley, Fitzgerald and the two girls proceeded to the office of Dowling and Moody, remaining only a few minutes, proceeding thence to a bar room near the bank, returning shortly to the hotel. At approximately 11:30 a.m. the party left the hotel, placed their bags in the two cars in question, and left Carlsbad, going south on Highway 62 (the El Paso road). Haley and Fitzgerald were in the Pontiac and the women in the Essex. They were followed by Agent Falkner to a point four miles south of Carlsbad, Agents Wright and Bugas following in a second car. Agent Falkner then returned to Carlsbad, Agents Wright and Bugas following the party towards El Paso.

At 2:30 p.m. Agent Falkner, while on other business in Carlsbad, observed Haley in his Pontiac parked in front of Sears Garage accompanied by three strange men. This party drove to the Dowling and Moody offices and then back to the garage where the three men left Haley and got into a black 1936 Ford Sedan, New Mexico license 33-749. These men appeared to be typical oil field workers.

That evening, upon arrival at El Paso of Agents Wright and Bugas, they reported that after the two cars had proceeded a few miles from Carlsbad, Fitzgerald got into the car with the women and Haley had turned back and did not apparently intend to go on to El Paso with them.

On the afternoon of the 11th, upon ascertaining that the party would again arrive at the Hilton Hotel, arrangements were again made with the management that Fitzgerald would be assigned to Room 902, which has a connecting door with room 901 which was reserved for Agents. This connecting door ^{is a} very thin wood panel and subsequent experience disclosed that by use of the contact microphone practically every word said in

room 902 could be heard by Agents in the adjoining room. Agent Leckie was stationed in this room, 901, and remained there with the microphone and was later joined by Agent Wright.

Inasmuch as Agents Whitson and Bugas felt that they had become "hot" by being on this surveillance so long, Agents Colvin and Myerson, who had just arrived in El Paso on special assignment, agreed to conduct surveillance outside of the hotel during the evening of the 11th.

Shortly before 7 p.m. we were advised from the hotel that Fitzgerald had called for a taxicab, the number of which was secured, and it was ascertained that they had gone to the Tivoli cabaret in Juarez, to which point they were followed by Agents Colvin and Myerson and were found seated at a table on the dance floor. They had ordered dinner and were drinking considerably. In order to appear inconspicuous, it had been arranged that Stenographer Mrs. Williams and her husband would join Agents and assist in the surveillance. Fitzgerald and the girls remained quietly eating and drinking at this place until about 11:30 p.m., the only break in the party being when the two girls got up and went to the "City of Paris" apparently to purchase a quantity of perfumes and other articles. They returned directly to their table in the cabaret.

At 11:30 p.m. they suddenly departed and were seen to enter a yellow cab, driving directly across the international bridge. They were followed by Agents Colvin and Myerson, but not closely enough to observe where they left the cab which, however, was immediately picked up and from the driver it was ascertained he had let them down at the Hilton Hotel. Agent Leckie, on watch in room 901, was advised by telephone and later reported that they had gone to bed.

During this entire evening Fitzgerald, Imogene Robertson and Catherine Packard appeared very subdued and quite apparently were not feeling very lively after their big party at Carlsbad. It may be observed that during the whole of their stay in El Paso they were not seen to contact or address any person other than hotel employees, taxi drivers, and cabaret employees.

At the Lobby #2 cabaret in Juarez, Agent is closely acquainted with Keno Wilson, floor manager, who has always cooperated fully with this Bureau and whom Agent took into his confidence, to the extent of telling him that we were merely observing the movements of the old man for the purpose of ascertaining whom he might contact in Juarez. Keno, the next day, reported to Agent that none of the party had contacted or spoken to anyone else.

On the morning of January 12th, the El Paso office was advised by the Hilton Hotel that the car of Imogene Robertson had been ordered for 8:30. Agent proceeded to the hotel and observed Fitzgerald and the two girls having their breakfast in the coffee shop, and exactly at 8:30 they entered Imogene Robertson's Terraplane Sedan and departed. Agents Wright and Leckie had already started to Lordsburg, N.M., where they intended waiting to observe whether the party took the road via Phoenix or via Tucson, we having been previously advised by the Los Angeles Office that Imogene Robertson had phoned her home that they would come back by Tucson. It will be noted that the hotel had reported that Fitzgerald (Foster) had made one call to Exposition

1271, Los Angeles, at 2:40 a.m. on the 9th; that Imogene Robertson had also placed a call.

It was arranged that Agents Bugas and Whitson should follow the Terraplane out of El Paso in order to be definitely sure that they had departed on the highway towards Los Angeles.

At about noon on January 12 Agent Wright phoned from Lordsburg that the party was just pulling into that place.

As a matter for future reference it may be stated that the management of the Hilton Hotel cooperated most fully and confidentially in this matter and furnished rooms for the Agents for observation purposes for two nights; and refused to accept any reimbursement therefor.

In connection with the investigation at Midland, Texas, with respect to C. G. (Jack) Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, and as a result of mail covers placed at that point, tracings on four letters have been received and the information concerning them transmitted to SAC E. J. Connelley, and copies thereof to the Bureau, Dallas, San Antonio, Cincinnati, and other offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:-

EL PASO OFFICE:-

Will continue with mail cover on C.D. Campbell at Midland, Texas.

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January 18, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC Kansas City and Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago.

BREKID ONE PORTION OF LATENT PALM PRINT DEVELOPED ON ROAD MAP SUBMITTED
BY KANSAS CITY OFFICE UNDER DATE OF SIXTEENTH INSTANT BUT NO PALM PRINTS
OF ALVIN KARPIS OR PERCY GEARY ON FILE IN BUREAU FOR COMPARISON. LATENT
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JANUARY 18, 1936

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

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to Bureau letter dated September 8,
1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of
Elmer Farmer, Register #47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leaven-
worth, Kansas, there are transmitted herewith and to each
of the offices designated below copies of the following
correspondence:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant,
dated at Leavenworth, Kansas, January 9, 1936;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, post-
marked St. Paul, Minnesota, January 12, 1936.
(Special delivery - Air Mail), and

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer,
postmarked Chicago, Illinois, January 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
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Letter written by Elmer Farmer #47103 to Blanche Brabant

Leavenworth, Kansas,
Jan. 9, 1936

Dear Blanche.

I received your letter tonight and was glad to hear from you. I see in the paper you are having snow and cold weather up there, its about the same down here now. Its nice and warm whear I am as I am not working so dont get out side. I dont mind it much now any way as I dont like the cold weather. so you heard from McMeeken and he cant do anything about it also Sullivan, I dont think it would do any good for you to write to Bates, so the best thing to do now is waite and see what thay are going to do with me, as I dont think thay can keep me locked up like this much longer. It was about the same in here New Years day as Christams we all went to the show. that trial is on in St Paul now so when its over then that will be the last one so I know thay will do some thing with me then about work here or transferd me some place else. Its nice about Franzen asking about me also the others but thay cant send me anything and I dont know of anything thay could do to help me. so Gifford goes over to Bensen-ville I suppose thing are about the same around there. I hope Gifford gets some kind of work before long now, as I know Chub will never have much to give you. If some one would onley buy the place down there you could get half of it and that would help some. Its about time for the light to go out now so will have to close. I will mail this letter to you on my way to breakfast in the morning best wishes to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

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COPY

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Special Delivery - Air Mail -
postmarked St. Paul, Minn. Jan. 12-1936.

Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minn. Saturday Morn.

Dear Elmer:

Surprised to hear from me, I suppose and from St. Paul, but nevertheless I am here and certainly hate it as usual. I told you in my previous letter that I thought I would be subpoenaed up here. I was. I was told to be here on January 6th and then Mr. Sullivan sent me a wire and told me to come up on the 9th. You, of course, remember my uncle who lived on the south side in Chicago (if not him you do remember my cousin who had all the children, her father) anyway he dropped dead Tuesday night, so I had to get special permission to stay over for the funeral and promise to come up here Thursday. Montie certainly put me in the middle and it seems sort of mean to me as after all I do not think I deserve it. You can imagine just how scared to death I really am up here and I feel Elmer if you wire up here and would consent to help the Government they would let me go home and not make me take the stand. Please consent to coming up here and doing what you can. You know you can help the Government in this trial? I am positive it would help you a great deal if you would consent to help them and if you would come up here and try and do what ever you could to help them, they would send you to another place and you would be able to get to work and go along and perhaps get out sooner than you will this way.

I am sure if you were here they would let me go home and I wish you would. I would be able to see you again too and I would like to. Well anyway you think it over, after all why should you try and protect anyone. None did that for you. Montie even told he lived at our house. Mr. McMeekin called me and said he would see me this afternoon. There isnt any court until Tuesday. I guess I will be goofy by that time. Please try and get up here so I can see you again and I am sure they will let me go home if you do.

Did Blanche tell you about Jim? You know how he is always fooling with a gun whenever he has a few drinks? Well, that is just what he was doing New Years Day and the gun went off and he shot himself in the leg. Last reports of him I had were that he was in the hospital getting along nicely. I received your letter before I left Thursday and was glad to hear from you. I suppose you are still receiving the paper from up here. Edna Murray was on the stand yesterday so you see Elmer they are all doing just whatever they can do to help the Government. Why won't you? I heard Jimmie Wilson was transferred to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and is taking a Pre-Medical course there. Who is Charlie Cook whom you mentioned in your letter? I really cannot place him so when you write again tell me more about him. Herman Baucke was up here but left the day I arrived. I wonder if he sprinted away from the Court House the way he did the last time he was up here? There are fourteen Cubans here that I did not see as yet and also seven negroes from Florida.

The man who brought you up here from Leavenworth was talking to me yesterday and asked me how you were getting along and said he hoped you would come up here and try and help yourself. You know Elmer, they really know everything but they would feel better if you were here I guess.

The judge's name is Norday "a solemn old person". Well I guess this is just about all for this time. I will write to you tomorrow again and tell you just how everything is.

My apologies for the change in the paper, but I am completely out of the other and knowing you won't mind thought I would finish up on this. You know Elmer, in all sincerity I hope you will come up here and try and help yourself, if you don't, Reid nor no one else can help you if the Government blocks it and that's just what they will do I am afraid and after all why should you spend a lot of unnecessary time in jail if you can help yourself?

You really will regret it. I think if you do not come up here as really Elmer it is your last chance to help yourself and I do think the Government would show you some consideration and see that you would be more comfortable at some other place and you could go to work.

That man that asked me about you told me you were not in very nice quarters. Well Elmer, I hope you will do this favor for me and come up so that I can leave without receiving a lot of publicity and I know will make me lose my job and you know how hard it was for me to get the job in the first place.

No one told me to write to you and if they did I would not just to please them. But it would mean a lot to me if you come up here just so I could go home.

You know just what my aunt said about me coming up here. I will be lucky if I have any home or job if I take the stand and that's just what they will make me do unless you come up here. Honestly Elmer, I am sick, I am so scared and worried about the whole mess. Hoping that you will do this for me and that I see you up here soon.

Helen Conliff
Lowry Hotel
St. Paul, Minnesota.

COPY

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked: Chicago, Ill. Jan. 14, 1936.

Monday, Jan. 13, 1936

Dear Elmer:

I received your letter today and was very glad to hear from you. It's too bad you have to be kept inside all this time and can't get some work to do, but may be they will give you some work as there must be lots of men leaving. McKeeken doesn't seem to be able to do anything at all, too bad you ever had him.

Things are going along here alright. Gifford expects to get some work soon. We are going into Chicago to-morrow. It's much warmer here. I haven't seen Chub since before Christmas but he will be coming over one of these days.

I think it would be best to keep the place on account of the large lot you have there. I thought we could build a larger place when you come back, if the business is good. I can talk to you about this when I see you.

Gifford made a wren house today, it's very nice, painted white, he'll put it on the north side of the garage and see if the wrens will make a home in it next summer.

It's now 7:30 PM, we play checkers, I generally get beat, and listen to the radio. We are all well and hope you feel alright too. Gifford sends best regards.

Lovingly your sister

Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave.,
Elmhurst, Ill.

Princeton

Kentucky

Jan 16. 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover - 27451

Dear Sir.

In the regard of Alvin Karpis.
I am sure he was at Princeton.
Ky. in Nov. from 10 to the 15. I work
in a Beer Garden here. I was looking
over the line up and saw his picture.
I could recognize him every where.

I also see that he got away
from the Officer in Aurora MO.
I am ready to render my service
in every way. I am 32 yrs old.
am 6 ft tall weigh 170 lbs.

I am yours truly,
Wallace Heaton

Princeton Kentucky

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Mr. Wallace Benton,
Princeton, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 16, 1936 concerning your observations in connection with the case involving the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, please be advised that I have referred a copy of your communication to Mr. G. C. Doney, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 709 Marks Building, Louisville, Kentucky, who will have an Agent call upon you with reference to this case.

With reference to your offer to render assistance to this Bureau, please be advised that applicants for the position of Special Agent must be between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five years, a graduate of a recognized law or accounting school, or have had extensive investigative or law enforcement experience. If you possess these qualifications, your application will be placed on file for consideration in the event it is possible to utilize your services at some future date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Louisville (Copy of letter of 1-16-36)
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REPORT MADE AT Denver, Colorado	DATE WHEN MADE 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-3, 6, 8, 10-36	REPORT MADE BY L. G. HEALEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		C. B. Venkinson, former correspondent of W. E. Mead, not known at Thermopolis, Wyo., and whereabouts unknown. Evidence that W. E. Mead was present in Casper, Wyo., about 2 years, but present whereabouts unknown.	
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colo., 1-2-36.			
DETAILS:			
<u>AT CASPER, WYOMING.</u>			
<p>Captain Will Miller of the Casper Police Department, who has been most cooperative with the Denver Office in other matters, advised Agent that William E. Mead, who was reputed to be a "big shot" confidence man, had been in Casper about two years ago but that his present whereabouts was unknown. Mr. Miller further stated that Meade had been associated with B. J. McCafferty, who also was known in Casper as a gambler and confidence man. Miller stated that he had no other information concerning Mead but advised that should Mead appear in Casper, he would notify the Denver Office.</p> <p>Sheriff Jack Allen was unable to offer any additional information but stated that Mead had gone on a hunting trip about two years ago with Roy "Wrinkles" Williamson, who formerly lived in Casper but who is now living with his brother in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Reference report</p>			
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has already set out a lead to the Little Rock Office to have Williamson interviewed, and copies of this report are being transmitted for their information.

Louis Turner, assistant manager of the Gladstone Hotel, and the operator of the gaming rooms there, was shown pictures of William E. Mead with aliases, but Turner stated that he was unable to recall the man.

Thomas Kirkmeyer, operator of the Rialto Pool Hall and gaming rooms connected therewith, was also shown pictures of Mead, but he stated that he had never seen Mead in Casper.

Thomas Neighbors, owner of the Grand Central Bar and gaming rooms, who had been previously interviewed by Agent, advised Agent, after being shown pictures of Mead, that the latter was not known to him.

B. J. McCafferty was out of town and not available for interview.

AT THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING.

Nate Hilt, Manager of the Emery Hotel and formerly manager during 1934 of the Crystal Rooms, a night club operated in conjunction with the Gladstone Hotel, was unable to recognize pictures of Mead, although stating that he was vaguely familiar.

Efforts to locate a C. B. Jenkinson, who was a correspondent of Mead while he was incarcerated in Canon City, Colorado, in 1923, have been unsuccessful.

George Cole and Lee Mathers, Town Marshals at that period, advised that Jenkinson was unknown and Jim Hatfield, Chief of Police at that period, also stated that he never knew any Jenkinson of Thermopolis.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Casper, Wyoming, will interview B. J. McCafferty, alleged associate of W. E. Mead, and himself a confidence man, relative to Mead's whereabouts. McCafferty may be located at the Arcade Bar or the Gladstone Hotel.

At Denver, Colorado, at 4822 Perry, or Colorado Springs, Colorado, as set out in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, January 10, 1936, will interview Elmer Hager as to the source of the information received by him that Dr. Moran had joined the Cuban Army in Cuba about two years ago and was being

sought by a "G-man" for violation of the narcotic laws.

At Casper, Wyoming, as indicated in the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colorado, 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 Denver, Colorado, as indicated in the report of Special Agent R. H. Groff, Denver, Colorado, dated January 5, 1936, 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 "Blondie Kate" alias "California Kate" was ever fingerprinted or photographed; 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.

At Denver, Colorado, and at Cheyenne, Wyoming, as indicated in the report of Special Agent R. H. Groff, Denver, Colorado, dated January 5, 1936, will cause a search to be made in the Motor Vehicle Bureaus of the States of Colorado and Wyoming in an endeavor to ascertain if Subject Campbell, using the aliases G. R. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Forth has applied for a driver's or chauffeur's license, or has registered an automobile within these states, pursuant to instructions contained in letter from the Cleveland Office dated December 16, 1935.

At Canon City, Colorado, as indicated in the report of Special Agent R. H. Groff, Denver, Colorado, dated January 5, 1936, will exhibit photographs of Elmer G. Stone and Bert F. Knudtson to Arthur Johnson alias "Red Johnson" who is serving a life sentence for murder at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, who previously gave considerable information as to Gus Stone, and who should be able to identify him, in accordance with letter from the Chicago Office dated December 26, 1935, and letter from the Omaha Office enclosing the above photographs, dated December 27, 1935.

In accordance with Bureau letter of December 19, 1935, will submit a summary report to all interested offices not later than January 20, 1936, in order that a thorough understanding can be had of Mead's background, habits, contacts, friends, and method of operation.

At Colorado Springs, Colorado, pursuant to

instructions in Chicago Office letter dated December 27, 1935, will contact R. C. Rayburn, 1216 West Pikes Peak Avenue, on the possibility that such person might be the contact through which Charles J. Fitzgerald is communicating with Karpis and Campbell, and considerable discreet inquiry should be made to determine the identity, responsibility, etc., of R. C. Rayburn, referred to. It is to be realized, of course, that this person may have no connection whatsoever in this case.

At Karval, Colorado, in accordance with Dallas letter dated December 28, 1935, which town is located approximately 60 miles east of Colorado Springs, Colorado, prompt inquiry should be made to ascertain the identity of A. T. Parker.

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REPORT ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/17/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/13/36	REPORT MADE BY: W. T. Gray
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

* Summary report of information in the Butte files relative to the activities of William Elmer Mead in the Butte district.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935.

DETAILS:

It was first ascertained that Mead was known to be acquainted in this district on May 5, 1934, when Dr. Frank J. Bell, dentist, Room 412, Electric Building, Billings, Montana, advised that he had known William Elmer Mead for the past twelve years. Dr. Bell advised that he owns a cabin in the Madison Valley not far from the Hebgen Dam in the vicinity of Cliff Lake, Montana, and that Mead and his wife had rented a cabin in close proximity to that of Dr. Bell's during a month or two for each summer. The Doctor had no reason to cast any suspicions on Mead until he received a clipping from the "Minneapolis Journal," dated May 1, 1934, from his son showing photographs of Mead in company with other suspects and subjects of this case. At this time Dr. Bell advised that within the month previous to this he had received a letter from Mead from Chicago, Illinois, advising that he (Mead) would be out to see him during that summer, which would be 1934. This was the last definite word or connection that Dr. Bell has received from Mead. The Doctor advised that Mead had become quite intimate with one Morris Staggers, a bootlegger who lived in the vicinity of Cliff Lake, Montana.

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Dr. Bell communicated with the Butte office from time to time and furnished the following information:

That Mrs. Mead has a sister in Portland, Oregon, named "Schmitt" whom he knew to have lived, in 1931, at 288 East Broadway, and a sister named "Barter" whom he knew to live, in 1931, at 1440 Boston Avenue, Portland, Oregon. He did not know the first name of either of these two people. The Doctor advised that Mrs. Mead visited her sisters quite often during the time that the Doctor and Mrs. Bell had been acquainted with them. Dr. Bell advised that the Meads had once lived on a ranch near Portland, Oregon.

In a conversation with Morris Stagers in May, 1934, Stagers had mentioned to the Doctor that he knew Mead was in trouble, and that if Mead came to that part of the country he (Stagers) would hide him out.

In a communication received at the Butte office on August 14, 1934, Dr. Bell advised that Stagers had been away from Cliff Lake during the early spring, and that upon his return he found a letter that had been mailed to him (Stagers) from Mead, dated April 10, 1934, at Chicago, in which Mead advised Stagers that he "is in bad with the Federal people and has to get out of Chicago" and asking Stagers in the letter if he could not come out and hide at his place until fall, or go back up into the mountains where they were hunting on a pack trip two years previously, having Stagers bring supplies to him. In this communication Mead advised that there would be another fellow with him but mentioned no names. The Doctor advised that the letter was authentic inasmuch as he (Dr. Bell) knew Mead's handwriting and his misspelling very well. He requested Stagers to answer at once. However, there was a delay of nearly two weeks in receiving the letter and although Stagers immediately responded, no further word had been received from Mead. Dr. Bell advised that Stagers had not heard from Mead since that time.

In a note dated December 28, 1935, Dr. Bell advised that he had written to Stagers twice this last fall, but has received no reply. He advised that he wrote to some people in the vicinity of Cliff Lake whom he knew, and these people advised him (Dr. Bell) that when Stagers returned from the term served at Camp Lewis for violation of liquor laws he had with him a new wife, and Stagers is presently thought to be somewhere in Idaho, having moved from the vicinity of Cliff Lake.

A sample of handwriting in the form of the signature "W. E. Mead" was transmitted to the Chicago office in January, 1935, from Butte, which is contained on a letter written by Mead to Dr. Bell's son. It is noted on this communication that Dr. Bell referred to Mead as "The Christian Kid," which nickname of Mead's Dr. Bell learned during his association with Mead at Cliff Lake.

Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, had interviewed Dr. Frank J. Bell, dentist in the Electric Building, Billings, Montana, on December 30, 1935, and

upon his return to Butte the request from the Bureau to secure additional information in regard to Mead was on the desk. He immediately wrote Dr. Bell, who is the person best acquainted with Mead in Montana, and asked him to give all the information possible about this man, and received the following letter from Dr. Bell which is self-explanatory:

"Dear Mr. Dickason

"I thought I would get a reply to your letter today at the office but I did not get time to do so.

"I do not know as I can give you any additional information of any value regarding our friend the Christian Kid. I wrote you I thought he would be in the south or some place where it was warm. He told me many times he just could not stand the cold. He was not very strong physically and I can easily believe the cold did not suit him. I know he always left Chicago about November and went down to Florida or over to Cuba. It may be just a bum hunch but if I was starting out on my own hook to look for him I think I would look in the southwest, probably New Mexico, Arizona, or Texas. He had been in Florida a lot and it would seem to me he would avoid it now, for he must know quite a lot of people there whom he would not want to meet. I think you told me he had jumped bail there for using the mails to defraud.

"To my knowledge he had never been down in the southwest country I speak of. Another point, he is just a nut on hunting & fishing - especially fishing and I can easily think he might hunt up some out of the way place where he was close to a trout stream. He and Mrs. Mead were great campers and always carried a fine camp outfit in their big Lincoln car (seven passenger car). It is part of his camp equipment that he left at my place - including a good sized portable Victrola, camp cooking utensils, ect. that were more or less bulky. He always brot out with him a shotgun & a rifle - a 30-30 Winchester. He was a very good shot. I never saw him use or have any small arms. I used to think it was rather strange but when ever they went into Yellowstone Park for a few days they never went to a hotel but always camped. I realize now that he may have been afraid of meeting some one he did not want to see.

"I gave you at one time the addresses of some of her relatives, so I have nothing more in information of that kind. I can not think of anything that would be of much value, unless it would be that he is holed up at some more or less out of the way place where he can be out in the open - maybe it is because he had put in several years behind the bars, but I never saw anyone who loved the outdoors and all that went with it like he did.

"If I can help in any way I will be very glad to do so.

"Sincerely
(Signed) Frank J. Bell

"He did not have as many bad habits as I have - he did not drink - about

one drink was all he would take. He would smoke an occasional cigarette. He would not gamble - except maybe a penny ante game sometimes in the evening when a gang would get around my fireplace - Mrs. Mead would not take anything but a very small drink, just to be sociable if we were having a little drink before a meal."

On January 6, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dickason telephoned Dr. Frank J. Bell at Billings, Montana, and ascertained from him that the articles mentioned in his letter belonging to Mead are still stored in his cabin on the Madison River in Montana; also, that they were stored there in the Fall of 1933 and that Mead has never asked for them since that time, although he wrote the Doctor a letter in 1934 mentioning them, but after this matter came up he has not communicated with Dr. Bell in any way. The Doctor will notify the Butte office immediately upon any information being received by him in regard to Mead or these goods.

On January 10, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dickason, while in Billings on other matters, again interviewed Dr. Bell, who advised that there is in his cabin belonging to Mead, one coffee grinder, one pair hip boots, some coffee and beans (this is in addition to the Victrola mentioned before). Dr. Bell advised that at first the Meads left a camp stove but before leaving, returned, and got it, putting it in their car.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The BUTTE OFFICE will keep in touch with Dr. Bell for any further developments regarding Mead's presence in Montana and the present location of Stagers.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Ed. George Bremer

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CONNELLEY AT ST PAUL

FBI CALLING FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE ST PAUL 0711.

FBI LOS ANGELES 1-15-36 9 P. M. CBG.
SAC CONNELLEY
PHONE. BREKID. NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS TODAY. TELETYPE LAST NIGHT
SENT BY MISTAKE TO YOU AT CHICAGO ADVISING THAT FITZGERALD AND SAME
PARTY PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS TO CARLSBAD IN
CONNECTION OIL DEALS. FITZGERALD POSSIBLY TO TRAVEL BY AIRPLANE
AND ROBERTSON WOMAN AND CHARLOTTE PACKARD BY AUTOMOBILE. AN AGENT
WILL ACCOMPANY FITZGERALD AND TWO AGENTS IN AUTOMOBILE WILL KEEP
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Warden F. G. Zerbst,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: E. H. Eckhardt.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the following
letters you have forwarded to this office relative to
the mail of Elmer Farmer, #47103:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant,
dated January 9, 1936;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer,
dated January 12, 1936; and

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer,
dated January 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I. O. #1218, Et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
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Post Office Drawer "V" Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri
January 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

At 9:05 P.M. January 15, 1936 this office received a teletype message from the Chicago Office requesting that the listing on 1936 Illinois automobile license plates #649597, which presumably had been seen on a 1931 model Ford Cabriolet, be procured and transmitted to your office and to ascertain whether these plates had been stolen.

This office immediately ascertained by telephone through Special Agent V. J. Wolfe at Springfield, Illinois that no Illinois plates for the year 1936 in the 600,000 series had been issued owing to the fact that the paint on the plates in that series was defective and all of such plates are being re-painted. It was also ascertained by Agent Wolfe that 1935 Illinois plates #649597 were issued to Robert B. Jones, 1125 Holley Court, Oak Park, Illinois for a LaSalle automobile motor #218834.

Immediately upon receipt of the foregoing information, same was telephonically communicated to the Kansas City Office. For your information, the 1936 Illinois plates bear white numerals on a black background, however, as stated in the foregoing, no 1936 plates from the 600,000 series have been issued to date by the state of Illinois. For your further information, the 1935 Illinois plates bore blue numerals on a white background.

Very truly yours,

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JAY C. NEWMAN,

Special Agent in Charge. A. M.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7/36	REPORT MADE BY W. M. BOTT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, # 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. # 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">The records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., were examined and the aliases, description, photograph, criminal record, correspondents, visitors, associates, and other pertinent data concerning James F. O'Neill, no. 38719, secured.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Office, dated January 4, 1936.			
DETAILS: <p>The records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., disclose the following information concerning James F. O'Neill, no. 38719, with aliases, James Connors, James Connors, James O'Neil, Tip O'Neill, James Francis O'Neill, James Miland, James Moore, who was received at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta on June 16, 1931, from Dayton, Ohio, under sentence to serve five years and to pay a fine of \$1,000 for holding up the post office at Steubenville, Ohio. On June 16, 1931, O'Neill was sentenced by the U. S. District Court of New Jersey to serve a sentence of five years to run concurrently with the five year sentence imposed by the U. S. District Court at Dayton, Ohio. The New Jersey sentence which O'Neill received resulted from the burglarizing of the post office at Asbury Park, New Jersey. O'Neill was discharged from the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta by expiration of sentence on April 22, 1935.</p> <p>The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, disclose that O'Neill's accomplices in the Steubenville post office robbery were Frank Grabowsky, E. M. Stewart, E.C. Webb, and Benson Groves and that his accomplices on the Asbury Park post office burglary were Benjamin Grayson, Leo Laurie, Thomas</p>			
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*Reilly, E. M. Stewart and Frank Grabowsky.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary disclose the following description of James F. O'Neill:

Age	52 yrs. (born Dec. 25, 1888)
Height	5' 5 3/4"
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown, streaked with grey
Birthplace	Ohio
Residence	1495 W. 116 St., Cleveland, Ohio
Marital Status	Married; wife, Mrs. Marie O'Neill, 11835 Lake Ave., Apt. 4, Lakewood, O. Wife has two children.
Fingerprint Classification	9 U 10 12 17 U 010 17

The records of the Penitentiary also disclose that the following persons visited O'Neill during his incarceration at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATION
G. J. Hayes	2709 Collingwood, Toledo, O.	Friend
Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Hertz	1436-1440 W. 25th St., Cleveland, O.	Friends
E. E. Ehlers	Dep. U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati, O.	Friend
A. J. Kelly	1544 East 71 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
Charles Hardy	1544 E. 71 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
P. C. Hanlon	1381 W. 186 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
William Hawley	1381 W. 186 St., Cleveland, O.	Brother
Mr. & Mrs. F.A. O'Neill	11402 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, O.	Friend
P. J. Fallon	1381 W. 116 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
F. A. Handler	E. 107 St. & Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O.	Friend
S. Y. Spiegel	E. 107 St. & Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O.	Friend
P. H. Creswell	P. O. Bldg., Cincinnati, O.	U. S. Marshal

The records of incoming mail received by O'Neill during his incarceration list the following correspondents:

Mary	Cleveland, Ohio	Pal
Murreen	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Patrick	Cleveland, Ohio	Cousin
Bob	Washington, D. C.	Pal
Parson McGinty	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Jack Cavanaugh	Columbus, Ohio	Friend
Fern	Cortez, Florida	
Tommy McGinty	406 United Bank Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Richard Butler	New York City	

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATION
Paul Horton	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Patrick Fallon	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Eagan and Murphy	Cleveland, Ohio	Friends
James	Cleveland, Ohio	Cousin
Frank	Cleveland, Ohio	Brother
D. M. O'Neill	Savannah, Georgia	Attorney
John Egan	11601 Detroit, Cleveland, Ohio	Friends
Pat and Paul	Dayton, Ohio	Friend
J. Coveney	Atlanta, Georgia	Friend
Thomas A. Leahan	Morris, N. Y.	Friend
Frances Z. Cohan	Washington, D. C.	Friend
Peg	New York, N. Y.	Friend
Margaret	2341 E. 73 St., Chicago, Ill	Friend
Parson McGinty	Chicago, Ill	Friend
Charlie	420 Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Mrs. Marie O'Neill	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
	11835 Lake, Lakewood, Ohio	Friend

During his imprisonment in the Atlanta Penitentiary O'Neill addressed mail to the following individuals:

Jack Egan	Dayton, Ohio	Friend
C. B. Reich	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
James A. Patton	Cleveland, Ohio, 2527 Detroit Ave.	Friend
J. Parson McGinty	408 United Bank Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Geo. E. O'Neill	11601 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Art Heberbrand	3909 W. 158 St., Columbus, Ohio	Friend
Billy Fergus	10117 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio	
Hon. R. J. Butler	New York City, N. Y.	
Geo. E. O'Neil	2156 Northland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio	
Margaret Meehan	2403 C. 72 St., Chicago, Ill.	
Mrs. Dorothy M. O'Neill	2156 Northland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio	
Margaret Meehan	2341 E. 73 St., Chicago, Ill	
Mrs. Marie O'Neill	11835 Lake Ave., Lakewood, Ohio	

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta contain the following criminal record of O'Neill:

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The records show that O'Neill was represented by Mr. John E. Egan, Attorney, 12th floor, Third National Bldg., Dayton, Ohio, while O'Neill was incarcerated at Atlanta and that Egan attempted to secure O'Neill's transfer to a Federal penal institution in Pennsylvania.

The prison officials at the Atlanta Penitentiary advised that the inmates of that institution regard O'Neill as the "cleverest safe blower" in this country today.

Nine photographs of O'Neill have been secured from the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, six of which are being attached to the Cleveland Bureau Office's copies of this report and one each to the St. Paul, Chicago and Cincinnati Bureau Offices' copies of instant report.

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

REKID

Reference is made to the investigation that is being conducted with a view to locating WILLIAM LEAD for questioning in connection with the above mentioned case.

Your attention is invited to the report submitted by Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, on page 28 of which it is indicated that the records of the Presidente Hotel in Havana, Cuba, reflected that Casius McDonald and William Day had stopped at that place from January 20, 1934 until March 7th of that year, when William Day departed leaving his forwarding address as 226 North 22nd Street, care of Mrs. Pitt, Miami, Florida.

William Day, according to recent information obtained by Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson in Los Angeles, California, from a city detective named Robertson, who has assisted the post office inspectors on confidence cases, is a notorious confidence man who was arrested in Los Angeles sometime ago, subsequently being convicted in U. S. District Court at Rochester, New York and at this time is reported to be serving a sentence in the U. S. Penal Institution, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The above is being called to your attention since you are conducting an investigation concerning LEAD in Miami and possibly the above address will be of assistance to you in that connection.

Copies of this letter are being designated for the Philadelphia Office and it is suggested that it make a check at the Lewisburg Penitentiary to determine if DAY's mail records indicate that he is in communication with LEAD or with some of LEAD's known contacts.

Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau; 2-Philadelphia. C. J. ST. IN
Cincinnati; Chicago New York. Special Agent in Charge

Edward J. Brown

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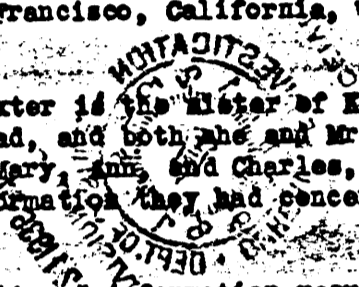
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-35**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/15/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/9,10/36	REPORT MADE BY F. C. Dorwart--INT
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236, et al.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.	
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			
SUMMARY REPORT			
<p>In accordance with request contained in Bureau letter dated 12/19/35 that a summary report, containing all pertinent data with reference to William Elmer Mead, be submitted for the information of interested offices, a review of the San Francisco files reveals that no investigation with reference to Mead, under that name or any of his known aliases, was ever conducted by this office prior to the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, dated 11/21/35, at which time the family of C. A. Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, California, was interviewed.</p> <p>Mrs. C. A. Baxter is the sister of Kate Schmitt Mead, wife of William Elmer Mead, and both she and Mr. Baxter, as well as their three children, Mary, Ann, and Charles, were very cooperative in furnishing any information they had concerning Mead, or his wife.</p> <p>Since the pertinent information resulting from interviews with the Baxter family has been thoroughly covered in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1/6/36, it is not considered necessary to repeat same in this summary report.</p> <p>Investigation by the Portland Bureau Office, as reflected by the report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated 12/31/35, indicated that Mr. J. J. Parker, a former bartender of Billy Lyons, believed that Billy Lyons might be able to give information concerning Mead, since he believed that Lyons was well</p>			
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acquainted with Mead.

Billy Lyons was subsequently interviewed, as reflected in the report of Special Agent F. C. Dorwart, San Francisco, California, dated 1/14/36, at which time he advised that he had known Mead by the name of "Christ Kid", as well as Mead, but that he hasn't seen nor heard from Mead for many years, and is not acquainted with Mead's present location.

Mr. Lyons was very cooperative, however, and advised that he would communicate with the San Francisco Bureau Office in the event he received information concerning Mead.

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 19, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

John Karpavicz, Chicago, father of Subject Karpis, who has been at St. Paul attending the present trial, was allowed to see Dolores Delaney on Saturday, January 18, 1936; and thereafter, after checking out of the Spalding Hotel, proceeded via his Ford Coupe automobile enroute to Chicago at about 3:00 p.m., and should arrive there Sunday night or Monday, January 20, 1936. We have been in close touch with his activities while here and for this reason no surveillance was had of him on the return trip to Chicago, for the reason that he might become unduly suspicious, he being difficult to follow as he becomes lost frequently in his travel and drives very slowly. In contemplation of the expected setup we are to arrange in the apartment house where he, John Karpavicz, lives, I do not wish to do anything to particularly arouse him at this time.

Agent Suran should be released shortly and I will have him proceed to Chicago at once to endeavor to arrange the planned new setup above referred to.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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 PHONE BREKID EDWARD GIZZIE, TAXI DRIVER, NEW YORK CITY, REPORTED
 TO NYPD THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD CARRIED A PASSENGER TO HUDSON
 TUBES STATION ON CORTLAND STREET, WHO RESEMBLED KARPIS. UPON
 INTERVIEW BY BUREAU AGENT AND AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF
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Time - 5:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Special Agent in Charge Magee of the New Orleans Office telephoned Mr. Thompson to report to the Bureau the fact that the Agents of that office are working on a lead on Karpis at Gulfport, Mississippi. He said that today he received a telegram from a filling station operator in Gulfport, Mississippi, reporting the presence of a person in that vicinity who the operator thought to be Karpis. Mr. Magee said that he sent Agents Blake and Neal of his office right over there, and they are due to arrive in a couple of hours.

Mr. Magee said that the purpose of the inquiry at this time is to make a preliminary survey to see if there is any basis in fact for this belief on the part of the filling station operator; that if there is, the Agents will report back to him, Magee, so that an appropriate raiding party may be made up.

Any developments in this situation will be promptly reported to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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- Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that the reporters for the Associated Press desired information concerning the members of the Karpis-Baker Gang since January 1, 1935 - that is what members were apprehended since that time, together with the names of those still at large, and any additional facts available.

I informed Mr. Suydam, after talking with the Director, that this was out of line with the present policy of the Bureau concerning the furnishing of information relative to cases under investigation by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn
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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 16, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 14, 1936, addressed to the Chicago Bureau Office, copy of which is indicated for the Dallas Office: There is being attached hereto a copy of the report of Special Agent F.S. Dunn, dated at Dallas, 12-21-34.

Very Truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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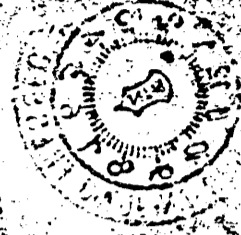
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Washington Field Office, Room 5252
Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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

Dear Sir:

Harold B. McBride, No. 5143 D. C. Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia, when recently interviewed by Special Agent R. E. Newby, advised that an individual named Van Reagan, formerly of St. Paul, Minnesota, is now operating a night club in New Orleans, Louisiana, where members of the Barker-Karpis gang will be found in the event that they are located in that section of the country. It is suggested that the night club of Van Reagan be located and an effort be made to develop confidential contacts in the club so as to be immediately furnished with information in the event any members of the Barker-Karpis gang make their appearance there. McBride was arrested at New Orleans, Louisiana on August 29, 1935, and returned to the District of Columbia where he received a sentence of from one to five years for violation of Section 47 of the United States Penal Code. At the time of McBride's arrest, your office communicated with the Bureau for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of McBride and his possible connection with the above entitled case.

McBride also stated that in his opinion, Lillian Holden, wife of Thomas L. Holden, who is now serving a sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, will be found contacting members of the Barker-Karpis gang and its associates, in Chicago. It is suggested that effort be made to determine what contacts Lillian Holden is now making in Chicago, with a view to possibly developing information which might be of assistance in locating subjects Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

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J. M. KRITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with the conversation had by Mr. R. F. Burruss of this Bureau with Mr. M. E. Glindes of your Department relative to the production of the necessary records required by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, concerning the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, it is respectfully requested that Mr. M. E. Glindes, Superintendent of the National Bank Redemption Agency, Mr. L. G. Copeland, Chief of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Mr. John F. Moran, Chief of the Destruction Committee; all of your Department, be directed to proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on Friday, January 17, 1936. They should bring with them all original documents pertaining to the transaction which was discussed by Mr. Burruss with your Mr. Glindes.

Due to the exigencies which have arisen in this case and the inability of the United States Attorney at St. Paul to serve upon you the proper subpoena duces tecum, arrangements have been made with the United States Attorney at St. Paul to have served upon the aforementioned persons the appropriate subpoenas covering the production of all original records contained in the files of your Department.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the courtesies you have extended in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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P.O. Drawer 507
San Francisco, California.

January 18, 1936.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir: Attention: Mr. W. S. Wands,
Superintendent of Mails.

Re: Your File #58909-U.

Replying to your letter of December 22, 1935,
I wish to advise you that it will be no longer necessary
to continue the mail cover placed on this office's
mail of MRS. C. A. (MARY) BAKER
Street, and now located at 2239 [unclear] Avenue, [unclear] City.

I wish to take this opportunity to express
my sincere appreciation of the splendid cooperation ex-
tended by your office in matters of this nature.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/2-10/36	REPORT MADE BY F. C. DORWART - FB
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: No record of registration Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772 in California. "Billy" Lyons admits former acquaintance of William Elmer Meade, denies knowledge of present whereabouts. Melville McLaren and "Lilly" Hesser, acquaintances of Imogene Robertson, apparently reputable persons. "Peggy" C. Daniels admits acquaintance with Belle Bork, but denies knowing or ever meeting other members Barker-Karpis gang. Registration of 1934 LaSalle Coupe, Motor #2102868 obtained together with operator's license, description of registered owner. C. J. Murphy, Mrs. E. J. Murphy and "mother" registered William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco during 1934.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, Montana, December 16, 1935;
Letter from S.A.C. J. P. MacFarland, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 12, 1935, to all Field Offices;
Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 26, 1935;
Report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, December 31, 1935;
Letter from S.A.C. E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 4, 1936.

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DETAILS:At San Francisco, California

Concerning the lead to the San Francisco Bureau Office contained in reference report of Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, Montana, dated December 16, 1935, in which it is requested that Archie Kirkpatrick, policeman, Eureka, California, be interviewed concerning his knowledge of police officers who might be assisting subject Karpis, reference is made to report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, dated at San Francisco, California, December 21, 1935, in which this information is incorporated.

Exchange of communications with Miss Ruth Assalena, National Automobile Theft Bureau, located at the California Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, reveals that no registration has thus far been made of 1935 Plymouth Four Door Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857, 1935 Ohio License #LU 671. It was also ascertained that there was no record of any registration or operator's license in the name of Thomas J. Shaw or Carl Baker. Stop notices, however, have been placed concerning this matter and this office will be immediately notified in the event attempt is made to register either the car or secure registration by the above named individuals.

With reference to the report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated December 31, 1935, in which it is noted that J. J. Parker advised that he believed "Billy" Lyons, San Francisco, California, was well acquainted with William Elmer Meade, it may be stated that "Billy" Lyons is a well known character in the vicinity of the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, having operated a saloon and bail bond business in that vicinity for many years.

It was recalled by Agent W. R. Ramsey, of this office, that "Billy" Lyons was a well known bail bond broker and operator of a saloon in the vicinity of the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, and that Mr. Lyons had been interviewed in connection with investigations in other matters in this district, and in this instance it was therefore deemed advisable to interview him.

At the request of this agent, "Billy" Lyons called at the San Francisco Bureau Office, at which time he advised that he would be glad to assist the Bureau in any manner in which he was able to do so. Mr. Lyons was shown various pictures of William Elmer Meade, at which time he immediately identified same as being that of the individual also known to him as the "Christ Kid." He stated that he (Lyons) had operated a saloon and bail bond business at

72 Eddy Street, San Francisco from about 1906 until 1912, following which this business was moved to the vicinity of the Hall of Justice Building, Washington and Kearny Streets where he has been engaged in the above business since that time. He stated that it was while engaged in the business at 72 Eddy Street that he first became acquainted with Meade, but that his contact with him was merely from having seen Meade in that vicinity and in his place of business. He stated that the last time which he recalls seeing Meade was eighteen or twenty years ago, at which time he understood that Meade was living in Portland, Oregon and had a girl friend at that place. In recent years, however, Mr. Lyons advised that he has indirectly heard that Meade was living in Chicago and that he was now considered well fixed financially and owned property at that place. He was unable to state from what source this information had come, but indicated that it was just a matter of conversation carried on in his saloon.

Mr. Lyons further stated that he knew of no contacts which Meade might have in San Francisco and firmly believed that if he were to return to this vicinity, that he, himself, would be one of the first men whom Meade might contact. He advised that in case he should receive any information whatsoever concerning Meade, that he would immediately communicate with this office.

Concerning Melvin McLaren, 701 California West Life Building, San Francisco, California, and Lillian Hesser, 1000 California Street, San Francisco, referred to in reference letter of Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, the following investigation was conducted by this agent:

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[REDACTED] It was ascertained that the correct name of Melvin McLaren is Melville McLaren, age 32, single. Agent ascertained that the present address of Mr. McLaren is the MacClair Apartments, 62 Oaks Boulevard, San Leandro, California, and that he is presently engaged in the automobile business as an authorized Ford Dealer in partnership with one J. W. Dickie, which business is located at 901 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California. Information

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received from the above source indicates that he has been engaged in this latter enterprise since July, 1934, and that prior to that time he was engaged as a salesman for the Western States Life Insurance Company of San Francisco and that at times he has been connected with the National Thrift Company and the Central Supply Company of San Francisco as salesman. McLaren's mother is noted to be Mrs. Margaret McLaren, 547 Vine Street, San Jose, California, at which place McLaren formerly resided and where he has been known since 1921.

At the California Western States Life Insurance Company, agent interviewed Mr. L. H. Ziehn, Assistant Cashier, who advised that he was well acquainted with Melville McLaren since the latter was employed as District Manager and salesman for that company for approximately two years, from 1932 to 1934. Mr. Ziehn advised that he considers McLaren's character and reputation above reproach and knows of nothing which would reflect adversely on either. He stated that he believed that McLaren earned in the neighborhood of \$500.00 per month while connected with that company and that the only reason for his leaving was due to the fact that the contract under which he was employed was a special contract for a two year period only.

Mr. Ziehn also stated that he was well acquainted with McLaren's present partner, Mr. J. W. Dickie, since the latter's father is also an executive of the California Western States Life Insurance Company. He stated that he sees both of these individuals quite frequently and is of the impression that both are doing very well in the automobile business in San Leandro, California. It was not deemed advisable to interview Melville McLaren at this time as regards any acquaintanceship he might have with Imogene Robertson, or her mother, Alta Morgan Robertson, in view of the surveillance now being conducted by the Los Angeles Office, of Charles J. Fitzgerald and the two Robertson women.

Concerning Lillian Hessar, 1600 California St., San Francisco, California, investigation discloses that the above address is that of the Pacific Union Club, one of the most exclusive mens' club in San Francisco. At the above-named club, agent interviewed the manager, Mr. F. A. Humphrey, who advised that no person by the name of Lillian Hessar is presently known to him, nor has anyone by that name ever been employed at that club, since all of the employees are of long standing and well known.

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It was further noted that the San Francisco City Directory for 1934 and 1935 carries no such name. It was noted, however, that one "Lilly" Hesser, 1960 Octavia Street, San Francisco, has been carried in the above directory.

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she is a woman between the ages of fifty five and sixty and that she has been residing at the above address on Octavia Street for some time. It was noted, however, that she has formerly resided at the St. Francis Hotel and the Palace Hotel and at 1613 Lyons Street, both of the above mentioned hotels being two of the highest class hotels in San Francisco. "Lilly" Hesser is reported

[REDACTED] as being very well fixed financially, owning valuable real estate in the city of San Francisco from which she derives a substantial income. When interviewed

[REDACTED] concerning her financial standing, Miss Hesser refused all information regarding her personal affairs and advised that she had no gainful occupation. Agent was advised

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It also appearing that this was apparently a reputable person, it was not deemed advisable to interview her for the same reason as set out above concerning Melville McLaren and for the further reason that it could not be definitely established whether "Lilly" Hesser was the same party referred to as Lillian Hesser.

With reference to Miss Peggy Daniels mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 26, 1935, as being an acquaintance of Belle Horn, paramour of Charles J. Fitzgerald, the following investigation was conducted:

T. J. Greenlaw, postal carrier, who covers 450 Jones Street, the apartment house in which Peggy Daniels resides, advised that since delivery to that apartment house is a bulk delivery in which all mail to that address is delivered directly to the manager of the apartment house, he has had no occasion to observe the mail for any of the occupants and was unable to recall anyone

by the name of Peggy Daniels presently residing at that place.

The telephone directory and the city directory, however, list Peggy Daniels as residing at 450 Jones Street.

At 450 Jones Street, which was ascertained to be the address of the Abbey Apartments, agent discreetly interviewed Mr. D. Price, Assistant Manager, inquiries indicating that D. Price could be relied upon, who advised that Peggy Daniels had resided at that apartment house for approximately two years and that he had always considered her a first class tenant and knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on her character or reputation. He was unable, however, to state whom her associates or companies might be, inasmuch as they do not pay particular attention to individuals who might visit in the various apartments so long as they conduct themselves in an orderly manner. He stated that it was his understanding that Peggy Daniels was employed as a beauty parlor operator and book-keeper at Hale Bros. Department Store in San Francisco, California.

At Hale Bros. Department Store, agent discreetly interviewed Miss M. Pilster, Personnel Manager, who advised that Miss Daniels had been employed in the beauty shop since July 30, 1934, but that inasmuch as the beauty parlor in this department store was a concession, of the Paris Style Novelty Company, she believed that Mrs. L. Clough, West Coast Manager for the Paris Style Novelty Company, would be able to give more complete information.

Upon interview with Mrs. L. Clough, at Hale Bros. Department Store, agent was advised that Miss Daniels was considered by her to be one of her best employees and that because of her integrity and initiative she was also employed as a book-keeper for the beauty shop, in addition to that of her work as a beauty operator.

Mrs. Clough advised that she knew of no instance which would reflect adversely on the character or reputation of Miss Daniels and that she appeared to be a rather refined girl, very industrious and hard working. Regarding Miss Daniels' associates, Mrs. Clough stated that she only knew her to keep company with one man for the past year, whom she had heard Miss Daniels refer to as

Ray Waddell, inasmuch as she has noted that Mr. Waddell always meets Miss Daniels at 5.30 P.M. when Miss Daniels finishes her work at Hale Bros.

Mrs. Clough stated that it was her understanding that Mr. Waddell was engaged in some kind of law enforcement work, inasmuch as her conversation with Peggy Daniels would lead her to so believe. The exact nature of this work, however, she was unable to state.

Mr. Waddell has been an employee of the A. J. Kane Detective Agency, San Francisco, for approximately ten years, at which place his record is noted as being good. It was indicated, however, that Waddell has been divorced and that both he and his former wife were considered rather irresponsible.

Information was received that Waddell operated in Alameda County, California, from time to time in connection with his work for the Kane Detective Agency. Inquiry was therefore made by Lieutenant Oscar Johnson, of the Oakland, California, District Attorney's Office, who ascertained that Waddell had operated in Alameda County in connection with work in the prohibition era on several different occasions and that he believed that he (Waddell) could be relied upon, he (Johnson) having no information of a derogatory nature regarding him.

Inasmuch as it was indicated that Waddell was engaged in quasi law enforcement work, it was deemed advisable to discreetly interview Mr. Waddell prior to contacting Peggy Daniels, whereupon an interview was arranged with him at the San Francisco Bureau Office. Having discussed his activities during the past ten years in private detective work and his dealings with members of the underworld and having been assured by Mr. Waddell of his complete cooperation in any matter in which he might be of assistance to the Bureau, Mr. Waddell was advised that it was the desire of this Bureau to interview his girl friend known as Peggy Daniels. Mr. Waddell admitted that he was presently residing as man and wife with Peggy Daniels at 450 Jones Street and further advised that he had known Miss Daniels for a period of approximately one and a half years. He stated that he has been residing at her address since approximately January, 1935, but that to his knowledge she had never associated with anyone nor corresponded with anyone.

by the name of Isabelle or Belle Born. He stated that he firmly believed that Miss Daniels would gladly cooperate in any way that she could in furnishing information to this Bureau concerning her acquaintances and it was accordingly arranged whereby an interview would be had with Miss Daniels.

Miss Daniels was interviewed at her apartment, 450 Jones Street, at which time she advised that her father was Antone Danielson, 1008 Larkin Street, San Francisco, and that her mother was Mrs. L. Petersen, 104 North Broad Street, Mankato, Minnesota. She stated that she had met Isabelle Born, also known to her as Belle Born, or Billie Born, at Fairmont, Minnesota in about 1919 while she, Peggy, was still a girl of about sixteen years of age. She stated that subsequently she, Peggy, had operated a beauty shop at 4th Avenue South and Lake Streets, Minneapolis, Minnesota between the years 1923 and 1925, at which time she again renewed her acquaintance with Belle Born. It was Peggy's understanding that at this time Belle had divorced her husband, known to Peggy as Major Born of Louisville, Kentucky and that during 1923 to 1925, Belle was living with persons known to her as "Jack" and "Blanche", the last names of whom she could not recall. Peggy stated that she had come to San Diego, California, in October, 1926 and that from that date until July, 1930, she had operated and worked in beauty shops in San Diego, Long Beach, Santa Rosa, Stockton and Santa Cruz, California. Upon her arrival in San Francisco, she stated that she was employed as an instructor at the California Beauty School, 908 Market Street for approximately four years until July, 1934, when she was employed as a beauty operator at Hale Bros. Department Store, where she is presently employed.

The first time that Peggy recalls seeing Belle Born in San Francisco was some time during 1931 when she saw her for a very short time on one evening. The next meeting she had with Belle Born was in the spring of 1934, when Belle and a rather middle aged man called for her at Hale Bros. during the luncheon hour and took her for about a one hour's ride. She stated that she did not know this man's name, but that the car which he was driving was a large dark colored Buick Sedan and she recalls that she admired the beauty of it because it was

really a very fine automobile. She noted that this man remained in the car all the time and she had very little conversation with him. She does not recall whether he had crutches or a cane in the car, but described him as being rather thin and bony, with very grey hair. She stated that on this visit to San Francisco by Belle Bern, this meeting was the only one had with her, but she recalls that Belle Bern stated that she intended to drive to Butte, Montana to see her sister and that she was making this trip with a Mr. Murphy and his old maid sister. Peggy was unable to recall whether or not the name of the man driving the Buick car was Murphy. She was also unable to state where Belle Bern was residing on the occasion of this visit in San Francisco.

The next occasion on which Peggy Daniels recalled that Belle Bern was in San Francisco, was on or about November 9, 1934. She stated that on this occasion, Belle Bern had called her on the telephone and had asked for an appointment to receive a permanent wave. Miss Daniels' records indicate that this permanent wave was given to Belle Bern on November 10, 1934. On this occasion, Miss Daniels recalls that Belle Bern stated that she was traveling as a companion to an older lady who was going to Honolulu and that during their stay in town, they had roomed at the William Taylor Hotel. Peggy states that she did not see this older woman referred to by Belle as "Mama" and stated that she had never heard the older woman referred to by any other name but "Mama." A day or so following the receipt of the permanent wave, Peggy advised that Belle Bern called her and asked her to accompany her to the railroad station which she (Peggy) did, at which time Belle Bern advised her that she was going to Reno, Nevada. Peggy Daniels recalls that the last time that she has ever seen Belle Bern was just shortly before Christmas in 1934 which was just shortly after the above referred to visit and Peggy was surprised that Belle had returned to San Francisco so soon. Upon Belle's return to San Francisco on this occasion she advised that she had been in Los Angeles and on this occasion she was accompanied by a young man known to Peggy only as "Micky" whom she understood to be a night club entertainer from Wilmington or San Pedro, California. She described this man as being much younger than Belle Bern, possibly thirty years old, well dressed, dark hair, dark eyes, rather heavy build. It was Peggy's understanding that "Micky" and Belle were stopping at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel and were rooming together, but she was unable to state

positively whether this was a fact. Concerning the last name of "Micky", Peggy stated that she cannot recall that name, but believes it might have been "O'Neil." Peggy stated that on the occasion of this visit Belle and Micky and she (Peggy) and her boy friend, had attended the Redwood Village Tavern at 180 Mason Street and she recalls that this was on a Friday night in the first part of December, 1934. She stated that Belle was paying all the expenses and spending money very freely. Peggy stated that this was the only time that she had ever accompanied Belle to this tavern, but that she, Peggy, used to visit this tavern quite frequently. She recalls that following this visit to the Redwood Village, Belle advised her that she, Belle and Micky had spent practically the entire following night which would be Saturday night at the Redwood Tavern. Belle also advised her that they, Belle and Micky, had spent Sunday night at this tavern until 8.00 P.M. when Micky was taken to the train to return to Los Angeles, after which Belle returned to this tavern and spent the remainder of the evening in the company of Jack Silva, the doorman at that place. On the following Monday night, Peggy stated that Belle called her and stated that she was leaving town and wished Peggy to accompany her to the ferry, since she was taking a train from Oakland, California, to Butte, Montana. This was the second occasion which Peggy recalls that Belle had stated that she was going to Butte, Montana to visit her sister. Peggy recalls that while at the ferry building, Belle sent a telegram to her sister in Butte, Montana advising her of her coming and that this telegram was addressed to "Mae", the last name of which she could not recall. She stated, however, that it was her understanding that this sister operated or managed a hotel or apartment house in Butte, Montana. This was the last time that Peggy could recall that she had ever seen Belle Born. She stated that she very seldom hears from Belle, but that she usually receives a Christmas card and she recalls that usually these cards have been mailed from Waukegan, Illinois. The last card, however, received at Christmas, 1935, was mailed from Mankato, Minnesota and bore the return address, Route 1, Box 44. This Christmas card and envelope were given to Agent for additional specimens of the handwriting of Belle Born. Two photographs of Belle Born taken

in Los Angeles, California, were also given to agent, and Miss Daniels advised that both of these pictures, together with that picture already in the possession of the Bureau, were all very good likenesses of Belle Horn.

The above mentioned two photographs given to agent by Miss Daniels are being forwarded to the Chicago Office for their information, along with copies of this report.

The Christmas card addressed to Miss Peggy Daniels, 450 Jones Street, San Francisco, California, is being retained in the San Francisco Bureau file in this case.

Concerning the Redwood Village Tavern, 120 Mason Street, San Francisco, California, agent was advised by Mr. Ray Waddell, paramour of Peggy Daniels, that he is quite well acquainted with this place and that he considers it a rather "hot" spot and hang out for racketeers and gangs of the underworld. He stated that the Redwood Village is operated by one "Art" whose last name he cannot recall, but he knows this man to be an ex-vaudeville man formerly employed as master of ceremonies at Coffee Dan's, a former notorious tavern in San Francisco which is now out of business. Concerning Jack Silva, Mr. Waddell stated that he does not believe this man has a criminal record but has always considered him as a small time hoodlum. Both Mr. Waddell and Peggy Daniels advised agent that they would make discreet inquiries at the Redwood Village for any information which Jack Silva or anyone else at that place might have concerning Belle Horn and any of her associates and stated that they believed that this information could be secured without arousing the least suspicions, since both of them have frequently visited this tavern.

At the Western Union Telegraph Office, agent interviewed the manager, Mr. A. E. Littler, for the purpose of ascertaining to whom the telegram was addressed by Belle Horn to "Mae" at Butte, Montana during the early part of December, 1934. Agent was advised by Mr. Littler, however, that all records are destroyed by that company after they have been retained for one year.

At the William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, agent made a thorough search of the records of that hotel concerning the registration of Belle Bern under her name, or any of her known aliases, and it was immediately ascertained that Belle Bern had resided at that hotel as Mrs. C. J. Murphy. It was also ascertained that C. J. Murphy had registered at this hotel, and a comparison of the handwriting on the registration card indicated that same was identical with the signature of C. J. Fitzgerald.

For the information of the file, the following registrations, together with telephone numbers called and the location of these telephone calls, as ascertained from Special Agent T. P. Mackie, of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, are being set out herewith:

C. J. Murphy - Chicago, Illinois, Registered 4/8/34, Card #6023, Room #710, registered continuously from 4/8/34 until 4/25/34 inclusive. Telephones from this room were noted as being on 4/9/34 - Elkridge 9746 - W. H. West, 22 Seminole Avenue. (Telephone discontinued in 1934). On 4/9/34 - Kearny 3747 - Dr. Judson Sale, 490 Post Street, San Francisco. On 4/11/34 - Douglas 1212 Southern Pacific Railroad Company, 65 Market Street, San Francisco.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy (handwriting of C. J. Murphy) Chicago, Illinois, registered 4/11/34, Card #6120, Room #710, registered from 4/11/34 to 4/12/34 - No telephone calls.

C. J. Murphy, Chicago, Illinois, Registered 7/9/34, Card #8759, Room #1014, registered continuously from 7/9/34 to 7/14/34 inclusive. Telephone calls from this room noted as being on 7/11/34 - Kearny 3747 - Dr. Judson Sale. On 7/12/34 - Prospect 1,000 - Hertz Drivurself; (two other telephone calls charged, but no record of number called). On 7/13/34 - Douglas 1940 - United Air Lines, two calls; Hertz Drivurself, Prospect 1,000.

C. J. Murphy, Chicago, Illinois, Registered 8/1/34, Card #9610, Room #1009, (later moved to Room 618 for the reason as noted below, that Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother" registered in Room 619 on 8/4/34) Registered from 8/1/34 to 8/5/34 inclusive. Telephone calls, 8/1/34 - Kearny 3747 - Dr. Judson Sale. 8/2/34 - Valencia 9722 - Bank Buffet, 3286 - 22nd Street, San Francisco. 8/2/34 - Kearny 3747, Dr. Judson Sale. It will be noted that the above mentioned Bank Buffet is the saloon operated by Johnny Moyle, at which place "Bones" Tambini and "Scop" Moreno mentioned in the case entitled "John Dillinger, With Aliases, Et Al. NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, ETC. San Francisco File #26-2333" were formerly employed as bartenders.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother" (Obviously the handwriting of C. J. Murphy) Chicago, Illinois, registered 8/4/34, Room 619, Card #9738, registered from 8/4/34 to 8/18/34 inclusive. No telephone calls.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy (apparently the handwriting of Belle Bern) Los Angeles, California, Registered 10/19/34, Room #1017, Card #3323, Registered from 10/19/34 to 10/23/34 inclusive. No telephone calls.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy (apparently the handwriting of Belle Bern) Los Angeles, California, registered 11/7/34, Card Number 5384, Room Number 616. Registered from 11/7/34 to 11/21/34. Telephone calls being, on 11/10/34 - Sutter 3080, King George Hotel, 334 Mason Street, San Francisco, Prospect 4805; Peggy Daniels, 450 Jones Street, San Francisco.

Concerning the registration as noted above of Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother", reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Francisco, California, dated 2/13/35, in which it is noted that the eyeglasses found by Bureau agents at the house at Oklawaha, Florida, occupied by Fred and

Kate Barker, were prescribed for Mrs. Clara Brown, who gave her residence at that time as being the William Taylor Hotel at San Francisco, California. This report further indicates that these glasses were prescribed by a Dr. G. H. Hoeford, Medico-Dental Building, San Francisco, and that on the various visits to the office of this doctor, Mrs. Clara Brown was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. B. Murphy. It will be noted also that the visits made were between August 7, 1934 and August 16, 1934. The prescription for these glasses was filled by the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company, 525 Butler Building, San Francisco, California, and it is noted that various employees immediately identified the picture of Kate Barker as being that of Mrs. Clara Brown, to whom glasses were sold. It appears that the picture of Belle Bora was never exhibited to Dr. Hoeford or the employees of the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company, but that a picture of Pauline King alias Pauline Bentz, a sister of the Bentz Brothers was shown to these individuals but they were unable to identify that picture as being the person known to them as Mrs. B. Murphy. It is believed, however, that from the dates on which Belle Bora and "Mother" are known to have registered at the William Taylor Hotel and the dates on which the above glasses were purchased, that the indication is that Belle Bora and Kate Barker are the parties who registered at the William Taylor Hotel as Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother". In this connection it may be stated that Mr. Victor Lewis and Mr. Bryant Thompson, clerks at the William Taylor Hotel, positively identified the pictures of Belle Bora as being that of the woman known to them as Mrs. C. J. Murphy. They were unable, however, to identify the picture of Kate Barker as being that of the elderly woman who had registered on one occasion with Mrs. C. J. Murphy.

Further effort will be made, through the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company and Dr. Hoeford to definitely establish the identity of the parties known to them as Mrs. B. Murphy and Mrs. Clara Brown.

Upon receipt of reference telegram from the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, agent was telephonically advised by Miss Ruth Assalena, National Automobile Theft Bureau, located at the State of California Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento.

California, that 1934 La Salle Coupe, Motor #2102868, 1935 California License 5 W 259, was registered to one W. Van Deusen, 1617 So. Flower Street, Los Angeles, California, and that the legal owner was shown as the Standard Discount Corporation, 1031 South Broadway Street, Los Angeles, California. Miss Assalena further advised that California Operator's License #D-374333 was issued on April 11, 1935, to Walter Van Deusen, 5640 Santa Monica Boulevard, Hollywood, California, who was described as follows:

Age	34 (born 12/25/00)
Height	5' 8" tall
Weight	125 pounds
Eyes	blue
Hair	brown
Marital Status	Married

The above information was furnished the Salt Lake City Office by teletype on January 7, 1936.

At 490 Post Street, San Francisco, California, agent interviewed Dr. Judson Sale who, it was recalled, had previously been interviewed by agents of this Bureau concerning any information he might have had concerning C. J. Fitzgerald, since it had previously been established that Dr. Sale was the surgeon who cared for C. J. Murphy alias C. J. Fitzgerald during his stay at the Vallejo General Hospital, Vallejo, California. Dr. Sale advised that he had never received any information concerning the party known to him as C. J. Murphy and further that no other individuals had ever been referred to him by C. J. Murphy and he knew of no other associates of this patient in San Francisco or elsewhere. Dr. Sale, however, stated that he would immediately communicate with this office in case he ever received any information concerning this individual.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES BUREAU OFFICE at Wilmington, California, and San Pedro, California, will attempt to locate the night club entertainer known as "Micky" with the possible surname of O'Neil who, according to Peggy Daniels, is an acquaintance of Belle Born and might possibly know of the other associates of Belle Born.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at San Francisco, California, at the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company, 525 Butler Building, and at the office of Dr. G. N. Hosford, Medico-Dental Building, will exhibit the pictures of Kate Barker and Belle Born to those parties, for the purpose of identifying Belle Born as the Mrs. B. Murphy who accompanied Kate Barker at the time the above referred to eye glasses were purchased.

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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January 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Exhibits in Bremer Case

Mr. Nathan
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Chief Clerk
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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Mr. Joseph
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Mr. Tamm
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Miss Gandy

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I am attaching the "true copy" certification prepared by the Department for the transmittal of certain criminal records forwarded to me at St. Paul with the Director's letter of December 30, 1935.

This certificate was not required at St. Paul, but I would like to point out that the document purports to represent a true copy of the original criminal record of Arthur Barker, whereas, in fact, our records of Barker, William Harrison, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, George Zeigler, Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Harold V. Alderton, are attached.

It occurs to me that there should be some way of checking the accuracy of Departmental certifications of this character, as otherwise some embarrassment could follow the preparation of a certificate in this manner.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature: L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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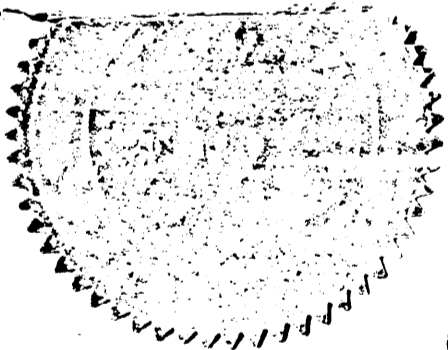
Department of Justice

December 30, 1935

Pursuant to Title 28, Section 661, U. S. Code
(Sec. 882, Revised Statutes), I hereby certify that the
annexed paper is a true copy of the original record, in
this Department, of THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF ARTHUR BARKER

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused the seal of the Department
of Justice to be affixed, on the day and year
first above written.

Brien M. Mahon
to the
Acting Assistant Attorney General



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Dear Sir;
Will you please
send me a description
card of Alvin Karpis
Public Enemy No. 1.

Yours truly
Ed Smith

2377 West ave 33
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Mr. Ed Smith,
2377 West Avenue 33,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

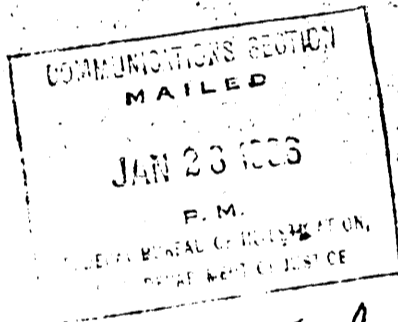
In accordance with the request contained
in your undated communication received in this Bureau
January 21, 1936, I am enclosing herewith Identifi-
cation Order #1218, concerning Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #1122983.

cc - Los Angeles.



ERT for Ed for the
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

The contemplated trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico, of Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is at the present time residing at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments in Los Angeles, California, where he is being kept under a twenty-four hour surveillance by Agents of the Bureau, was started on January 6, 1936, at which time Fitzgerald was accompanied by Imogene Robertson, Catherine Packard and the latter's sister, Charlotte Selkirk. The Los Angeles Office will maintain a constant surveillance during the course of the trip. You will recall that previous indications observed by the Los Angeles Office disclose that Fitzgerald is interested in an oil deal in New Mexico, and he apparently is proceeding to that section of the country to consummate certain plans he might have in this connection. The Bureau has been advised of all of the movements of the Fitzgerald party and to date nothing of any suspicious character has been noted. The developments to date in connection with the surveillance of the Fitzgerald apartment where he is residing under the name of J. C. Foster discloses that Fitzgerald is spending a considerable portion of his time consorting with Imogene Robertson, his girl friend, who is a former telephone operator and was employed at 1036 South Menlo Avenue, where Fitzgerald previously resided. You will recall that former Special Agent in Charge Dunn resided at this apartment. Imogene Robertson represents herself to be Fitzgerald's secretary. They are constantly together and have joint bank accounts. Fitzgerald has apparently represented to people that he is wealthy and is spending his time in California at the instigation of his wife who lives in the East and who is furnishing him with money. It is reported that Fitzgerald is receiving currency notes in denominations ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 by letters from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Previous correspondence observed in the apartment of Fitzgerald which was checked by Agents of the Los Angeles Office indicated that Fitzgerald is apparently interested in the development of an oil well in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Inasmuch as the members of the Fitzgerald party are drinking heavily, the Agents covering the journey have been instructed to take Fitzgerald into custody if he should become involved in any difficulty with officers en route.

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John Karpavicz departed for St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 9, 1936, where he apparently intends to follow the trial at that point. He was covered en route by Agents of the Chicago Office who maintained a constant surveillance. Other than the wrecking of his car near Mauston, Wisconsin, the journey was uneventful. He arrived in St. Paul on January 11, 1936, and his movements are under observation at St. Paul. In connection with the developments in the Chicago district, the plants being maintained at that point have produced no results to date. You will recall that [redacted] is under surveillance at that point inasmuch as the Bureau has been advised that [redacted]

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The trial of Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Weaver at St. Paul, Minnesota, which began on January 6, 1936, to date has definitely established the fact that Sawyer and Weaver participated in the instant case and as a result of the evidence so far introduced it is established that subsequent transactions and their connection with the disposition of the ransom money would affirm their participation in this matter. Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye is presiding over this trial. Attorneys Eugene O'Sullivan, of Omaha, Nebraska, and L. L. Drill and Robert V. Rensch, of St. Paul, Minnesota, are representing Sawyer. Jerome Hoffman, of St. Paul, has been retained by Weaver, while Cassius McDonald is being represented by Everett Jennings, of Chicago, Illinois. From present indications it appears that the Government will complete its presentation of the case at the close of the week ending January 18, 1936.

With reference to the investigation being conducted at Cleveland and Ashtabula, Ohio, the Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. J. Connelley who was at Cleveland, Ohio, and at that point conducted a survey of the general conditions existing there. A general outline of the work was planned and will be pursued to a logical conclusion by the Cleveland Office in efforts to locate Campbell and Karpis. It is the opinion of Mr. Connelley that the interview with Milton Lett conducted by the Oklahoma City Office has probably caused him to advise Campbell that he had been interviewed; however, two Agents are continuing to cover the situation at that point until it can be definitely determined whether Campbell is contacting this person. A telephone tap on the home of William Fergus, who is an intermediary between Arthur Heberbrandt and James Patton, is being established in order to trace their activities for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are contacting through any source the remaining members of the Karpis - Barker gang. You will recall that these persons are interested in the Harvard Club, an elaborate and prosperous gambling establishment in which James O'Neill alias Tip O'Neill who was released from the Atlanta

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Penitentiary is interested, the latter being a tough hoodlum and a long established friend particularly of Patton and appearing beyond a doubt to be a contact man for Heberbrandt and Patton in their underworld operations.

As to the activity being carried on at Ashtabula, Ohio, in an effort to learn something of the activities of Murray Cook who operates the Swallows Club at that place, a check of all furnished houses or apartments which are rented there is being made with the view in mind of locating Campbell and Karpis should they have established themselves in that vicinity. You will recall that Fitzgerald previously made a long distance telephone call to Murray Cook at the Swallows Club.

There has also been received by the Bureau a proposed plan of trial in the case at St. Paul which gives the names of the witnesses and a skeleton outline of the procedure to be pursued at this trial.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen
A. Rosen.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

January 20, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to Buick Sedan, Motor #42949155,
Serial #2783525, which car was formerly the property of
Alvin Karpis, may I advise you that on this date U. S.
District Court Judge George A. Welsh signed an order,
turning this car over to the U. S. Marshal for the East-
ern District of Pennsylvania for the purpose of exposing
the same to public sale.

I have perfected arrangements with the U. S.
Marshal whereby he will take possession of the above
car on January 21, 1936, and, of course, the same will
be deleted from the inventory records of this office.

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Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 18, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: MURKIN

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated January 17, 1936, with particular reference to a Ford two-door sedan allegedly in the possession of MILTON LETT in the early summer of 1935 at Cleveland, Ohio. Reference is also made to letter from the Cleveland office dated December 12, 1935 to all field offices concerning a 1935 Plymouth four-door sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857, which car was purchased at Cleveland, Ohio, by a man giving his name as Carl Baker, who is now identified to be MILTON LETT.

It is respectfully requested that you conduct appropriate investigation at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of determining whether or not MILTON LETT, under his correct name, or the aliases Carl Baker, Thomas J. Shaw, or other names set out in his criminal record, as received from the Bureau by letter dated January 13, 1936 (#7-576), a copy of which was furnished to your office, FBI #1008739, has licensed any cars in the state of Ohio in addition to the 1935 Plymouth mentioned hereinbefore. In the event it is ascertained that he has licensed other cars, complete information should be obtained from the license records and photostatic copies of the records secured.

It is also requested that photostatic copies of the registration records on the 1935 Plymouth four-door sedan, mentioned above, described in the letter from the Cleveland office to all field offices dated December 12, 1935, be obtained.

In view of the recent developments, it is requested that your office furnish the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices with

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copies of your reports covering the above requested investigation.

In view of the fact that MILTON LETT is expected to be interrogated in the very near future by the Bureau, this investigation should be given expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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- Chicago
- E. J. Connelley
- St. Paul
- Kansas City
- Oklahoma City

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

January 21, 1936.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
RECEIPT OF SUSPICIOUS LETTER
BY CONGRESSMAN HOWARD W. SMITH
MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the instructions of Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau, who advised that Congressman Howard W. Smith of Virginia had received a letter of peculiar content, Special Agent A. G. Berens of this office immediately proceeded to interview Congressman Smith.

Congressman Howard W. Smith, Room 301, Old Building, House of Representatives, upon being interviewed, advised that he had received a letter addressed to Mr. Howard Smith, Washington, D. C. in the morning of January 19th, and that because of the peculiar content of the letter he deemed it advisable to inform the Bureau. This letter was exhibited to interviewing agent and its contents noted. There are attached hereto copies of the letter and various inscriptions on the envelope. It is noted that the envelope, addressed to Mr. Howard Smith, Washington, D. C., bore the postmark "Renovo, Pa. 1 P. M. Jan. 17, 1936" and in the upper left-hand corner the words "Hold 15 days". This is a regular stamped envelope put out by the Post Office Department, and the words which usually appear on these envelopes indicating a space for the return address were marked out with a lead pencil. It was, however, noted that the following words appeared through the lead pencil demarcations "After 5 days return to Howard, Centre County, Pennsylvania"

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Congressman Smith stated that he was positive the letter was not intended for him, as its contents was not relevant to any matter with which he was concerned. He requested Agent to take charge of the letter and suggested that it be returned to the mail channels as soon as it had served its purpose with the Bureau. The Congressman explained the reason for turning it over to the Bureau was because it apparently pertained to criminal activities on the part of some individuals. He felt positive of this opinion because of the general nature of the letter, and particularly because of the words appearing on the first page "her cherries is ripe now". Congressman Smith further indicated his desire to assist the Bureau in any way possible and remarked that if any similar letters were received in the future they would be immediately

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dispatched to the Bureau. He stated further that his secretary, Mr. C. M. Haley was the only other individual who had observed or touched instant letter.

The cooperation of the United States Post Office Department was solicited through Mr. Gilbert at the General Delivery window, who advised that the Bureau would be notified in the event any mail is left at the General Delivery window for Mr. Howard Smith. He also advised that he would obtain a detailed description of any individual who might call for such mail.

The letter received from Congressman Smith is being transmitted to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau for examination as to latent fingerprints which might appear thereon, which prints are requested to be compared with those appearing in the single fingerprint file. It is also requested that the letter be examined for the purpose of ascertaining whether any secret message appears between the apparently far spaced lines. A copy of the results of the examination should be directed to the Pittsburgh office for its assistance in conducting any investigation which it deems desirable.

Copies of this letter are being directed to the Pittsburgh office for its information, and for its assistance in conducting any investigation which the facts warrant. As it does not appear that the letter addressed to Mr. Howard Smith refers to any matter of an extortion nature, this case is being carried as "Miscellaneous".

The handwriting appearing on the identification orders has been checked in a general manner against the handwriting appearing in the attached letter. It is believed that there is a general similarity between the handwriting appearing on I.O. #1218, referring to Alvin Karpis, with aliases, and that of the letter. A brief examination of particular points in the handwriting appearing on both documents appears likewise to be similar. It is suggested that the Laboratory make a further study of these handwriting specimens to determine whether the attached letter could have been written by Karpis. It is also requested that the questioned document be returned to the Washington Field office at an early date so that it can be placed in the proper mail channels. The original color of the letter should be restored for this reason.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Pittsburgh (2)

J. W. KENTON,
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

827 Broad Street National Bank Building
Trenton New Jersey

January 20, 1936.

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

Handwritten initials: H, C, A

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprints of JOSEPH D'AURIO and JOHN GOODMAN, who were taken into custody for questioning January 16, 1936, by Bureau Agents at Newark, New Jersey, on the strength of a report that one of them, John Goodman, closely resembled Alvin Karpis. Both men voluntarily assented to having their fingerprints taken.

After definitely ascertaining that neither of the men was identical or in any way connected with Karpis, Goodman was released, and D'Aurio, who admitted a past criminal record, was turned over to the Newark, New Jersey, Police, for further questioning.

It is kindly requested that the criminal records of both individuals be forwarded to the Trenton Bureau Office and the Newark, New Jersey, Police Department.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Richmond
E. L. RICHMOND
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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January 18, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935 requesting that a summary of the information contained in the files of the Indianapolis Office with regard to William Elmer Mead be compiled and submitted to all interested field offices.

Please be advised that the files in the Indianapolis Office have been reviewed and same fail to disclose that this office has ever conducted an investigation concerning William Elmer Mead, with the exception that information was obtained concerning his possible whereabouts which required investigative attention in the territory covered by the New Orleans Bureau Office, and this information is contained in the summary report of Special Agent L. I. Bowman, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated January 10, 1936, of which this office has a copy. Therefore, in order to avoid duplication of facts as set forth in Agent Bowman's report, the Indianapolis Office does not deem it advisable to prepare a summary report in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd
JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. JOHN KARPVICZ WHO IS AT ST PAUL IS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MOTHER AND SISTER OF DOLORES DELANEY THE MOTHER LIVING 1039 E LAWSON. KARPVICZ HAS INDICATED INTENTION TO ATTEND THE TRIAL TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH HIS BOY INVOLVED. DOLORES DELANEY HAS BEEN FURNISHING CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AS TO ASSOCIATION WITH KARPIS BUT LITTLE WHICH WILL BE OF VALUE IN PRESENT TRIAL. NONE OF HER FAMILY ETC. ARE TO SEE HER UNTIL AFTER SHE TESTIFIES.

AGENTS DOYLE KIRKLAND AND DUFFEY ARE RETURNING VIA AUTO TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS CHICAGO TODAY LEAVING TWO PM.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of this office to you dated January 17, 1936, inclosing a photograph of Thomas J. Shaw, alias Carl Bayer, Akron Police Department No. 26337 which individual is identical with Milton Lett, requesting that six copies of the photograph be furnished this office.

Please furnish this office fifteen photographs rather than six.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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E. J. Connelley

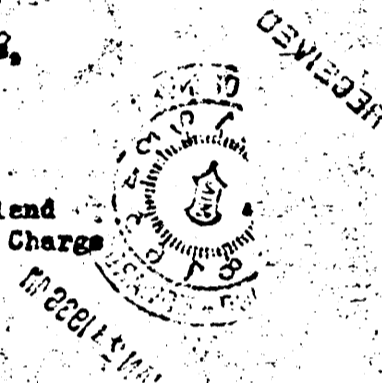
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January 20th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As per your request of January 17th, 1936, regarding the above-entitled matter, enclosing therein the photograph of Thomas J. Shaw, with alias, Akron, Ohio Police Department # 26337, there are being forwarded to your Office six copies of said photograph, which were made in the Chicago Bureau Office, and likewise there are being forwarded to each of the Offices receiving a copy of this letter, as per your request, two copies of the above-mentioned photograph.

The original photograph is being returned to your Office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-4 BC**

REPORT MADE AT Trenton, New Jersey	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-16-36	REPORT MADE BY H. E. SCOTT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Inquiries at Newark hotels, rooming houses, railroad station, airport, and exhibiting photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell to managers and employees thereof disclose no individuals answering their description seen at these places. Rooming house operator described photograph of subject Karpis as possibly that of an individual who, on occasions, had been visiting a roomer at 18 East Park Street, Newark, New Jersey. Both the roomer, Joseph D'Aurio, and the visitor, later identified as John Goodman, voluntarily submitted to questioning, and their fingerprints taken, from which both definitely determined not to be identical with Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell. Thorough questioning of both D'Aurio and Goodman failed to show either associated with subjects in this case. Information received from New York Bureau Office to effect taxi-driver failed to identify passenger as Karpis and had driven him, not to Newark, New Jersey, but to Courtlandt Station, Hudson Tube, New York City, New York.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. Richmond</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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DETAILS:

This investigation is based on a telephone call received at 8:15 A. M., January 16, 1936, from Mr. Charles J. Madison, Essex County Bureau of Identification, Newark, New Jersey, who stated that a teletype had been received at 7:57 A. M. from the New York police, which stated that the New York police had received information at 7:15 A. M. from a taxicab driver, name and address unknown, to the effect that he had transported two passengers, a man and a woman, from New York to the New Jersey side of the Holland tubes at Newark, New Jersey, and that the man had a scar over his left eye and a scar on each cheek, and closely resembled Alvin Karpis.

Special Agents B. F. Meekins, A. Cornelius, Jr., R. B. Graham, L. A. Quindry (A), M. R. Griffin (A), B. Stern (A), and the writer, immediately proceeded to Newark, New Jersey, where they exhibited pictures of both Karpis and Campbell at rooming-houses, hotels, railroad stations, and the Newark Airport, in an attempt to ascertain if either of the men had been seen in that vicinity.

This report is a joint report of the investigation conducted by the Agents set out above.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent B. F. Meekins and the writer.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to the following hotel employees and the particular attention of each person interviewed was directed to the identity of persons who had registered on January 15 and 16, 1936, and they failed to identify the same as any person registered at the hotel indicated in time past:

Frank Brady, Manager,
New Century Hotel,
17 Centre Street.

H. H. Krohn, Room Clerk,
Newark Athletic Club,
16 Park Place.

Tom Conits, Room Clerk,
Lenox Hotel,
25 Centre Avenue.

James Cox, Bell Boy,
Lenox Hotel,
25 Centre Avenue.

W. A. Lamont, Room Clerk,
Berwick Hotel,
Broad Street.

Leo Goodman, Bell Boy,
Berwick Hotel,
Broad Street.

John L. Dennis, Manager,
Hotel Lee,
8-12 Essex Street.

Mrs. John Teckerhoff, Superintendent,
St. Paul Apartments,
82 Bleecker Street.

Lawrence Annicchiarico, Room Clerk,
Hotel Regent,
93 Bleecker Street.

Allen Nagel, Room Clerk,
New Tremont Hotel,
16 Fulton Street.

George Sinclair, Bell Boy,
New Tremont Hotel,
16 Fulton Street.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to the following persons at the Newark Airport, and the particular attention of each person interviewed was directed to the identity of persons purchasing tickets on January 15 and 16, 1936, and they failed to identify the same as any person purchasing tickets at these air lines in time past:

Edward Ball, Passenger Agent,
Transcontinental and Western Air Lines,
Newark Air Port.

J. R. Thomas, Passenger Agent,
American Air Lines,
Newark Air Port.

Pete Wood, Passenger Agent,
United Air Lines,
Newark Air Port.

N. H. Matthey, Passenger Agent,
Eastern Air Lines, Newark Air Port,
Newark, New Jersey.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents M. R. Griffin and A. Cornelius, Jr. Agents Griffin and Cornelius covered the following hotels:

The Sherman,
26 Centre Street.

Stetson,
28 Centre Street.

Roosevelt,
16-18 Centre Street.

St. Francis,
22 East Park Street.

Robert Treat,
30 Park Place.

Plaza,
Mulberry Street and East Park Street --

and the following rooming houses, located at:

36 Centre Street,
30 Centre Street,
32 Centre Street,
20 East Park Street,
18 East Park Street.

These rooming-houses were in the immediate vicinity of the Hudson Terminal in Newark, New Jersey.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Station was also covered by Agents.

At the above-listed places, inquiry was made of the attendants on duty at different hours of the day and night, as to recent registrations of guests and as to purchasers of tickets. Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to each attendant, and their attention was particularly called to guests and purchasers of tickets contacted within the past twenty-four hours. No identification was made and no information of value obtained, except at the rooming-house located at 20 East Park Street.

At that address, the proprietor advised that he believed the picture of Alvin Karpis to be that of an individual whom he had ordered out of his house during the preceding night. Questioned as to the circumstances of the eviction, he advised that a roomer at that address, by the name of Joe, had brought a young man to his room with him without proffering additional payment for the privilege, and that he had ordered the companion of Joe to leave. On the following morning (January 15, 1936) he had discovered that this man was still in Joe's room, and he had immediately evicted them. He further advised that Joe's companion bore a striking resemblance to the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and although he could not definitely state that it was Karpis, he was of the opinion that it was.

Additional inquiry developed the information that Joe's personal possessions were still at the rooming-house and that they were being held pending the payment of delinquent room rent. A search of this personal property resulted in the discovery that the owner was one Joseph D'Aurio, and that D'Aurio had once worked at the Plaza Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey. A newspaper clipping was discovered, which had originally been a part of the "Madison, Wisconsin, News", containing the information that D'Aurio had been arrested there and had been held for the police of Denver, Colorado, who had previously issued a "Wanted" notice for him. The clipping also contained the information that D'Aurio had stated that he had already served a sentence of eighteen months for the offense for which he had been wanted by the Denver Police Department and was, therefore, no longer wanted. An address book and other papers found in D'Aurio's effects led to the inference that D'Aurio had been a prolific traveler and had been in many cities between New York and Los Angeles during the years 1933 to 1936.

Arrangements were made with the proprietor of the rooming-house that, if D'Aurio called for his personal belongings, he would be instructed to return at 7:00 P. M., at which time Agents Griffin and Cornelius would be present to question him.

The Plaza Restaurant was located at 90 Park Place, and inquiry of the manager evoked the information that D'Aurio had worked as a kitchen-helper during the first part of January, 1936, and had quit his job, but had about ten days' pay due him for his services, and further that he was expected to call for it some time that day. Arrangements were, therefore, made with the manager and the cashier

that D'Aurio, if he called for his salary, was to be requested to return at five o'clock that evening, at which time Agents would be present to question him.

At 4:30, Agents Griffin and Cornelius proceeded to the Plaza Restaurant and seated themselves near the cashier's desk, where D'Aurio was to appear. As it was thought possible that the individual identified as Karpis would be with D'Aurio at the time he called for the money, Agents Stern and Graham were appropriately armed and remained outside of the exit in the front of the Plaza Restaurant, to cover proceedings from that vantage point. Agents Meekins and Scott were appropriately armed and covered the side exit from the Plaza Restaurant. Arrangements were made with the cashier to signal Agents Griffin and Cornelius at the time D'Aurio approached the desk for his money.

At approximately 5:10 P. M., the pre-arranged signal was received, and Agents Griffin and Cornelius requested D'Aurio to submit to questioning in connection with an important matter. At that time, it was noted that an individual bearing a striking facial resemblance to Alvin Karpis, but appearing to be about six inches shorter, was lingering in front of the Plaza Restaurant and viewing proceedings through the window. This individual was pointed out to Agents Stern and Graham, who immediately invited him into the Bureau automobile, in order that they might ask him a few questions.

D'Aurio was questioned as to his activities, and explained that he had given up his room at 18 Park Street and was not living at any particular place at that time, and that he had arrived at the restaurant alone.

The individual who was then in the company of Agents Graham and Stern was subsequently identified as

John Goodman, and will henceforth be referred to by that name.

The individual who was then in custody was questioned and advised that he was not waiting for anyone and that he had merely been standing there for lack of anything else to do. His fingers were examined, and it was discovered that he was not identical with subject Alvin Karpis. Because of the circumstances and D'Aurio's previous criminal record, it was thought advisable to question them further, and they were, therefore, requested to accompany Agents to the Essex House, where they voluntarily submitted to further questioning and to having their fingerprints taken. The same are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

Both were questioned separately and their stories later compared, at which time it was noted that they checked in every detail. It was determined that John Goodman was the individual who had been evicted from the rooming-house at 18 Park Street, and it is here noted that John Goodman, although bearing a remarkable facial resemblance to subject Alvin Karpis, does not answer his description as to other physical characteristics.

Joseph D'Aurio advised that he was arrested in Denver, Colorado, during the early part of 1931 for a violation of the Prohibition Act and had been sentenced to eighteen months in the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, of which he served fourteen months and fourteen days and was released in August 1932. Very soon thereafter he was arrested in Los Angeles for a violation of the Wright Act (sold wine to a policeman). For this he was sentenced to ten days in the Lincoln Heights Jail and served the full ten days. In 1934, he was arrested for burglary in Los Angeles (robbery of a saloon) and was sentenced to nine months in the Los Angeles Jail, of which seven and one-half months were served.

John Goodman advised that he had never been arrested.

The following descriptions were obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

Name	JOSEPH D'AURIO
Age	27
Date of Birth	June 24, 1908
Place of Birth	Newark, New Jersey
Nationality	Italian-American
Height	5' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Fair
Teeth	Fair
Scars and Marks:	1" slanting scar, $\frac{1}{2}$ " on outside of right eye. Group of 3 scars, $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " long, in centre of forehead. Tattoo on left forearm, heart with arrow through it; word "Mother" inscribed in heart and ribbon circumscribing heart. Burn scar in center of chest.
Dress	Rough
Address	Previous address - 18 East Park Street, Newark, New Jersey. No present address.
Address of Parents:	19 Drift Street, Newark, N. J.

Name	JOHN GOODMAN
Date of Birth	September 12, 1918
Place of Birth	Belfast, Ireland
Height	5' 3"
Weight	125 or 135 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Dirty-blond
Scars and Marks	Egg-shaped scar, 1" over right eye.
Dress	Rough

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to Goodman and D'Aurio, but no identification was effected.

At 5:00 P. M., January 16, 1936, a telephone call was received from Special Agent Lloyd Richmond, of the New York Bureau Office, who stated that the cab driver who had previously furnished the information concerning Karpis to the New York police had been interviewed and shown pictures and furnished description of Karpis, and had failed to make any identification.

Special Agent Richmond further advised that the taxi-cab driver stated that he had based his report to the police on a description of Karpis which he had heard over the radio the night before, and that he did not drive the passenger to Newark, New Jersey, but the New York City Courtlandt Street Station of the Hudson tubes.

A teletype summary of results of the above investigations was sent to the Bureau at 9:20 P. M. on January 16, 1936.

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January 14, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: WILLIAM ELMER REED, with aliases
J. W. REED, JOHN HENRY FOSTER, EDWIN
ELZA GAYNOR, CHARLES E. CARTER, G. C.
CHASE, J. W. BARKER, J. H. PARKER,
"CHRIST KID", E. E. LAIRD, EDWARD E.
GAYNOR, C. C. CHASE, JOHN J. MEADOWS,
WILLIAM E. REED, "JUDGE", J. W. REED,
one FULLER, one CLARK, C. L. LANE, C. E.
CHARLES, FRANK TAYLOR, WILLIAM E. KEADE,
ELMER W. REED, J. C. WALTERS, J. W.
PARKER, FRANK F. TAYLOR.

Kindly include the following data concerning this individual
in the Pocket Identification Orders:

Age 59 years (1936); height 5', 10", weight 150 pounds,
build slender; hair grey (partially bald); moustache gray; eyes blue
(occasionally wears eyeglasses); occupation confidence man; speaks with
a querulous voice, frequently uses ain't and double negatives, apparent-
ly 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; married; FINGERPRINTS MUTILATED; wanted by Bureau for
questioning. His fingerprint classification is

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A photograph is attached hereto. Kindly secure fingerprints
from Identification Division file FBI-271926. JAN 21 1936

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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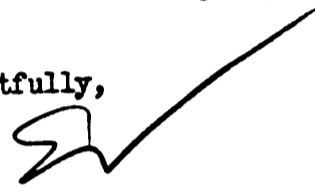
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
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	

I am attaching hereto a proposed Identification Order upon William Elmer Mead. You will recall that early in the Bremer case, we desired to locate Mead for questioning, but investigation since has disclosed conclusively that he did not participate in the Bremer case, although he undoubtedly is acquainted with many of the people figuring in the Bremer case. Mead, you will recall, was recently released from custody by the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department, because of failure to identify him due to mutilated fingertips. Mead is a fugitive, being actively sought by the Post Office Department, and I believe that an Identification Order should be issued upon him, because of the mutilated condition of his fingertips. You will observe that following his criminal record, this Identification Order states that the Order is being issued because of the mutilated fingerprints of Mead, "in order to facilitate his identification in the event he is arrested by any law enforcement agency."

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

Edw. G. Brennan

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W.S.

Cleveland, Ohio

January 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Mr. Fay M. Thomas, who was formerly manager of the Patrick Henry Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia, and the Cavalier Hotel at Virginia Beach, Virginia, has recently assumed the management of the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. It is also believed that Mr. Thomas was manager of a hotel in Staunton, Virginia.

The Carter Hotel heretofore has been a rendezvous for racketeers and difficulty was experienced in the matter of securing reliable information therefrom concerning the residents thereof.

In view of the fact that it may become necessary in the very near future for this office to contact Mr. Thomas on an exceptionally confidential inquiry in connection with instant investigation, it would be appreciated if you will please be good enough to advise what the experience of your office has been in the way of securing cooperation from Mr. Thomas; that is, whether you have found him cooperative and whether he is the type of individual who can be depended upon in the way of treating contacts with him as confidential.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MAC FARLAND
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-20-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-16 to 20-36	REPORT MADE BY: W. E. HOPTON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1256; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

The Kansas City Office has no investigative file entitled "William Elmer Mead with aliases". Summary of investigation by the Kansas City Office relative to Mead, as reflected in the BREKID file, set out herein.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935.

DETAILS: In accordance with reference letter the records of the Kansas City Bureau Office were examined and no investigative files pertaining to William Elmer Mead with aliases were located. The investigation conducted by the Kansas City Office relative to William Elmer Mead, as contained in the BREKID file, is as follows:

In a letter dated February 6, 1934, to the Kansas City Bureau Office from the St. Paul Office, Assistant Director Harold Nathan advised that one Martin Wunderlich was in the contracting business and was said to have been the victim of confidence men whereby he was mulcted of the sum of \$200,000., which allegedly was obtained by Wunderlich from his account at the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, or possibly as the result of a loan from Edward G. Bremer; that in January 1934 Wunderlich is said to have visited the Chicago Identification Bureau to examine photographs in an effort to locate the person or persons responsible for his loss. He is said to have identified the photograph of one William E. Mead, Chicago Police Number 5647, as one of the men in question. Information was contained therein to the effect that Wunderlich was said to be then located in St. Joseph, Missouri and engaged in the contracting business in that city. A request was made to

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discreetly and comprehensively interview Wunderlich.

The memorandum of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated February 11, 1934, at Kansas City, Missouri, copies of which were forwarded to the Bureau and St. Paul offices recites that Martin Wunderlich, President of the Martin Wunderlich Company, road contractors, with headquarters at 219 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, telephone 2470, home telephone 2661, was interviewed at his office in Jefferson City, Missouri on February 10, 1934, and furnished the following information, which is being set out in this report in detail inasmuch as it appears that same is very material to the investigation in the BREMER case.

On the evening of March 12, 1933 he was at his mother's home at 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephone Midway 3226, when a long distance call came for him, which apparently originated from a pay station in Cincinnati, Ohio. Wunderlich did not answer as he was in a hurry to get to the hospital where his wife was convalescing from childbirth, but left word that he could be reached the next morning at his brokers - James E. Bennett & Son, St. Paul, Minnesota. The next day about 11 o'clock he was reached by long distance telephone, while he was at his brokers, this call also originating apparently from Cincinnati, by a person who identified himself as Charles Layton, the son-in-law of B. J. Johnson, the latter being Chief Engineer of the Kentucky State Highway Commission, according to Layton. Layton stated he could get about \$2,000,000 worth of unfinished roadbuilding in Kentucky from bonding companies who had backed bankrupt road building firms, but that he was an oil man and knew nothing about road building; therefore, he wanted to know if Wunderlich would care to go into partnership with him whereby Wunderlich could put all of his surplus equipment to work on a "cost-plus" basis. Wunderlich said he was interested and Layton said he would meet Wunderlich at St. Louis, or if Wunderlich preferred he would fly to St. Paul in order to meet Wunderlich. Layton cautioned Wunderlich not to mention this deal to any of his friends as there were other companies bidding for this work. Layton also told Wunderlich that there was an investigation going on in Kentucky of the Highway Commission, and that the Chief Engineer would not answer long distance telephone calls and it would be useless for Wunderlich to call him, but that he, Layton, would make arrangements for Wunderlich to meet the Chief Engineer, Layton's father-in-law, whom he generally referred to as the "Old Man".

Wunderlich disregarded Layton's instructions about calling the Chief Engineer and tried to reach him by long distance. He was unsuccessful in this attempt and the telephone company reported back to him that the Chief Engineer refused to talk to anyone by long distance; therefore, he felt that Layton was "all right", at least it appeared that Layton knew what he was talking about.

On March 17, 1933 Wunderlich received at St. Paul a telegram from Layton saying Layton would call Wunderlich that night at 6:30 P.M. Layton did not telephone Wunderlich until March 19, 1933 at which time he said he was calling from Kansas City, Missouri; that the reason why he had not

called Wunderlich earlier was because he had been busy selling his Refinery at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Arrangements were then made for Wunderlich to meet Layton at the Statler Hotel in St. Louis on the evening of March 23, 1933, at which time Wunderlich was to meet "the old man" and a Mr. Taylor, who was supposedly the "head man" of the Kentucky Bonding Company which was confronted with the task of finishing the roads started by companies which had become bankrupt and which this bonding company had underwritten. This Kentucky Bonding Company was reported to be a branch of the Maryland Casualty Company and was referred to as the Kentucky Bonding Company.

Wunderlich was detained in St. Paul by a trial so that he was unable to reach St. Louis on the evening of March 23, 1933 and about midnight stopped at Davenport, Iowa, and called Layton by telephone saying he would arrive in St. Louis the next morning. At this time Layton reported that "the old man" had to leave for Washington, D.C., relative to an R.F.C. Loan, and that Taylor had departed, thinking the deal had "fallen through".

However, Wunderlich proceeded to St. Louis and met Layton at the Statler Hotel, where Layton was registered as "Charles Layton". He and Layton discussed the formation of the "Louisville Construction Company". Layton told Wunderlich that the bonding company had sent out word that they would require any company getting this work to have liquid assets of not less than \$450,000. At this time Layton informed Wunderlich that in selling his refinery he had received \$166,000. in cash, retained stock worth at par \$150,000. and a mortgage due in two months of \$33,000. He also stated that he could get, if necessary, about \$100,000. from the "old man". Layton at this time proposed that he, therefore, could and would raise \$250,000. in cash and felt Wunderlich could raise around \$300,000. Wunderlich demurred at this, thinking his equipment was enough of a contribution, but finally agreed that if necessary he could raise \$200,000. or possibly a little more.

Thereafter a continuous series of conferences were planned and scheduled, either for St. Louis at the Hotel Statler, or in South Bend, Indiana, at the Hotel Oliver, with the object of letting Wunderlich meet the "old man" and Taylor from the bonding company, but always there was some hitch which prevented the "old man" from arriving, or else he had just been called away a few hours before, always by telegrams from Washington, D.C., which were displayed to Wunderlich and which would contain a message to the effect Johnson was needed at once in Washington for a hearing on Kentucky's application for an R.F.D. loan.

After several of these arranged meetings had fallen through, a final attempt was made to get all four men together at the Hotel Oliver in South Bend. When Layton and Wunderlich arrived from St. Louis, Taylor was present and Wunderlich met him, but the "old man" was not present and Taylor said he was delayed until about five P.M.

During the time these negotiations were underway, Layton from time to time jocularly referred to Kentucky as a "horse-racing state" and told Wunderlich of the huge fortunes won by a certain lucky Judge in Kentucky who became friendly with one of the salesmen of the racing

syndicate which controls horse-racing all over the United States. In other words, this Syndicate knew in advance, and in fact gave orders as to what the winning horse would be in any given race; that this judge was tipped off by a man who knew all about the business in order that the judge might win which would be good advertising for bringing in new bettors.

During the day while Layton and Wunderlich were waiting for the "old man" to arrive in South Bend, Wunderlich was hard-pressed for something to do to while away the time. Dinner was eaten in the main dining room of the Oliver Hotel about 2 P.M. While Layton and Wunderlich were waiting for their food, Layton pointed out a man in the dining room stating it was the employee of the racing syndicate he had previously mentioned. In some manner this individual was engaged in conversation and identified himself as "Bill" Farley. He put up a hard luck story of undue publicity which was about to cost him his job with the syndicate. He invited Wunderlich and Layton to his room and they, not having anything to do, accepted the invitation. Wunderlich had a bottle with him, he says, but denied he drank as Layton did not want him to do so. In Farley's room, Farley displayed several newspaper articles with his picture appearing therein and stated he was going to use his company's secrets to play the game and win back the bonus of \$100,000. which the syndicate was trying to deprive him of. He said to do this he would secure the services of another person so that a trick would not be suspected. He advised Wunderlich and Layton that if they would bet his money for him, he would divide 75% and 25%; i.e. he would give them 25% since he was furnishing the money and all they would have to do would be to carry out his orders.

A sum of \$1,300 was given to Layton by Farley to bet on a certain horse that afternoon at 3 to 1. The horse won and Layton brought back \$3,900. Farley gave Layton a pass card to the syndicate gambling rooms in the Hotel Lincoln at South Bend, Indiana. This accounts for the fact that only one could go at a time. Wunderlich advised they wanted him to take the card and place the bet, but as he was timid he declined and let Layton place the bet. He felt that Layton was about to become his business partner and he therefore trusted Layton.

Farley then said he proposed to "clean up" that afternoon before his syndicate caught on. He said he would bet \$300,000. on a certain horse at 3 to 1. He said he could make it 4 or even 5 to 1, but if he did this it would be harder to place the money before the race closed. He also said that he could draw checks on his syndicate, "The New York Exchange, Inc." up to \$100,000. but any amount over that would require the signature of his auditor as well as his own. His auditor, unfortunately, at the time was in New York City. However, after some hesitation he decided to make an attempt to slip through a \$300,000. check (sort of a draft for betting purposes which was drawn on a credit reserve of the New York Exchange, Inc., and which was supposed to be honored at all gambling establishments as cash) and filled it out for this amount with instructions to Layton and Wunderlich to have it placed on a certain horse at 3 to 1. Again they tried to get Wunderlich to place the bet but he being timid refused, and Layton was pressed into service for this purpose. Later Layton returned saying

the horse had won and wanted to know what denomination bills to get. About a half hour later Layton returned saying he had demanded one thousand dollar bills, as instructed, and that just before the last bunch was handed him some clerk called out that the check given by him and signed by Farley was not quite right as the signature of the auditor did not appear thereon; that he told the manager of the joint to call at Farley's room to thrash out the matter.

That evening the manager, a Mr. Hopper, came up to the room with a suitcase containing \$911,700. in cash. Wunderlich advises he did not touch this money but he was within inches of it as it was counted and asserts he personally saw cash in the amount of \$200,000. counted out before him; that he could see the bills so closely he is positive it was not counterfeit as he was afraid of that at the time. As to the remaining \$711,700 Wunderlich advised he did not personally see this counted.

Hopper, the manager of the gambling joint, stated he had the money and did not want them to think his company was trying to renege; but that the check on which the bet was made probably was worthless as it was not properly endorsed; that to protect his company, if \$300,000. in cash was deposited in the bank the following day and a certified check in that amount issued to and turned over to his company, then he would release the said \$911,700. cash to them.

Wunderlich states Farley said he would send out some wires and he would have the money there the next morning. That evening it was discovered that Wunderlich and Layton had delayed so long that the "old man" had left disgusted and had taken with him all but two of the Kentucky road contracts. These were looked over by Wunderlich and he asserts they were regular contracts for road work and bore the signature of the Secretary of State, the Chief Engineer and other Kentucky officials. He stated that the pages had been thumbled just like such contracts would be.

The next morning Farley came rushing to him displaying a telegram from New York signed by Aunt someone saying Uncle Bob left last week for Europe and took his keys to the vault with him. Farley represented that he had been able to raise only \$60,000. and that his hope of raising the remainder had been blasted upon learning his rich Uncle Bob of New York City had gone to Europe. Thereafter Wunderlich and Layton fell to discussing the situation, and not wishing to lose their share of the \$911,700. which was so nearly in their grasp began to consider ways and means of getting together \$300,000. Layton suggested that if they raised a considerable portion of that amount that he and Wunderlich ought to share equally with Farley; i. e. split three ways. This was put up to Farley and he agreed this would be fair. Thereupon Layton said he could get \$66,000. in cash which he had in his safe deposit box in Paducah, Kentucky, and sent a wire to his timekeeper to bring this cash to South Bend the next day. Farley said he would put up \$34,000. to make it an even \$100,000. Wunderlich arrived at the conclusion he could get \$200,000. in St. Paul from his banker. The other two scoffed at this idea, saying that the bankers were "in on" the syndicate and as soon as he,

Wunderlich, told the banker what he wanted the money for he would refuse to give it to Wunderlich. Wunderlich then decided he could get the money by borrowing it from his banker, claiming it was to be used in getting the Kentucky contracts.

An extension of several days time was secured from Hopper, and Layton and Wunderlich immediately left for St. Paul, Minnesota. Upon arriving at St. Paul Wunderlich contacted Edward G. Bremer and related to him he wanted to borrow \$200,000. in order to secure certain road contracts in Kentucky. Layton was along at the time and met Bremer, and was introduced to Bremer as Wunderlich's proposed partner in the new venture. Bremer agreed to loan Wunderlich the \$200,000. and said he had this much on hand as he needed that much at all times for "beer money". Wunderlich was unable to explain just what Bremer meant by this except to suggest that the Bremer family may have needed it in their business.

At any rate, Bremer, Wunderlich and Layton went down to Bremer's private strong box in the American National Bank and got \$100,000. therefrom, and to the private box of Bremer in the Merchants National Bank and secured therefrom another \$100,000. all in cash money in denominations of \$500. and \$1000., which was then and there handed to Wunderlich. Layton was present when this took place. Wunderlich and Layton immediately left St. Paul, after securing this money, for South Bend, Indiana. There the \$300,000. in cash (contributions indicated in a prior paragraph) was given to Layton who supposedly took it over to the gambling joint in the Lincoln Hotel. He returned a little later with a "certified" check drawn on the "New York Exchange, Inc." in the amount of \$911,700. Wunderlich at this time grew very angry and wanted to know why the money was not brought back and Layton said it was because it would take a half hour to get the money in large denominations. In about half an hour Layton went again supposedly to the gambling joint and came back shouting that he had sunk it all on a horse at five to one and that all would be millionaires the same afternoon. Farley asked what horse he bet on and when Layton told him said "You fool, I could have told you not to bet on that horse". That Farley said he would go down and try to remove the bet and get the money. In a little while Farley came back raving mad, saying that "Layton, the rattle brained blankety blank has lost all our money" and picked up a spittoon and hit Layton so hard on the head Wunderlich was afraid Farley would kill Layton, and, accordingly, he stepped in and separated the two. Farley then said he was going to New York City to find his auditor so he could get some big money to recoup their fortunes, and Layton said he would proceed to Paducah to raise as much money on the \$100,000. in bonds he had there and they both advised Wunderlich to raise some more money, if possible, and meet them in two days at the Hotel Statler in Cleveland. That evening Wunderlich placed a long distance call to the Assistant Engineer of the Kentucky Highway Department, and there secured information that convinced him he had been mulcted of \$200,000.

Wunderlich also advised that he told the whole story to Edward G. Bremer and made arrangements to pay back the \$200,000. in question; that

Bremer subsequently started a quiet police investigation of which only a few detectives in St. Paul and Chicago had knowledge, as a result of which he was shown a picture by Lt. Edward J. Kelly of the Chicago Police Department of a picture he identified as the individual he knew as "Taylor" the bondsman. He said Lt. Kelly told him this individual was a con man, known as "The Christ Kid", and that Kelly also subsequently told him that in his opinion the "Christ Kid" had something to do with Bremer's recent kidnaping. ("Christ Kid" and "Taylor" are aliases of William Elmer Mead.)

Wunderlich also advised that he was shown a picture of an individual he identified as "Charles Layton" by Detective Brown of the St. Paul Police Department. Wunderlich could not remember the correct names or any of the aliases of these two individuals, or their police numbers, but evidently their correct names and aliases and police history can be secured from the police officers named.

Wunderlich also advised that on Saturday night, January 20, 1934, while he was in his room at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, (there being a convention of contractors in Kansas City at the time) someone called him in his room on the house phone; that this individual said "Is this Wunderlich"; that he said "Yes"; that the person then said, "Can you handle a deal for us"; that he said "Who is this, Charlie?"; that this person seemed taken back by this and said "No, who is Charlie" and then immediately hung up.

Wunderlich stated he was positive he recognized the voice of the person he knew as Charlie Layton; that he immediately put on his hat and rushed downstairs and saw the back of a man going out the hotel, getting into a dark Cadillac driven by another man whom he could not see; that they pulled rapidly away and not a policeman was in sight whereby he could stop them and he was afraid to try to run down the car himself. Wunderlich said that although he could only see the back of the form of this man, he is positive it was the individual he knew as Charlie Layton.

Descriptions furnished by Wunderlich were as follows:

Name	Charles Layton
Age	38-40
Height	5' 4"
Weight	125 lbs.
Build	Slender
Complexion	Pale, cheeks drawn in.
Hair	Pitch black, heavy eyebrows.
Remarks	Speaks very good English; well-mannered; very snappy dresser; had one suitcase filled with nothing but neckties; teeth appeared good but were all brown with tobacco stain.

Name	Ben Taylor alias "The Christ Kid"
Age	45
Height	6' 1"
Weight	185 lbs.
Build	Athletic, slender
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Remarks	Lip apparently has been cut at some time on left side with result has a mouth slightly out of shape, upper lip curling up.

Name	"Bill" Farley
Age	45
Height	6'
Weight	230 lbs.
Build	Heavy set
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Gray
Glasses	Square, rimless.

Name	Mr. Hopper
Age	38
Height	6'
Weight	215 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Dark
Remarks	Appeared to be Jewish

The report of Special Agent W. K. Bowling, Portland, Oregon, dated October 23, 1934, set out a lead for the Kansas City Office to ascertain whether a party by the name of Meade or Mead was confined in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1909 to 1913. The report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 1, 1934, recites that the only record on file at the penitentiary was that of one C. Albert Meade, which, upon checking the fingerprint classification, revealed that said person was not identical with William Elmer Mead.

The report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated December 9, 1935, reflects that G. Hinds, Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Missouri, and Henry C. Smith, suite 705 Ridge Arcade, Kansas City, Missouri, were correspondents of William E. Meade when he was incarcerated in the state penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado from 6-3-23 to 9-14-25. The report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-29-35 recites that Mrs. Eva Waugh, manager of the Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Missouri,

advised that she had been in active management of the above mentioned hotel for nine years, and that during that time she never recalled having a guest known as "G. Hinds". She further informed that she had no registrations available from the period 1923 to 1925, and that it would be an impossible task to check the registrations subsequent to that date in that they were not alphabetically filed. Mrs. Waugh was shown a photograph of William E. Meade, who, after examining same, failed to identify it as the likeness of anyone she had ever known. Inquiry at the Post Office and of Ed Portley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Missouri, as well as a check of the city directories failed to reveal a "G. Hinds" as ever having resided at Joplin, Missouri.

Investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, by Agent Norstrom failed to indicate the present whereabouts of Henry C. Smith, suite 705 Ridge Arcade Building, although there is a Ridge Building in Kansas City, Missouri. There is no Ridge Arcade. Inquiry of the present tenants of the Ridge Building failed to reveal a Henry C. Smith as ever having had offices in that building, and inquiry at the Post Office, Kansas City, Missouri, as well as a check of the city directories failed to reveal a Henry C. Smith as residing at Kansas City, Missouri.

With reference to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1935, to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, requesting that Dr. William Loeser be interviewed at the United States Penitentiary Annex, Leavenworth, Kansas, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom interviewed Dr. Loeser at the United States Penitentiary Annex on January 7, 1936, who advised that William Elmer Mead, whom he knew as Lane, was virtually a stranger to him, he having met him on two occasions only, and that all pertinent information concerning this party was previously related in statements furnished by him in the Dillinger case.

Dr. Loeser related to Agent Norstrom at that time, however, that he had learned, subsequent to the trial of Louis Piquett, in conversations with Arthur O'Leary and Dr. Harold Cassidy, that a very close relationship existed between O'Leary and Mead, and that they had implicit confidence in each other, they having worked together for a number of years in Blue Sky promotion schemes. Dr. Loeser related further that neither O'Leary nor Cassidy would cooperate in any manner in causing the apprehension of Mead, but he was positive as a result of conversations with O'Leary that he was well acquainted with Mead's whereabouts at all times.

Dr. Loeser also informed Agent Norstrom that one "Hub" Mullins, an attorney, presently officing with Louis Mack, another attorney in Chicago, Illinois, was closely associated with O'Leary and would undoubtedly have some valuable information in his possession concerning Mead.

Dr. Loeser stated that he was not in a position at that time to obtain information concerning Mead, and that although his maximum term will not expire until May 7, 1937, he expects to be released from the penitentiary about March 14, 1936, after which he might obtain information relative to this investigation that may be of some value to the Bureau.

The results of this investigation were contained in a letter directed to the Bureau on January 13, 1936, copies of which were forwarded to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Paul and Cleveland.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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January 21, 1936

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

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

With reference to the Identification Order shortly to be issued on WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, it is suggested that this Order be distributed to the better class hotels throughout the country.

Investigation of this person to date has indicated that he frequents the better class hotels almost continuously and in view of his unique features, it is thought the chances of his being recognized will be greatly enhanced by this method.

In this connection, it is also suggested that should the Bureau approve this, the Identification Order might easily be distributed through hotel protective agencies which maintain mailing lists in every section of the country.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKean
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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-14-36	REPORT MADE BY H. H. McKEE AGB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>Telegram sent by Harry Thornton, Nellie Howell, Ida Levack and Mamie Scott, sisters and brother of Ted Thornton concerning the adoption of a small boy named George by George and Dolly Larimer who are relatives of the Thorntons. Harry Thornton and relatives reside at Tulare, Calif., are very respectable people and Harry Thornton knows none of fugitives in this case.</p>			
REFERENCE: Kansas City teletype dated 1-13-36.			
DETAILS: AT VISALIA, CALIFORNIA.			
<p>Mr. J. D. Tomlison, manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, procured for Agent a copy of the telegram referred to in reference teletype which was identical, the telegram having been sent to H. T. Thornton, East Hickory Street, Nevada, Mo. and the name and address left by the person sending it was Harry L. Thornton, Tulare, California, phone 350 J. A check was made of the telephone directory of Tulare and it was found that this phone was listed under the name of Hazel Thornton. Mr. Tomlison explained that the telegram was left with Eugene Farley, night clerk of the Johnson Hotel, in which the Postal Telegraph Company is situated, at about 11:00 P.M., January 12, 1936, and that it was left with Mr. Farley because he (Tomlison) closed at 10:00 P.M. and if anything came in after that time it was left with the night clerk of the hotel.</p>			
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Eugene Farley, night clerk of the Johnson Hotel states that a man giving the name of Harry L. Thornton, Tulare, California, phone 350 J left the telegram with him on the night of January 12, 1936, paid for it and asked that it be sent the following morning. He and Mr. Tomlison explained to Agent that the Postal office at Tulare, Calif., which is only ten miles distance, closes in the early evening and it is not uncommon that persons living in that vicinity send wires from Visalia.

AT TULARE, CALIFORNIA.

In order to determine what type person Harry L. Thornton was, Agent contacted Eugene Keber and Homer Hall, both of the police department who stated that Thornton was a respectable business man of that city, had lived there practically all his life and had never been in any trouble, also that he had never accumulated any money, had a respectable family and was at present a clerk in the furniture department of Linders Hardware Store. They also stated that his wife, Hazel, was employed by the P. T. & T. Telephone Company and had been for a number of years. In view of this information it was thought best to personally contact Thornton,

Mr. Harry L. Thornton was contacted at Linders Hardware Store. He stated that he had resided and worked in Tulare for many years and was at present residing at 745 South H. Street with his wife who was employed by the Telephone Company. Agent obtained a list of Thornton's closest relatives from him and they are as follows:

H. T. (Ted) Thornton, brother, formerly of Coffeville, Kansas but now residing at Nevada, Mo., where he operates a club house; is married.

Nellie Howell, sister, Merced, California.

Ida LeVack, sister, lived at Valley Junction, Iowa until the recent death of her husband, now visiting at Wood Lake, Calif. and will visit in Tulare.

Mrs. W. P. (Mamie) Scott, sister, Wood Lake, California.

Dolly Larimer, niece, who is married to George Larimer, Bookkeeper for Jones Hardware Company, Porterville, Calif., now at Iola, Kansas settling the estate of her deceased father and attending to the adoption of a little boy named George. Left for Iola on January 11, 1936.

Walter A. Thornton, brother, Iola, Kansas.

Loisa Clark, sister, wife of John F. Clark, Lindsay, California.

Louis and Howard Thornton, nephews, who have both served time at Leavenworth Penitentiary during the past five years for, he believes, robbery; possibly hanging around Iola, Kansas and could know some gangsters as they have served time.

Agent, of course, at no time mentioned that he had seen a telegram which had been sent from Visalia, California but it can be seen from the conversation with Thornton that it was sent by him, Nellie Howell, Ida LeVack and Mamie Scott, all brothers and sisters to their brother Ted Thornton advising him of the departure of their niece, Dolly Larimer for Iola, Kansas and for him to look into the adoption of the young boy George. Mr. Thornton appeared at all times very willing to give Agent all the information he wanted and stated that he had not seen his brother Ted since 1921 when Ted was last in California. He also stated that none of his brother's friends had ever contacted him or any of his family. Mr. Thornton was then shown photographs of the subjects in this case and he positively stated he had not seen any of them and that none of them, insofar as he knew, had ever been in this part of the country. In view of the fact that Dolly Larimer will see Ted Thornton on the trip she is now on, the office of origin will advise if they desire her interviewed upon her return.

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DIRECTOR, SAC CONNELLEY AT ST PAUL AND SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE, BREKID. YESTERDAY JEAN ROBERTSON, IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR CRESTWOOD APARTMENTS WHERE JEAN FORMERLY EMPLOYED AND FITZGERALD PREVIOUSLY RESIDED, ADVISED SHE EXPECTED HER BIG HEARTBEAT TO COME TO CALIFORNIA SOON, AS HE EXPECTS TO LOSE HIS PLACE. SHE REFERRED TO HIS PLACE AS A BEER AND COCKTAIL ROOM. LAST NIGHT MURRY COOK, CLEVELAND, TELEPHONED JEAN AND ASKED HER IF SHE WAS STILL WAITING FOR HIM, ADVISING HE WAS COMING TO CALIFORNIA SOON. HE INDICATED HE IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN SOME COURT ACTION DEALING WITH THE DISPOSAL OF SOME PROPERTY. EVIDENT FROM TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION THAT COOK AND JEAN ARE SWEETHEARTS. IT IS THEREFORE DOUBTED THAT COOK CAN HAVE ANY IMPORTANT CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER. NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE HERE.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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January 18, 1936.

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

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

Reference is made to your letter relative to the above entitled matter, instructing this office to prepare a summary of the information contained in the files of the Milwaukee Office regarding William Elmer Mead. The files of the Milwaukee Bureau Office have been reviewed and all information contained therein is set forth in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois January 6, 1936, with the exception of the following investigation which was conducted by the Milwaukee Office.

The report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Massachusetts November 13, 1935 sets out an Undeveloped Lead for the Milwaukee Office to determine the identity of Gus B. Rose, Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, inasmuch as Fred Gondorf, an associate of William Elmer Mead, had received a letter from Rose on October 20, 1935. The lead in the report of Agent Plunkett dated November 13, 1935 also requested that this office interview Rose for the purpose of securing from him all information in his possession relative to the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

Gus B. Rose was located at LaCrosse, Wisconsin and was interviewed at the jewelry store of his brother, George B. Rose, 310 Main Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Gus B. Rose stated that he had known Fred Gondorf for more than thirty-five years, and that at one time Gondorf had conducted a tea store at 312 Main Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, next door to the Rose Jewelry Store. According to Rose, he had not seen Gondorf for many years until 1932, at which time he met him in Chicago, Illinois, and after that meeting, Gondorf wrote to him in reference to some matter concerning his wife, who is professed to be a very religious Catholic.

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Rose further advised that while at Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, he wrote to Gondorf somewhere in Massachusetts, but could not recall the address and did not know where Gondorf was staying at present. Rose stated that he knows Gondorf is in some kind of a racket, but that Gondorf never spoke of his business or his associates. Rose further stated that he never knew anyone by the name of Mead and when shown the photograph of William Elmer Mead, advised that he had never seen this individual, and that Gondorf had never spoken of Mead.

Chief of Police J. Webber of LaCrosse, Wisconsin was interviewed and stated that he had known Gus B. Rose for many years, but that Rose left LaCrosse about twenty years ago and has been known to be residing at Chicago, Illinois. As far as Chief of Police Webber knows, Rose has been a reputable citizen and has never been connected with any rackets. Chief Webber further stated that he also knows Fred Gondorf, who is an international swindler, and that Gondorf formerly resided and operated a tea store near Rose's Jewelry Store on Main Street in LaCrosse. He left LaCrosse about twenty years ago and never returned. Chief Webber further stated that while Gondorf was residing at LaCrosse, one Bert Scott, who now resides in the northern part of Chicago, Illinois, and was an eye doctor, had been in a swindle racket with Gondorf, but that Scott had left the racket twenty years ago and is now a very reputable citizen. Chief Webber also stated that Scott would probably be able to supply some information relative to Gondorf and probably Mead.

Relative to William Elmer Mead, Chief of Police Webber stated that this individual was unknown at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. A photograph of Mead was exhibited to Chief Webber, who stated that he was certain that Mead had never operated in LaCrosse.

In order to avoid repetition of facts that are already set forth in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois January 6, 1936, no summary report is being prepared by the Milwaukee Bureau Office in the absence of contrary instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE BREKID INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT TAXI DRIVER NOTIFIED NYC POLICE THIS MORNING THAT HE DROVE WOMAN AND MAN RESEMBLING ALVIN KARPIS EARLY TODAY TO NEWARK, N J. THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AT HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES IN NEWARK FAILS TO DISCLOSE PRESENCE ANY PERSON RESEMBLING KARPIS. ONE INDIVIDUAL BEARING STRONG FACIAL RESEMBLANCE TO KARPIS INTERVIEWED AT PLAZA RESTAURANT IN NEWARK BUT HIS FINGERPRINTS NOT IDENTICAL. INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK BUREAU OFFICE THAT TAXI DRIVER IN QUESTION FAILED TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION OF KARPIS AS MAN HE DROVE THIS MORNING.

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DR XXX DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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January 15, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

With regard to the telegram received from Acting Special Agent in Charge Brown of the Denver Office dated January 14, 1936, stating that he would possibly be detained for a period of two weeks in connection with the Bremer Case at St. Paul and suggesting that someone else be designated to address the Colorado Sheriffs Association at Denver on January 22nd or 23rd.

While talking with the Director, he requested that Special Agent in Charge Brantley of Oklahoma City be contacted to see if he could substitute for Mr. Brown and if this was not possible, then Special Agent in Charge Smith at Kansas City should be so designated.

I telephonically communicated with Mr. Brantley and advised him of the facts. He stated that so far as he knew now, he could appear at Denver and make a talk concerning the work of the Bureau. I suggested to Mr. Brantley that he might desire to communicate telephonically with Special Agent Brown in order to find out definitely whether he would be requested to speak on the 22nd or 23rd and also the proper person to be notified, and, further, to ascertain whether Special Agent Brown had prepared a speech to deliver on this occasion. Mr. Brantley stated that he would do this and would communicate with the Bureau later on.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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PHONE - BREKID JOE ADAMS COMPLETED TESTIMONY SHOWING MCDONALD
 IN COMPANY WITH MEMBERS OF GANG IN MIAMI AND HAVANA DURING FALL
 OF NINETTEEN THIRTY FOUR. TERESA CARMICHAEL TESTIFIED THAT
 MCDONALD STRONGLY RESEMBLED A MAN VISITING KARPIS HOME ON CHRISTMAS
 DAY OF NINETTEN THIRTY FOUR. SAC HANSON INTRODUCED SIGNED STATEMENT
 OF MCDONALD. GEORGIA PATTERSON INTRODUCED ORIGINAL TELEGRAM SENT
 BY " CASH " TO FRED BARKER AS T C BLACKBURN ON DECEMBER TWENTY-
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 WEAVER. SAC CONNELLEY TESTIFIED RE ARREST OF WEAVER. AGENT MADALA,
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Cleveland, Ohio

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

January 21, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

There is being transmitted herewith a letter written to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., dated at Cleveland, Ohio, January 6, 1936, written by one C. M. Lewandrowski, 7915 Spafford Road, Cleveland, Ohio, requesting \$1,000,000 to be paid on or before January 30, 1936 by Mr. Rockefeller to Mr. Lewandrowski, if Mr. Rockefeller desired to postpone the "wrath of God upon him."

It has been ascertained by the Cleveland office that this individual has sent similar letters to Mr. Bernard Baruch, Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Mr. Edward George Bremer, and Mr. Henry Ford. It has also been established that this man is mentally deficient.

The Bureau is being furnished the above described letter for the purpose of filing same in the Technical Laboratory in the event more letters of this description are received, or inquiry is later made of the Bureau by any of the above recipients of these letters.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Examination requested by: Cleveland

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Examination requested: Document

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January 21, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 14, 1936 at 2:18 P. M. to January 20, 1936 at 7:45 P. M.; which was the last call received on said telephone tap.

The telephone tap on the telephone of William F. Fergus was discontinued at ten A. M. on January 21, 1936, as per your telephone conversation with Special Agent E. J. Ryan on January 20, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir: I would like to get
in touch with one of your
men in regards to P.E. No. 1.

Formerly I was an employe
in Substax unit of the Int. Rev.
but was retired over two years
ago on ^{account of} physical disability.

I respectfully refer you to Mr. E. J.
Deputy Comm. of the Int. Rev. who is
one of my friends.

Very Respectfully
Wesley J. Gates

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Box 9033
Northwood Station, West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Mr. Jesse F. Gates,
529 40th Street,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 21, 1936,
which refers to the case involving the kidnaping of Edward
George Bremer.

Inasmuch as you state you have information relative to
Alvin Karpis, I have instructed Mr. R. B. Nathan, Special Agent
in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of
Justice, 412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building,
Jacksonville, Florida, to have an Agent call upon you in the
near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

(Copies of letter of 1-21-36)

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J. E. Connelley
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1351 First National Bank Building
El Paso, Texas
January 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID - El Paso File 7-6

Dear Sir:

In connection with mail cover being maintained on C. C. (Jack) Campbell et al., I enclose herewith tracings on two letters recently received, as follows:

1. Addressed to Miss Cornelia Campbell, 810 West Texas Ave., El Paso, Texas, postmarked Strawn, Texas, Jan. 5 P.M., 1936. Return care of Robert Smith, Robertz Camp, Strawn, Texas.

2. Addressed Mr. Jack Campbell (with picture of canal straws at right of envelope) in care of T.P. Oil Co., El Paso, Texas, postmarked Fort Worth, Texas. Postmarked Dorado, Kansas, January 15, 1936. Return care of Tom Madgen, El Dorado, Kansas.

Copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Dallas office for their information.

Very truly yours,

R. H. COLVIN
Special Agent in Charge.

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Ed George Bremer

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/22/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/21/36	REPORT MADE BY J. L. FLOOD TMH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218: DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232: HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236: et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING: HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY SAWYER, under name of Harry Sandlovich, on 12/23/14, entered plea of guilty in County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, to charge of burglary with explosives and was placed on probation for three years but discharged therefrom on Sept. 25, 1917. W. C. Burcham, Clerk, County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, left 1/21/36 for Saint Paul, with all Court records in connection with this arrest to be introduced in evidence at the trial of SAWYER. Peter Johnstone, Lincoln, has known SAWYER since latter was young boy and arrested him around the fore part of December, 1914, at Omaha, Nebraska, on above charge. Johnstone was also instructed to leave for St. Paul immediately to identify SAWYER at the trial. Saint Paul Bureau Office telephonically informed of the results of the investigation at Lincoln.

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DETAILS:

At 12:15 P.M., January 21, 1936, Special Agent S. K. McKee, talking from the St. Paul Bureau Office, requested that the Omaha Office obtain immediately, certified copies showing the conviction and disposition of charges against HARRY SAWYER, who on December 23, 1914, entered a plea of guilty in the County District Court at Lincoln, Nebraska, to a charge of burglary with explosives. Agent McKee also requested that, if possible,

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the names of the arresting officers be obtained and to locate them for the purpose of having them identify HARRY SAWYER as the person arrested; further, to contact the Probation Officer to whom SAWYER was paroled, to determine if he could identify SAWYER, and to obtain any and all written statements in connection with SAWYER'S arrest at Lincoln, Nebraska on December 12, 1914.

At Lincoln, Nebraska

Agent interviewed Mr. W. C. Burcham, Clerk, County District Court, who assisted Agent in examining Docket "K", page 754, which showed that on December 12, 1914, information had been filed against HARRY SANDLOVICH, who is HARRY SAWYER, and Thomas Carr, both of Lincoln, Nebraska, for burglarizing the offices of the Standard Oil Company at Lincoln, Nebr. Carr was acquitted of the charges; however, on December 23, 1914, Sandlovich entered a plea of guilty in County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, and was placed on probation for three years, to Dr. F. L. Wharton, Probation Officer at that time, who is now deceased, and was discharged from probation on September 25, 1917.

The County Attorney, Jesse B. Strode, who filed the Information against SANDLOVICH and prosecuted him, and the County Judge, Albert J. Cornish, who sentenced SANDLOVICH, are both deceased.

The records show the following officers were endorsed on the bill of information as witnesses:-

Captain Peter Johnstone, now employed as Custodian at the First Trust Company, Lincoln, Nebraska;

Officers John Dee and Ted Oliver, both of whom died some years ago at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. Burcham was requested to prepare exemplified copies of the records showing the information, conviction and disposition of the charges against SANDLOVICH. An examination of the records show that SANDLOVICH did not make any written statements in connection with his arrest on the above charges.

Peter Johnstone was located at the First Trust Company and he advised that at the time of SANDLOVICH'S arrest, he, Johnstone, was Captain of Detectives and worked under Chief of Police Jim Malone, who was his father-in-law and who died several years ago. Mr. Johnstone advised that he has known HARRY SANDLOVICH and the latter's family for at least thirty

years; that he is very well acquainted with HARRY SANDLOVICH and has talked to him many times at Lincoln, before he became involved in difficulties with the law. Mr. Johnstone stated in 1914 the offices of the Standard Oil Company at Lincoln were burglarized and information was received from an informant, whose name he does not now recall, that Thomas Carr, a notorious criminal, whose home was at Lincoln, and HARRY SANDLOVICH were responsible for the burglary. Mr. Johnstone advised that Thomas Carr was arrested on the charge but was acquitted and a short time thereafter was sentenced on another charge to the State Penitentiary at Lincoln and escaped about twenty years ago and he was never captured.

When information was received from some source that HARRY SANDLOVICH was staying at Benson, a suburb of Omaha, Nebraska, Johnstone and Captain John Barrett, of the Lincoln Police Department, left for Omaha and arrested SANDLOVICH as he got off a street car and returned him to Lincoln. Mr. Johnstone advised that if his memory served him correct, he was in court on December 23, 1914, when SANDLOVICH was placed on probation for a period of three years; that SANDLOVICH did not make statements regarding the charge against him, to any of the police officers. Mr. Johnstone advised that he would have no difficulty whatever in identifying SANDLOVICH; that Captain John Barrett left Lincoln about fifteen years ago and went to Wyoming to settle on a homestead, but no one seems to know near what town he resides and he has not written to any of his old friends in Lincoln. Mr. Johnstone doubts very much if Barrett would be able to identify SANDLOVICH, if Barrett were located, as he had not seen SANDLOVICH prior to assisting in Sandlovich's arrest at Omaha.

Agent telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of the Omaha Bureau Office, from Lincoln, Nebraska, of the results of the investigation at Lincoln and when Mr. Alt telephoned to Special Agent McKee, at Saint Paul, Agent McKee requested that Mr. Burcham and Mr. Johnstone leave immediately for Saint Paul, so that they might testify in this case and requested that Mr. Burcham bring the court records with him.

Agent notified Mr. Johnstone and he left Lincoln at 7:00 P.M., January 21, 1936, and would arrive at St. Paul the morning of January 22nd. As Mr. Burcham was unable to make the train at Lincoln, Agent drove him to Omaha, Nebraska, he boarded a train at 9:15 P.M., for Saint Paul, and would arrive in St. Paul on the morning of January 22nd. Mr. Burcham brought with him exemplified records of the information, conviction and disposition, of the charges against SANDLOVICH and in addition, brought all papers filed in the case, to introduce them in evidence.

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Post Office Box 818

Chicago, Illinois

January 21st, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Re: SPECIAL AGENT J. L. MADALA
ADMINISTRATIVE

In reply to your letter of January 17th, 1936, I desire to advise that Special Agent J. L. Madala is presently attending court at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the trial in the Brekid case.

It is therefore not possible at the present moment to advise your Office when Agent Madala will be available to proceed to Louisville in line with his recent transfer. His transfer will be expedited, however, immediately upon his return to his headquarters at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 1/20/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7 to 18/36	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN EJW/EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone calls made by Murray Cook, Ashtabula, O. to Cortland, Youngstown, Akron and Ravenna, O. checked with negative results. George Benton, E. Palestine, O. identified as not being identical with subjects. Investigation at Canton, O. fails to disclose definite information indicating subjects in this case being harbored by Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich, or Edna Haney. Indication that Fred Hunter, Leavittsburg, O., and E. P. Parker purchased 1935 Hudson coupe, motor #60348, which was observed at Hot Springs, Arkansas in August or September, 1935. Telephone tap on William Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, unproductive to date. James "Tip" O'Neill has unlisted telephone at Cleveland, Lakewood 6554M. Thomas J. Shaw, Akron P. D. #26337, wanted by Post Office Inspectors in connection with Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery identified as identical with Milton Lett, who worked at Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio from about April until November, 1935, and who appears to have gambling connections at Akron and Youngstown, Ohio, including Fred Hunter, and has been reported frequenting those vicinities for past two years. Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland desire apprehension of Milton Lett at this time, but not Sam Coker. Surveillance registry section, Cleveland Post Office, without results. C. M. Lewandrowski, Cleveland, O., harmless individual. [REDACTED] has no additional information. [REDACTED] advises Lillian Poole presently

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *J. J. MacFarland* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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working at 30 E. Forest Ave., Detroit, Michigan under name of Mrs. Louise King. Informant Fred Wobser, Sandusky, O. has no information. Inspector J. L. Schisley, Sandusky, O. Police Department advises that Mirabella was in Mansfield, O. week of 1/6/36. Grace P. Brooks located and interviewed and no information relative to subjects obtained from her. Photograph of Volney Davis appeared in 5/25/34 edition of Toledo News Bee over the name of Barker.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/7/36; Bureau letter dated 1/13/36; letter from St. Paul office to Cleveland office, dated 1/14/36; report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, Cleveland, O., dated 10/5/35; letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois to Cleveland office, dated 10/7/35; report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/9/36; report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 12/16/35; report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 10/17/35; report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 11/30/35; letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois to Cleveland office, dated 12/26/35.

The following is the result of investigation conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney between the periods January 15th and 16th, inclusive.

It will be noted in the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd dated 1-9-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, certain telephone numbers which were called from Ashtabula 3170 and Ashtabula 2513 are set forth. These telephones are located, respectively, in The Swallows, a night club operated by Murray Cook, and residence of Murray Cook at 1501 Bunker Hill Road, Ashtabula, Ohio. A check of these telephone numbers called from the above two numbers was made and the following information was obtained:

AT RAVENNA, OHIO

A clerk in the business office of The Ohio Bell Telephone Company stated that telephone number Ravenna 226, which number was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 7-3-35 was listed in the name of Mrs. F. M. Paltzgroff, 318 E. Main Street. Agent was further advised that this telephone had been discontinued as of January 4th, 1936. Further inquiry of C. H. Caris, Postmaster, developed information that Mrs. F. M. Paltzgroff is a widow, her husband having died about two years ago. She is considered of excellent reputation in Ravenna and is believed to be considerably well off. Mrs. Paltzgroff is a woman about sixty years of age and at the present time she is on a world tour and will return to Ravenna in May or June of 1936.

AT AKRON, OHIO

Akron telephone number University 2357, which was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 10-30-35, was found to be listed in the name of H. A. Tham, Fairlawn Boulevard. Further inquiry of George McKean, Assistant Postmaster, Akron, Ohio, discloses that H. A. Tham is treasurer of The Mechanical Mold and Machine Company, of Akron, Ohio.

Akron phone Fr 9437, which was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 10-6-35 was found to be listed in the name of Edward B. Gill, 158 Edgerton Road. George McKean states that he is personally acquainted with Mr. Gill and considers him to be a highly respectable and honorable person. E. B. Gill is in the hotel and gasoline business in Akron.

Akron phone number Fr 2889, which was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 9-1-35, was found to be listed in the name of R. E. Cramblett, 21 South Walnut Street. Inquiry develops the information that Ralph E. Cramblett is a clerk in the employ of The Goodrich Silvertown, Inc., and has been so employed over a considerable period of time. The address, 2180 Walnut Street, Akron, Ohio, is that of a small low-priced apartment house, close to the main business section of town. The apartment house is known as Harlan Hall and is managed by one D. Cramblett.

AT CORTLAND, OHIO

Inquiry at the office of The Northeast Ohio Telephone Company failed to produce any information regarding the two calls shown as having been made collect and charged against Ashtabula 3170, said calls being made by Louie Frano and Kathryn Dempsey on March 15, 1935 and July 19th, 1935, respectively.

It was ascertained, however, that on September 13, 1935, at 8:47 pm a call was placed from Black 517, Cortland, Ohio to Ashtabula 3170, and a toll charge of 35¢ was collected. Agent was advised by the chief operator at Cortland that Black 517 is the number assigned to a coin booth located in the Brookside Inn, Cortland, Ohio. The name of the person making the call could not be ascertained.

Mrs. Grace Dillworth, postmaster at Cortland, stated that the Brookside Inn was operated by one R. Stouffer; that for some years back when other managements the Brookside Inn had a bad reputation, but that since being taken over by Stouffer it was considered to be fairly respectable. Neither Louis Frano nor Kathryn Dempsey is known to Mrs. Dillworth.

AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Youngstown phone 4-4467 called by Murray Cook and also by a person giving the name of Wilson from Ashtabula 3170 on 8-14-35 was found to be listed as The Renner Brewing Company, 203 Pike Street.

Youngstown phone 5-2354, which was called by Cook from his residence phone: Ashtabula 2513, on 5-1-35 and 9-12-35 was found to be listed in the name of Frank J. Sexton. This number had been changed, however, to Youngstown 30878, which was called by Cook on 11-8-35. The reason for the change in phone numbers was that Frank J. Sexton changed his place of abode.

Inquiry developed that Frank J. Sexton now resides at 733 Bryson Street, Apartment 1-D, and that he has office space at 303 Mahoning Bank Building. He is an attorney and is manager of the Claim Department for the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, 302 Mahoning Bank Building.

Ralph Thombs, attorney, 1105 Central Tower Building, to whom agent was referred by H. R. Stillson, assistant postmaster at Youngstown, states that he knows Sexton personally and considers him to be a reliable and honest person.

Mr. Sexton, according to Thombs, has received several cuts in salary within the past two years and has probably had to govern his overhead accordingly, which might account for the many changes of address, it having been noted that since 1932 Sexton has lived at the following

147 Lyons Boulevard, Poland, Ohio
 1505 Bryson Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio
 1405 " " " " " "
 733 " " " " " " , Apt. 1-D, Youngstown, Ohio

It is further noted that each succeeding address has been a move to a lower rent district.

Youngstown phone 3-2962 called by Cook from his residence phone twice on 4-24-35 and again on 9-27-35 was found to be listed as Mr. F. B. Smith, 960 Ottawa Drive. Inquiry develops information that F. B. Smith is the proprietor of the oldest Chevrolet Motor distributing company in Youngstown. He is considered by H. R. Sullson as being a very prominent and leading citizen.

Youngstown phone 4-0057 called by Cook from his residence on 6-12-35 and 6-19-35 was found to be a pay station located in the store operating as the Bloom Drug Company, 1843 Hillman Street. This store is located on the corner of Hillman and Warren Streets and is in a community of average responsibility, consisting of one-family homes.

AT CANTON, OHIO

On the date of January 8th, 1936, the Cleveland office received a communication from Charles M. Ball, US Commissioner, Canton, O., stating that a man named F. E. Veon, 30th Street, Northwest, RFD 2, Canton, Ohio, claimed to have seen a person whom he identified as Alvin Karpis on January 2nd, 1936, between 5:30 and 6 pm at the Dew Drop Inn, located on Cherry Avenue, NE, Canton.

Special Agents R. T. Ross and W. B. O'Mahoney visited the Dew Drop Inn on the night of January 13th. Upon observation of the Dew Drop Inn it appears to be a very cheap and low-class barroom and is frequented by persons who might be described as panhandlers. It was noted that during the time agents were present at the Dew Drop Inn the bar was patronized by poorly-dressed and dirty-appearing persons.

F. E. Veon was contacted at his residence and was questioned concerning the person he had identified as Alvin Karpis. He was shown several pictures of subjects in the Bremer case, and he failed to identify the picture of Alvin Karpis, but selected the picture of Harry Campbell as being the picture most closely resembling the person he had observed on January 2nd. Mr. Veon states that on the evening of January 2nd he had gone into the Dew Drop Inn and had sat down between two strangers at the bar and that he had ordered a glass of beer and that after drinking his own beer he got into conversation with the two men and that he later ordered beer for them. In paying for the beer he claims that he extracted from his pocket a match-box, in which he

had six or seven dollars and that after paying for the beer placed the match-box back in his pocket. After leaving his place at the bar and going out of the Dew Drop Inn he had occasion to reach for his money and found that it was missing, and it is his belief that either one of the men with whom he drank the beer at the bar had seen him put the money back into his pocket and had taken it from him. From the conversation he had had at the bar with these two men, he states that he came to the conclusion that they were broke.

Veon describes the person he suspects as being Alvin Karpis as being 35 years old, about 5' 11", 160 pounds, with dark brown hair; fair complexion, and his companion as being about the same age, six feet tall, 180 to 185 pounds, blonde hair, and fair complexion. He further states that some few days after this occurrence he happened to be looking a detective story magazine and in it saw photographs of the subjects in the Bremer case and at that time believed he recognized the picture of Alvin Karpis as being that of the man he saw at the Dew Drop Inn. Mr. Veon exhibited to agent the photographs which he had cut out of the detective magazine and from which he had based his conclusion. It was noted by agent that there are two photographs: one of Harry Campbell and one of Alvin Karpis, and Mr. Veon indicated the picture of Harry Campbell as being the party who was present at the Dew Drop Inn.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, dated 10-5-35, and letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated October 7, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois, both of which communications deal with the possibility of securing information from three persons located in Canton: namely, Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich and Edna Haney.

Postmaster L. Elsesser upon being contacted referred agent to A. C. L. Barthelmeh, Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney, Canton. Barthelmeh was questioned concerning Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich and Edna Haney, and he states that Eddie Brennan is a dope fiend and that to his best knowledge is now presently located around Akron, Ohio, his exact whereabouts being unknown. He states that for awhile Eddie Brennan managed the beer parlor which was owned by Carl Studer and located at the corner of Seventh and Mahoney Streets. He states that the reason for Brennan taking over the management of the beer parlor was the fact that Carl Studer had been arrested on a charge of hi-jacking and that during the time that Studer was in jail and was conducting the defense of his case Brennan handled the business at the beer parlor. Mr. Barthelmeh further stated that both Carl Studer and Eddie Brennan are low-type criminals and that an open contact with them would avail nothing. He states that Carl Studer was at one time a member of the Ben Rudner gang, which gang several years ago is credited with the murder of Mallett, then Editor for the Daily News, Canton, Ohio. Mr. Barthelmeh then suggested

that in order to secure further information regarding Eddie Brennan and his possible associates agent contacted F. J. Griffith, parole officer for the Ohio Parole Board. He also stated that F. J. Griffith had received information recently from Bill Ryan, who was returning to the Mansfield penitentiary as a parole violator, and that this information received from Bill Ryan indicated that Eddie Brennan, Carl Studer and their associates were engaged in peddling narcotics.

He states that the reason this information was forthcoming from Bill Ryan was that Ryan had been double-crossed by his brother, Harry, who was responsible for Bill being returned as a parole violator. Mr. Barthelme was unable to locate F. J. Griffith at the time of interview and suggested that his definite address be secured from the Ohio Parole Board at Columbus, Ohio.

Regarding Joe Rich and Edna Haney, Mr. Barthelme contacted one Norville W. Wyatt, 536 Perry Street, SE, telephone Canton 465. Wyatt, who is a colored boy, is known as Skippy and has on several different occasions acted as a procurer for prostitutes in the vicinity of the 500 block, Perry Street, SE. Through Wyatt it was learned that Joe Rich is presently the procurer of Edna Haney and that they are both residing at 410 Fourth Street, SE, Canton, Ohio. Mr. Barthelme states that Edna Haney's reputation is common knowledge in Canton and that an open interview or contact with either Joe Rich or Edna Haney would not develop any information. However, he suggested that through Norman W. Wyatt information regarding the possibility of fugitives wanted by this Department being harbored by Edna Haney might possibly be established.

Mr. Barthelme advised against a contact between agent and Wyatt at the present time and stated that he would attempt to look over the situation generally and be of whatever assistance he could to the Bureau. It is suggested, therefore, that when an agent is again in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, Mr. Barthelme be contacted with a view to establishing a possible confidential informant.

From the facts developed, however, it was deemed inadvisable to contact either Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich or Edna Haney.

AT EAST PALESTINE, OHIO

Inquiry was made with a view to establishing the identity of one George Benton, who owned a 1926 Overland coupe, Ohio license G 411 N, agent contacted P. C. Schmidt, postmaster, who stated that George Benton has resided in East Palestine for several years and that he first knew the Benton family in 1902 or 1903.

Mrs. Benton, the mother of George, still resides at 594 West

North Street, East Palestine, and in the family are four sons: John Benton, who is located in Cleveland, Ohio; Sam Benton, who is located some place in West Virginia; and George Benton and Bert Benton, who both reside at East Palestine, and are employed as potters at the George Pottery Works, East Palestine. George Benton is married and resides at 663 Park Avenue. Photographs of suspects in the Bremer case were exhibited to P. C. Schmidt, and he stated positively that none of them in any way resembled George Benton.

AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Reference is made to teletype from the Little Rock office, dated October 7, 1935; report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, dated 10-10-35 at Cleveland, Ohio; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois October 19, 1935 and report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, dated 10-17-35 at Little Rock, Arkansas, all of which communications are concerned with the identity of parties known as E. F. Parker alias Hunter, Tommy Coleman and Harold King, reputed Cleveland, Ohio, gamblers, who were believed to be in possession of a Hudson coupe in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the summer of 1935. Inquiry was made at the Manning Marine Motor Company, 907 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, where a 1935 Hudson coupe, motor No. 60348, was alleged to have been purchased on August 1st, 1935. Mr. A. Marino secured his records and exhibited them to agent, from which it was ascertained that on August 1st, 1935, a person who signed the contract as E. F. Parker purchased through salesman Edward Dickson 1935 Hudson coupe, motor No. 60348, serial No. 551492; further that \$936.50 was paid in cash by E. F. Parker. Mr. Marino further stated that about October 15th Parker brought this car back and stated that he wanted to sell it. The Manning Marine Company then purchased the car from E. F. Parker and paid him \$500 in cash. At the time Mr. Marino wanted to give Parker a check for the \$500, but Parker refused and stated that he wanted the cash. He also stated that he needed money pretty badly at that time. To the best of his recollection, Mr. Marino states that he believes the car had about 7000 miles on it when it was re-purchased by the Manning Marine Motor Company. Further examination of records discloses that this same car was resold on October 26, 1935, to F. J. Gallagher, 2311 Ohio Avenue, Youngstown.

Photographs of subjects in the Bremer case were exhibited to Mr. A. Marino, and he failed to identify them as being identical with E. F. Parker or F. Hunter.

Agent then interviewed Edward Dickson, salesman, who also failed to make any identification of photographs exhibited. Dickson stated that prior to the purchase of the Hudson coupe he had been contacted by a person whom he believes is Hunter. According to Dickson, Hunter was

evidently considering the purchase of the Hudson coupe. However, at the time the car was purchased Hunter was accompanied by E. F. Parker, who paid for the car. Dickson states that he cannot recall the exact conversation had with both parties, but believes that they were from the vicinity of Warren, Ohio, and that they were gamblers. Dickson describes E. F. Parker as being forty years old, 5' 8", 190 pounds, dark hair, florid complexion, very full face, a peculiarity being that Parker is near sighted, and in order to read must hold writing within a few inches of his eyes. He describes the party known to him as Hunter as being thirty five, 5' 5", 120 pounds and lame in one leg, apparently from a hip infection. The lameness is quite pronounced.

Further examination of the original bill of sale whereby E. F. Parker purchased the automobile in question indicated that Parker gave the address, 323 North Phelps Street. Investigation was conducted at 323 North Phelps Street, which is the address of the Lincoln Hotel and Apartments. At this hotel Stewart Nichol examined the register for the period around August 1st, 1935, and stated that no person by the name of E. F. Parker or F. Hunter had been registered or resided at the hotel during that period. Mr. Nichol was unable to identify any photographs of suspects or any subjects in the Bremer case as ever having resided at the Lincoln Hotel.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter that Fred Hunter furnished Dr. Brown, 702 Medical Arts Building, Hot Springs, with information indicating that he resided at Leavittsburg, Ohio. Leavittsburg, Ohio, is located about three miles from Warren, Ohio.

Agent, therefore, made inquiry at the post office in Warren, Ohio, where Frank Waldeck was interviewed. Waldeck states that there is a family of Hunters which bears a poor reputation, known to reside in the vicinity of Leavittsburg. He further stated that the Hunters were also known to the police at Warren, Ohio. Through Frank Waldeck agent contacted Sergeant Pat Durkin of the Warren Police Department, who stated that all of the Hunters between the ages of thirty four and thirty eight were gamblers and gangsters. Pat Durkin describes Fred Hunter as being 34 years of age, 5' 6", 125 pounds, slender build, light hair, and very pale blue eyes. He is known to be a high-class gambler. Fred Hunter has two brothers living: William Hunter and Al Hunter, both of whom have served terms in the Ohio State Penitentiary, having been sent up from Warren, Ohio. Sergeant Durkin secured a photograph of Fred Hunter, which was taken in 1922. However, he states that it is a very good likeness of Fred even though it is thirteen years old. He also furnished agent with a photograph of William Hunter. These photographs will be forwarded to the Little Rock office in order that they may be exhibited to persons at Hot Springs, Arkansas, with a view to identifying Fred Hunter or Bill Hunter as being the parties observed during the summer of 1935.

Further investigation was conducted at Leavittsburg, Ohio, and agent proceeded to the post office.

Interview was had with Postmaster Ray Phelps, who informed that Fred Hunter is the son of George Hunter, who resides about two hundred yards from the post office, and that George Hunter is the father of Fred and is well known to him, the said postmaster.

Agent exhibited the photograph of Fred Hunter, which was obtained from Sergeant Durkin, and Mr. Phelps immediately identified the picture as being that of Fred Hunter, the son of George Hunter, of Leavittsburg, Ohio.

Mr. Phelps went on to relate further that the picture mentioned above is a very good likeness of Fred Hunter.

Postmaster Phelps also identified the photograph of William Hunter as being the son of George Hunter, who is so well known to him.

It might be indicated here as of interest that during this interview with Ray Phelps it was learned that Post Office Inspector H. W. Tavenor, of Youngstown, Ohio, had also been making inquiries concerning Fred Hunter as being a possible suspect in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery, which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7th, 1935.

The tap on the telephone of William F. Fergus at Cleveland, Ohio, has been continued since the date it was first installed, namely, January 4, 1936, and the log covering the telephone conversations up to January 15, 1936 has been furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley by letter. The complete log will be furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and all interested offices in the near future.

Generally speaking, the substance of the calls over the telephone of William F. Fergus has not been productive of important information so far as this investigation is concerned. There were some calls recently, indicating that Fergus was to meet some men and that arrangements were being made by Freddy Meyers, who runs Freddy's Restaurant in the 9th and Vincent Building, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was postponed several times. However, on January 13, 1936 it was definitely arranged that the meeting was to take place. Special Agents H. B. Dill, C. E. Smith, and the writer placed William F. Fergus under surveillance at the time he came from the doctor's office, and followed him to Freddy's Restaurant where he remained for approximately one-half hour, and upon departing he was followed by Special Agent H. B. Dill and the writer, it being noted at the time he came from the restaurant that he was with two other men. They proceeded to the office of A. H. Ganger, Room 338 East Ohio Gas Building. On January 15, 1936 William F. Fergus received a call from a man by the name of Durbin, who requested Fergus to call telephone number Republic 1405J and ask for "A". Fergus had some difficulty in understanding just who Durbin was and doubt as to just who "A" was. He has never called this number from his home telephone. Investigation conducted developed that William Durbin resides at 2063 East 82nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, at which address telephone number Republic 1405J is located. Mr. Durbin is listed in the city directory as being in the investment business in the Scofield Building. The address 2063 East 82nd Street is in the rooming house district. It has been observed on various occasions by Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer, but nothing unusual has been noted. Fergus has indicated in conversations with various parties over the telephone that he expects to return to Europe, however, no definite time has been set.

The Harvard Club, which was situated in Newburgh Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, was raided on the night of January 10, 1936 by the office of the Prosecuting Attorney and with the aid of private detectives. As a result the club has been out of business since that time. This situation was covered fully in a letter dated January 11, 1936 from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and interested offices.

James "Tip" O'Neill, who has been mentioned previously in this investigation, as being a possible contact between Karpis and Campbell, and Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, owners of the Harvard Club, resides at 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19. It has been ascertained that he has an unlisted telephone at this address, Lakewood 6554M, said telephone being in the name of Marie Flynn, with whom O'Neill is living. A check of the long distance telephone calls from this telephone for a three months' period prior to January 1, 1936 revealed only one long distance telephone call, same being made on November 21, 1935 to Toledo, Ohio, telephone Forest 5109.

Bureau letter of January 13, 1936 (7-576) furnished the criminal record of Milton Lett, under FBI #1008739. The record is as follows:

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

Reference is here made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935, describing the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, it being indicated that Thomas J. Shaw, Akron, Ohio Police Department #26337, apparently purchased the Plymouth automobile which was used in the robbery. This information was obtained from the Post Office Inspectors. The particular Plymouth automobile was described in detail in letter from the Cleveland office to all field offices, dated December 12, 1935, wherein request was made that all field offices place notices in the various motor vehicle bureaus in order to be notified in the event this car appeared. The car is described as follows: 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857, bearing 1935 Ohio license plates LU 671. It appears that the date of the purchase of this automobile at Cleveland, Ohio was October 25, 1935, as determined by investigation made by the Post Office Inspectors.

It is to be noted from the above criminal record that Milton Lett, who has been frequently mentioned in this investigation as an informant of the Oklahoma City office, is in fact identical with Thomas J. Shaw.

The Akron, Ohio Police Department, by Bureau letter dated October 24, 1935, was advised that Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, had no previous criminal record, and that advice was furnished by the Bureau pursuant to the submission of the fingerprints of the said Thomas J. Shaw, which were forwarded by the Akron Police Department to the Bureau. At the time the Post Office Inspectors uncovered the information that Thomas J. Shaw purchased the automobile which was used in the Garrettsville, Ohio robbery, they endeavored to secure his criminal record from the Akron Police Department, and were advised by that department of the contents of the Bureau's letter of October 24, 1935, to the effect that Shaw had no previous criminal record.

On January 4, 1936 the Cleveland office wrote the Bureau requesting a complete criminal record of Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, and as a result received the above set out criminal record, reflecting that Milton Lett is identical with Thomas J. Shaw.

It appears that the Akron Police Department, upon receiving the above-mentioned criminal record on the afternoon of January 16, 1936, immediately called Post Office Inspector S. Hettrick at Cleveland, Ohio, by long distance telephone, and advised him, whereupon Inspector

Hettrick communicated with the post office inspectors at Oklahoma for the purpose of having them arrest Milton Lett for questioning in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery. This situation was fully discussed with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley over long distance telephone by this Agent and the situation was further covered in letter from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated January 17, 1936.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd, in an interview with Post Office Inspector Hettrick at Cleveland, was advised that the post office inspectors are very desirous of securing the apprehension of Milton Lett for questioning in connection with the Garrettsville train robbery, and in the event he is apprehended it is their intention to return him to Cleveland and give him "a going over." In this connection they advised that although they are generally convinced that Sam Coker is involved in the robbery they do not desire his apprehension at this time, but will rather depend upon Milton Lett to tell them the complete details which would involve Coker. He said they had Coker under observation at this time and could pick him up at any time, indicating that Coker is at the present time somewhere in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio.

The confidential informant of the Cleveland office, who has been furnishing information with reference to activities at the Harvard Club, was shown the photograph of Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, and advised that he knew this individual as "Willie" and that he has acted as shiller at the Harvard Club since the beginning of April or May, 1935, and terminating his services there several months ago. During the time he was employed there he was absent for a period of over a month, and upon his return advised the confidential informant that he had been visiting his relatives on a farm in the vicinity of New Orleans, Louisiana. The informant advised that this individual was driving a Ford sedan or coach. In this regard, reference is made to the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated November 25, 1935, in which it is stated that Milton Lett is the owner of a 1935 Ford sedan or coach, Kansas license plates #5-11020. The confidential informant advised that Lett, while at the Harvard Club, was closely associated with one "Smoky" Sharkey and the letter is mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, January 1, 1935. It appears that "Smoky" Sharkey and Milton Lett were very friendly and gave the confidential informant the opinion that they were living together somewhere in the vicinity of 98th and Madison Streets, Cleveland, Ohio.

As set out in the letter from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated January 17, 1936, confidential informant on several occasions saw Lett in serious, private conversations with Art Hebebrand, one of the owners of the Harvard Club.

Informant also advised that Lett also associated with two dealers, one known as Marty Kuntz, who resided at the Doanbrooke Hotel on 105th Street, just north of Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and one Sammy Solomon, address unknown. Both of these individuals were in the past dealers at the Harvard Club.

The following is a description of "Smoky" Sharkey, as obtained from the confidential informant:

Name	-	"Smoky" Sharkey (First true name unknown)
Age	-	30-32
Height	-	5'10"
Weight	-	140 pounds
Build	-	Slender
Hair	-	Dark
Eyes	-	Light blue
Nose	-	Hook nose
Complexion	-	Very ruddy
Teeth	-	Gold plated
Peculiarities	-	Hands - thin fingers; scaley skin; heavy drinker; always smokes cigars; very partial to medium colored blue clothes and light colored tan shoes; has monkey lips.
Race	-	White
Criminal record	-	Not known.

Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer at Akron, Ohio, contacted Detective Robert Van Steenberg of the Akron Police Department, and he advised that Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, who is now identified as being identical with Milton Lett, was arrested on the afternoon of October 19, 1935, at which time he had in his possession \$869.00 in the following denominations: five (5) \$100 bills; four (4) \$50.00 bills; six (6) \$20 bills, and the remainder in \$10 and \$5 bills; that all the larger bills were on southern banks and as he, Van Steenberg, recalls, one was on some bank in New Orleans, and others in Chattanooga, Memphis and other places in the south; that he noted the numbers at the time, but has since lost his record; that he took these bills to a local bank to be checked and it was his impression that they were checked against various ransom lists. This matter will be given further consideration by the Cleveland office.

It appears that Lett, on October 19, 1935, went to the Universal Motor Company, 423 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, for the purpose of buying a Ford automobile for cash, and that he made preliminary arrangements and then walked downtown to the vicinity of the Portage Hotel, where he was arrested as a suspicious person, while being in the company of one Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio, who is allegedly a gambler, and who is also employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company at Youngstown, Ohio. About three hours following the arrest of Lett, one J. T. Dunn, a local gambler of some importance, called at the Akron Police Department with reference to the arrest of Lett, and endeavored to negotiate a bond. He advised Detective Van Steenberg that he obtained his information concerning the arrest of Lett from some man who was sitting in the lobby of the Portage Hotel and saw the arrest, and later advised the Detective that this person had propositioned Dunn to put up \$150.00, which with the money taken from Lett at the time he was arrested, would be sufficient to provide a \$1,000 bond and that it was the purpose of Lett to jump this bond, but Dunn allegedly refused to be a party to this, inasmuch as he has been located in Akron for about fifteen years and is more or less in favor with the local authorities. This information indicates that Lett was very anxious to be released from custody and may be an indication that he is in fact badly wanted.

Detective Van Steenberg stated that at the time Lett was being photographed he resorted to the old trick of holding his breath and puffing out his cheeks for the purpose of distorting his features and that this caused comment and further conveyed to Detective Van Steenberg that he was "hot."

Continuing, Van Steenberg advised that Dunn confidentially told him that he, Dunn, first met Lett, whose name he did not know, about two years ago at the time he, Dunn, was operating a gambling place at 601 Main Street, Akron, Ohio, and that at that time Lett was accompanied by a fellow known as Hunter, who comes from the vicinity of Youngstown, Ohio. In this connection, reference should be made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated October 17, 1935, indicating that one Fred Hunter was in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas and investigation was conducted concerning him. Further reference is made to Hunter later in this report.

Detective Van Steenberg further advised that Dunn told him that Lett was in the habit of dropping in to his gambling place on various occasions during the last two years, and that he was invariably with a tough crowd and that Dunn formed the opinion that Lett was a crooked gambler.

During the course of the investigation, Detective Van Steenberg contacted William Hatcher, who was the collector for Sheriff of Summit County, Ohio, in connection with the latter's activities in protecting bootleggers. William Hatcher, on January 17, 1936, was sentenced in the United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, to serve fifteen months in a Federal penitentiary. According to Van Steenberg, Hatcher advised him that Eddie Brennan of Youngstown, Ohio, a gambler and minor underworld character, was well acquainted with Hunter and the latter's associates. Further reference to Brennan is made in the investigation conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, which is set out in this report. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 5, 1935, wherein mention is also made of Eddie Brennan. Further investigation is being conducted at the present time by the Cleveland office at Akron, Ohio with reference to Lett's activities in that vicinity.

The Cleveland office file is not at all complete with reference to the story of Milton Lett and his connections with Harry Campbell. However, there is a letter in the Cleveland file, dated November 26, 1935, written by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, wherein it is stated that Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Kansas, furnished information that Lett, in April or May, 1935, drove Harry Campbell to within a block of the latter's home. It is to be recalled that it was about this time that the informant at the Cleveland office advised that he first saw Lett at the Harvard Club.

The registration window at the Cleveland Post Office has been kept under surveillance continuously, but to date without results.

On January 15, 1936 on a radio program having a national hook-up, announcement was made that Alvin Karpis was believed to be in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio. This radio broadcast was on the program conducted by Phillip Lord, formerly known as Seth Parker. The announcement gave the complete physical description of Karpis, including the marks on his face, indicating that he had undergone a facial operation.

With reference to the letters from the St. Paul office dated January 14, 1936, Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer contacted Mr. C. M. Lewandrowski, 7915 Spafford Road, who, under the non de plume of Mrs. Owen D. Young, has been writing letters to Mr. Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, calling Mr. Bremer's attention to the fact that the wrath of the Holy Ghost was about to descend upon him. He admits that he has written in the past letters to Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Henry Ford, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Bernard Baruch, and as a matter of fact, at the time Agents called on him, he was busily en-

gaged writing a letter of a religious tenor, such as he had written to Mr. Bremer, to Mr. Bernard Baruch. He has in the past been confined in an institution and is presently on relief. He was given a good talking to and promised to refrain from writing Mr. Bremer.

Mrs. Marie Rediker, clerk in the post office at Brunswick, Ohio, was interviewed and photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to her. However, she was unable to identify Lett as the sender of the letter to Mrs. Maggie Lett, Wann, Oklahoma.

A review of the files of the Cleveland office revealed in case file #31-76, MRS. MAE SCHEIBLE, with alias, et al; BARBARA WILLIAMS, et al - Victims - WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, that Miss Grace P. Brooks, 10012 Lemont Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, Cedar 5830, was interviewed. Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer interviewed Miss Brooks and she stated that she had become acquainted with Edith Marco approximately six years ago, while she was wintering in Miami, Florida. In view of the fact that Miss Marco was from Cleveland they had become quite friendly and when Miss Brooks returned to Cleveland she invited Miss Marco to visit her if she ever came to Cleveland. As a result of that invitation Edith Marco did visit Miss Brooks and "sponged" on her for about three months, and upon leaving stole some of Miss Brooks' luggage. Numerous photographs, including those of Lett, Karpis, Campbell, and other subjects in this case, were exhibited to Grace Brooks, but she was unable to identify any of them. According to Miss Brooks, Edith Marco was not accompanied by any man, nor did she see her consorting with any one individual.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Special Agent C. E. Smith contacted [redacted] and was advised by him that he had not been able to secure any information as yet relative to the name of the girl, or the date and place, that subject Campbell is alleged to have married.

[redacted] was interviewed and stated that [redacted] while he had not been able to find out the nature of the trouble she had previously stated she was in, he did ascertain that she was working in a call house located at 30 East Forest Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, telephone Columbia 1999, under the name of Mrs. Louise King. According to [redacted] Lou was living in Detroit with Gus Jacob, residence address unknown, and was presently paying \$20.00 a month on the notes on Jacob's car.

A search in the various Toledo, Ohio newspapers, namely, the News-Bee, Times and Blade, revealed that on May 25, 1934, in the second edition of the News-Bee an article appeared entitled, "WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE." This article dealt with several individuals wanted by the Bureau, and displayed photographs of Mrs. Vivian Chase, Holland, Karpis, and Volney Davis. It was noted that the photograph of Volney Davis was labeled "Barker", no full name showing.

Agent endeavored to secure copies of this edition at the News-Bee offices but was advised that they had no issues left of any edition for the reason that at that time the Auto-Lite Company was on strike and during that strike several companies of the National Guard had been mobilized, and several persons were shot to death during the strike, and the papers at that time carried numerous photographs of the strike and all available copies had been purchased.

In the event it becomes necessary to subpoena a copy of the News-Bee in the possession of the Toledo Public Library, Mr. Carl Vitz, 1821 Waite Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, librarian at that library, has custody, care and control of all books. In the event it becomes necessary to subpoena the records of the News-Bee, Mr. Carlton K. Matson, editor of that newspaper, and Mr. Worth C. Coutney, business manager, Toledo News-Bee, Jackson and Huron Streets, Toledo, Ohio, are the proper persons.

AT SANDUSKY, OHIO

Mr. Fred Wobser, who, it will be recalled, operates a tavern located on U. S. Route #2, about two miles east of Sandusky, Ohio, and who was previously interviewed by Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Cleveland office, was again interviewed by Agent and he stated that he had not been able to secure any information to date relative to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell. Inspector J. L. Schisley of the Sandusky, Ohio Police Department, advised Agent that he had received information that Mirabella had appeared in Mansfield during the week of January 6, 1936 and he had transmitted that information to Captain George Timoney of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department. Agent was unable to secure any information from Inspector Schisley as to who advised him of the fact that Mirabella had been in Mansfield and where he had been. In view of the fact that Captain Timoney is a known associate of the Angus brothers it was not deemed advisable to contact him relative to this information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CINCINNATI OFFICE will at Columbus, Ohio ascertain from the Ohio Parole Board the name and present address of Frank J. Griffith, Parole Investigator, in order that he may be interviewed.

Will refer to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 17, 1935, and letter written by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, October 19, 1935, and will conduct appropriate investigation at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles securing all information with reference to 1935 Ohio license #H 85 M.

The LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Little Rock, Arkansas, will exhibit photographs of Fred Hunter, Bill Hunter, and Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department No. 26337, who is identical with Milton Lett, to persons who observed these individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as indicated in report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter. The photograph of Shaw will be forwarded in the near future by the Cleveland office.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will furnish the Cleveland office with a resume of the connections existing between Milton Lett and Harry Campbell, as reflected by previous investigation in this matter.

The DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan will ascertain the nature of the residence at 30 East Forest Avenue, telephone Columbia 1999. Will ascertain who operates that residence and will also endeavor to ascertain if Lillian Poole, alias Mrs. Louise King, resides at that address in company with Gus Jacob, and in the event she does not, her home address should be ascertained. In this connection, for the assistance of the Detroit, Michigan office, Gus Jacob operates a 1935 two-door Ford sedan, black in color, bearing Ohio tag (1935) #5404A. It is suggested at this time that no contact be had with either Gus Jacob or Lillian Poole. This lead is being set forth merely for the purpose of ascertaining Lillian Poole's address for future reference.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to telephone Forest 5109, which number was called on November 21, 1935 from the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill at Cleveland, Lakewood 6554M. In conducting this lead bear in mind that there exists a possibility that O'Neill is a contact between Karpis and Campbell and Patton and Hehebrand, formerly operators of the Harvard Club.

Will keep in contact with its contacts and informants at Toledo, Ohio.

At Akron, Youngstown, Ohio and vicinity will conduct further investigation with reference to the presence of Lett in those communities for the purpose of developing any information which will in any way tend to indicate that he was associated there with either Karpis or Campbell.

At Cleveland, Ohio will keep in contact with its contacts and informants.

Will in the near future furnish all interested offices with a complete log on the telephone tap of William F. Fergus.

Will develop more information concerning "Smoky" Sharkey, who, as set out in the body of this report, was a close contact of Lett at the time the latter was at the Harvard Club.

Will forward photograph of Milton Lett to the Little Rock office.

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ADDENDUM

Since the typing of this report, circumstances in the Cleveland office have arisen which necessitate keeping the photographs of Fred Hunter, William Hunter and Thomas J. Shaw in this office. Said photographs will be forwarded to the Little Rock office as soon as possible.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/22/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/16 - 17/36	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY GHD
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NAT'L FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Old Ropes and Michigan gold mining companies near Ishpeming, Michigan are only operating gold mines in Michigan and neither are producing gold in paying quantities at this time. Two gold strikes reported in Canada within the last year, one in Ontario, Canada and the other near International Falls, Minnesota. No likely hideouts near Ishpeming, Michigan. No gambling activities in or around Ishpeming and no known racketeers. Michigan State Police presently on look out for subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, dated 9/30/35.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, dated 12/9/35.</p> <p>Letter of Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated 12/13/35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>O. E. Demory, Captain of the Michigan State Police at Marquette, Michigan, was contacted and advised that the Old Ropes Gold Mine near Ishpeming, Michigan is the only location in the vicinity of Marquette, Michigan that is mining gold at this time. Mr. Demory advised that he is personally acquainted with all of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and is positive that no gold strike has been made in Northern Michigan which resulted in the establishment of a new town or settlement. Mr.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Rennie</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Demory advised that during January of 1935, Jim Buchanan, a former Michigan State policeman came to Marquette and advised that he was going to a new settlement that had sprung up as the result of a gold strike in Canada. Buchanan advised that he had a large trailer which he was taking with him and stated that he had a radio broadcasting station on this trailer. Buchanan advised that he was going to set up a broadcasting station in this town and advised that he was employed by the Canadian Government and this radio station was a Government owned project. Mr. Demory stated that Buchanan advised him that he was going to International Falls and enter Canada at that point and from the conversation Mr. Demory believes that this new town was only a short distance from International Falls, Minnesota. Mr. Demory could give no further information concerning Buchanan of the above mentioned location.

Captain Demory advised that his office covers Ishpeming, Michigan and that general location and stated that there are no outstanding underworld activities going on around Ishpeming. Mr. Demory advised that there are three beer taverns located near Ishpeming that are operated by people of questionable character but stated that these locations would be a poor hideout as they are located on the main highway and are frequented by the people living in Ishpeming, Michigan. Mr. Demory stated that the Chief of Police in Ishpeming is a good man and is honest but has a habit of talking too much and stated that if the information wanted was to be kept confidential it would be best not to contact the Chief of Police at Ishpeming.

Sergeant N. H. Modders of the Michigan State Police accompanied Agent to Ishpeming and while there the following people were contacted:

Albert Peppin, RFD #1, Box 290, Ishpeming, Michigan, is the manager of the Michigan Gold Mining Company. Mr. Peppin advised that his company started operation at their location during 1934 and stated that for the past year they have been getting the mine ready for production. This mine has a shaft 250 feet deep and at this time is producing a rock in which gold is ordinarily found but no ore has been found in paying quantities. Mr. Peppin advised that his conversation with Agent will be kept strictly confidential. Mr. Peppin further advised that he is the boss of the above mine and has only fifteen men working for him all of whom he has known for fifteen years. Mr. Peppin was shown subjects' pictures and advised that he has never seen anyone resembling subjects' pictures. Mr. Peppin stated that if he sees anyone resembling subjects' pictures he will immediately notify the Detroit Bureau Office. Mr. Peppin appears to be a very honest and sincere person and it is believed that he will cooperate with the Bureau if he receives any information that might be of assistance to the Bureau. Mr. Peppin advised that he has a night watchman for his mine but stated that all of the people working for him are living and have lived in Ishpeming, Michigan.

Captain Howard McLeod, foreman of the Old Ropes Gold Mine located five miles north of Ishpeming, Michigan, was interviewed and stated that this mine was first operated in 1880 and was operated for seventeen years, at which time this mine was closed. Mr. McLeod advised that more than \$600,000 worth of gold has been produced from this mine but advised for the past year he has been cleaning out this mine shaft which is 875 feet deep to the lower strata. This location was purchased one year ago by the Calumet and Heckla Mining Company and is operated as an experimental project. No gold is being produced at this time and mining will not start for about a month. Mr. McLeod advised that he has twenty men working for him and all of these men are old copper miners of the Calumet Company and he has been acquainted with these men for fifteen years. All of the men working at this mine live in Ishpeming. Mr. McLeod appears to be a very reliable person and stated that his conversation with Agent will be kept strictly confidential. Mr. McLeod examined subjects' pictures and advised that he has never seen anyone resembling subjects and advised that if he sees anyone resembling subjects he will immediately notify the Detroit Bureau Office. Mr. McLeod advised that he has been in the mining business all of his life and stated that he is positive that the two above mentioned mines are the only gold mines operating in Upper Michigan at this time. He advised that there has been no outstanding gold strike in Upper Michigan which would result in the establishment of a town. Mr. McLeod advised that about a year ago he heard that a good gold vein had been discovered some place in the Province of Ontario, Canada, but stated that he had no additional information concerning the exact location of this place. This man advised that the Government Records in Windsor, Canada will disclose the location of this place. Mr. McLeod advised that George A. Newett of Ishpeming, Michigan, might be able to give information as to the location of this above mentioned place.

Mr. George A. Newett advised that he remembers that about a year ago there was a report of a gold mine strike in the Province of Ontario, Canada and stated that he did not pay much attention to this report as it was not in the United States. Mr. Newett advised that he is positive that there has been no outstanding gold strike in Michigan in recent years and stated that the two gold mines mentioned in this report are the only ones in Northern Michigan that are in operation at this time.

Sergeant N. H. Modders of the Michigan State Police advised that he is in close contact with the activities in Ishpeming, Michigan and vicinity and advised that the "Country Club" and the "Fox Farm" are the only two "Dives" in Ishpeming. The above places were visited and were found to be small beer parlors operated by people of questionable character but other than running a beer parlor and being people of questionable character no illegal activities on their part is known. These places would make a poor hideout as they are small and frequented by people living in this location. An examination of these places revealed that they would not be used as a hideout. Sergeant

Modders advised that he examined these places frequently in connection with their Beer License but stated that if there was any gambling at these places it was on a very small scale. Mr. Modders advised that he knew of no places near Ishpeming that would make a good hideout.

Mr. Modders advised that the Cinderella Club operated by George Leanes in the outskirts of Marquette is a place of questionable character and advised that he frequently examined this place in connection with the beer license which this place has. Until recently some gambling was carried on at this place but Leanes was warned and this operation was stopped. A visit to this place disclosed that it is a large white two story house that is operated as a night club and beer parlor and is frequented by the better people of Marquette. Without disclosing Agent's identity, Mr. Leanes was interviewed and advised that his home is in Green Bay, Wisconsin, but he has been operating at his present location for two years. Mr. Leanes advised that business is very poor and stated that he is going to make application for a hotel permit and intends to cater to travelling salesmen. Although this Greek is of questionable character it is not believed that it would make a good hideout as it is on the main highway located near Marquette and is frequented by the better class of people from Marquette.

Captain O. E. Demory, Michigan State Police, Marquette, Michigan, advised that he will be on the lookout concerning any information which might show subjects' present location and stated that he will immediately forward any information to the Detroit Bureau Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DETROIT OFFICE at WINDSOR, ONTARIO CANADA will contact the proper Government Officials and ascertain the present location of the prominent gold strike made in Ontario during the past year.

The ST. PAUL OFFICE at CANADA will contact the proper officials relative to the present location of a prominent gold strike in Canada near International Falls as set out in instant report.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI** FILE NO. **7-3 - JT**

REPORT MADE AT Atlanta	DATE WHEN MADE 1-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11, 13-36	REPORT MADE BY HERBERT J. CROWIN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Joseph Peter Dowling and E. M. Lentz not in Savannah, Georgia. Probably located at Miami, Florida, in Tuttle Hotel, and are known to frequent the Paddock Saloon in that city.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, dated 1-6-36, and letter from Jacksonville to Bureau, dated 1-8-36.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>A. J. Browne, Assistant Manager, DeSoto Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, after examining the records, stated that John P. Downey was registered in room 455 during the period from September 25-30, 1935, inclusive; that he left on the 30th, owing part of his bill, that a man named Kiley telephoned to the hotel and advised that Downey would return and pay his bill; that Downey returned to the hotel on October 2, 1935, paid his bill in full, and registered in room 104. Mr. Browne advised that Downey indicated on his registration card that he came from Miami, Florida.</p> <p>He stated further that the records show Downey checked out of the hotel on October 4, 1935, and has not returned.</p> <p>Mr. Browne advised that he knew Downey was engaged in some sort of confidence game because Special Agent Hendon, of the Atlanta Bureau Office, and he looked through Downey's baggage on the day Downey returned to Savannah, and they found evidence that Downey was playing some sort of a card "racket".</p> <p>He did not remember anyone named Jack Lentz calling on</p>			
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Downey, although he said Downey had friends who came to see him. He did not recall having seen any person of the description of William E. Mead.

S. W. Parnelle, Jr., and M. T. Johnson, Clerks at the DeSoto Hotel, had no information of value to give.

At the Savannah Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, L. W. Womble, Clerk, advised that J. Lance (known to him as Jack Lance) checked out of the hotel on October 5, 1935, and still owes ten dollars on his bill. He stated that when Lance (spelled Lance, not Lent,) first came to the hotel, he had a woman with him, but when he checked out he was alone.

An examination of the cards indicated that Jack Lance gave as his forwarding address the Tuttle Hotel, Miami, Florida, on October 5, 1935. Mr. Womble advised that he forwarded a letter to that address shortly after Lance left Savannah, but the letter was returned to Savannah, and evidently Lance did not go directly to Miami. As indicated in the letter of Special Agent in Charge Alt, Jacksonville, Florida to the Bureau, dated January 8, 1936, Lance, or Lentz, was arrested in Jacksonville, October 22, 1935.

Andrew Smith, Manager, Henry Pape, Secretary, and E. W. Russell, Clerk, Savannah Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, had no additional information of value to give, and they could not recall anyone of the description of William Elmer Mead. They did not recall John P. Downey.

A. A. Ball, Assistant Postmaster, Savannah, Georgia, examined the records of forwarding addresses for the period October 2-30, 1935, and found the following letter, which may have been written by John P. Downey, on stationery of the George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, dated October 8, 1935:

"Please forward my mail to General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida. Thanking you in advance I remain,

Yours truly,

Joe Dowding
Jacksonville, Florida
General Delivery.

It appears that Downey has another alias, that of Joe Dowding. It is doubtful, however, if he would return to the George Washington Hotel, in view of his partner, Lentz's, arrest in Jacksonville, but confidence men may frequent this hotel.

Sergeant E. A. Fitzgerald, Savannah Police Department, Savannah, Georgia, advised that he did not know either Lance or Downey, under these names or under the other names that they are known to have used. He stated that there were two Kileys who associated with gangsters and gamblers in Savannah, and he advised that the younger one should not be contacted, but that the older one, named Jack Kiley, would probably know where Lance and Downey are, and would tell.

Sergeant Fitzgerald pointed out the residence of Jack Kiley in Savannah, at 423 East Broughton Street, and Agent went in and inquired of Jack Kiley where Jack Lance is. Kiley stated that Lance is in Miami, Florida, and hangs around a saloon called The Paddock. It was not necessary for Agent to disclose his identity, and Sergeant Fitzgerald was not seen by Kiley, so it is very unlikely that Kiley will inform anyone that a person was inquiring for Lance's whereabouts.

Raymond D. Doney, Officer in Charge of the Identification Bureau, Savannah Police Department, and J. W. Petit, who has a similar position in the County Police Department, Savannah, Georgia, had no records on Lance or Downey under any of the names that they are known to have used.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Florida, will maintain such a check as is possible on the activities of Jack Lance and Joe Dowling, if they are located Miami, Florida, inasmuch as they have been in contact with Mead as recently as March, 1935. It is also suggested that a discreet effort be made to determine if Mead is known at the Paddock Saloon, or at the Tuttle Hotel in Miami.

PENDING.

Post Office Box 818
Chicago, Illinois

January 22nd, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Re: BREYID

I am transmitting herewith copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Jerome Doyle setting forth information received by him during the course of another investigation, said information having been received from Horace M. Shipman, indicating that Karpis and other members of that gang formerly had a hideout near Liberty, Colorado.

It is believed that this memorandum is self-explanatory and it is suggested that your Office conduct appropriate investigation at Liberty for the purpose of determining whether these Subjects are presently at that place or in contact with any of the individuals named at Liberty.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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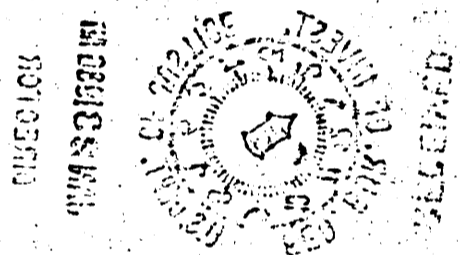
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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Please refer to the letter dated January 4, 1936 written by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois to the Director, particularly to pages two and three, wherein the suggestion is made that the names and criminal backgrounds of criminals released on parole from the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, within the past year, who have returned to Cleveland, Ohio, be secured for the purpose of aiding the Cleveland office in developing a confidential informant.

To date effort has been made by the Cleveland office to establish a confidential informant through reliable police officers, but with no success. It is, therefore, requested that you follow out the suggestion contained in the reference letter, conducting appropriate investigation at the Ohio State Penitentiary and at the office of the parole board, and in addition to securing the names and criminal backgrounds of the criminals who have been released on parole within the last year, and who have returned to Cleveland, that you extend this inquiry to include such criminals who have returned to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and that you advise the Cleveland office in the near future.

Very truly yours,

J. P. McFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward J. Connelley

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1300 Liberty Trust Building
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

January 23, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that the Philadelphia Office file copies of the ransom lists in the above-entitled case have become mislaid. Therefore, it is requested that this office be furnished with six copies of the ransom lists in this case for the completion of the file.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
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January 22, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BRKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 9, 1936, setting out long distance telephone calls made by Murray Cook from his home and his place of business, The Swallows, Ashtabula, Ohio, said report containing undeveloped leads for the Cleveland office and various other offices to check these calls.

It is noted that the teletype message dated January 18, 1936, sent by the Los Angeles office to the Director, you, and the Cleveland office, reflects that Murray Cook is undoubtedly a friend of Imogene Robertson, said message setting out that the Los Angeles office doubts that Cook can have any important connection with this investigation.

In view of the information contained in the teletype message it appears that the tracing of long distance telephone calls made by Murray Cook is unwarranted at this time and, therefore, they are not being traced in the Cleveland district, and each office receiving a copy of this letter and which office received a request for tracing the long distance telephone calls in the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 9, 1936, should consider this letter as authority to discontinue the tracing of the calls.

Very truly yours,

J. P. McFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 4, 1936, addressed to the Bureau, wherein Special Agent in Charge Connelley requests a telephone tap on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, Cleveland, Ohio, who is undoubtedly closely allied with Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton of the Harvard Club.

Please be advised that James "Tip" O'Neill presently resides in Cleveland, Ohio at 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19, with a woman whose name is Marie Flynn. There is an unlisted telephone in the apartment in the name of Marie Flynn, the number being Lakewood 6554M.

The Cleveland office contemplates placing a tap on this telephone in the near future, providing Bureau authority is granted. Therefore the Bureau is at this time being requested for authority to install a telephone tap. It is requested that the Cleveland office be notified at a very early date in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
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Special Agent in Charge

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January 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
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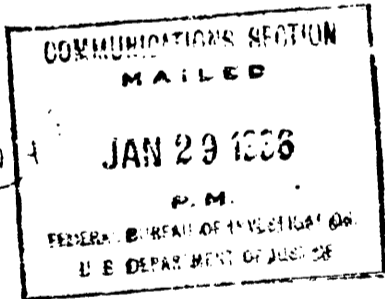
Reference is made to your letter of January
22, 1936, concerning your request for a telephone tap
on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, Cleveland,
Ohio, who you believe is closely allied with "Art"
Hebebrand and "Shirley" Patten of the Harvard Club.

You are hereby authorized to place a tap
on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, in order
to conduct the necessary surveillance at that point
in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Cincinnati
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley at Chicago



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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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REPORT MADE AT Aberdeen, South Dakota	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/15, 16/36	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: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Photograph of Walter Raymond Armstrong displayed to persons familiar with Robert Carville Ormiston at Langdon and Bismarck, North Dakota who identified the photograph as being identical with Ormiston. Those persons not making a positive identification of the photograph of Armstrong as being Ormiston note strong resemblance and furnish no satisfactory reason for these two persons not being identical. In view of positive identifications noted in this report and the information set out in the reference letter and report, conclusion is drawn that Ormiston is not identical with Doctor Joseph P. MORAN and all offices holding leads in abeyance pertaining to further identification of Robert Carville Ormiston requested to disregard them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCES: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from Cincinnati dated 1/2/36 and report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, South Dakota dated 12/21/35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent displayed the picture of Walter Raymond Armstrong to Chief of Police Herbe Reetz who immediately identified it as Robert Carville Ormiston.</p>			
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Sheriff William Murie, Langdon, North Dakota, who was also in the city at the time, examined the picture of Walter Raymond Armstrong and found the features on the face from the base of the nose down, including the lips, double chin, and general contour, identical with Ormiston but stated that there was some doubt in his mind as to the features in and about the eyes and forehead. He stated that there was no definite reason why the picture of Armstrong could not be Ormiston and believes that between the I. O. of MORAN and the picture of Armstrong, he would select the picture of Armstrong as being more the likeness of Ormiston.

John Whalen, druggist, Langdon, North Dakota, after taking into consideration the fact that the picture of Armstrong was taken in 1923-1924 and the I. O. picture of MORAN was taken in 1928, was still of the belief that Ormiston more closely resembled the I. O. picture of MORAN.

AT LANGDON, NORTH DAKOTA.

Louis Whalen, druggist, son of John Whalen, advised that the picture of Armstrong more closely resembled Ormiston than the I. O. picture but was unable to make a more definite statement.

Doctor Charles King definitely identified the picture of Armstrong as the picture of Ormiston. He recounted the various features to Agent and advised that there was no question in his mind.

Ted Wollitz, local butcher, from whom Ormiston made the purchases for the transient camp, stated on examination of the picture of Armstrong that it more closely resembled Ormiston than the I. O. picture of MORAN. Agent then presented the I. O. picture of MORAN to Mr. Wollitz who advised that he felt reasonably certain that Armstrong was Ormiston.

During these interviews the identity of the picture of Armstrong was not made known to any of the persons to whom it was displayed.

Deputy Sheriff Morton Olson advised that the picture of Armstrong was identical with Ormiston. He pointed out the various features in the picture which led him to his conclusion.

Mr. S. J. Walker advised on examining the picture of Armstrong that it resembled Ormiston to the same degree that the I. O. did. He noted that the eyes of the picture of Armstrong were identical with Ormiston and were not as far from the eyebrows as the eyes of MORAN are.

Mrs. S. J. Walker examined the picture of Armstrong and stated that all the features were identical with Ormiston but that she did not feel satisfied to positively identify the picture of Armstrong as the picture of Ormiston.

AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA.

Fred Schiebe (name incorrectly spelled Scheidt in the reference report), a member of the transient camp with which Ormiston was connected, advised without hesitation that this picture of Armstrong was a picture of Ormiston. Schiebe impressed Agent as having a keen mind and recollection and had more direct contact with Ormiston than anyone at the transient camp. His comment was that the picture is "100 per cent".

Iver Tollefson, member of the Federal transient camp which furnished the information that resulted in obtaining the picture of Armstrong, identified it immediately on presentation. Tollefson, who was friendly with Ormiston while they were both at the Federal transient camp, had close contact with him for about two months.

C. A. Narum, Director of the State Transient Activities, Liberty Memorial Building, advised that the picture of Armstrong more closely resembled the man he knew as Robert Carville Ormiston, whom he interviewed early in July 1935, than did the I. O. of DOCTOR MORAN.

In view of the positive identifications of Robert Carville Ormiston as the same man as Walter Raymond Armstrong as set out in this report and the information found in the reference letter and report, it is apparent that Armstrong is not identical with DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN and all offices which have leads pertaining to further the identification are requested to disregard them.

No request having been made by the Cincinnati Office to return the photo of Walter Raymond Armstrong, it is being retained in the Aberdeen file.

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January 21, 1936.

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Mr. W. A. Smith,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 16, 1936 trans-
mitting one road map of the State of Missouri, on which is stamped
"Fussler Bros., 321 South Kirwood Rd.", together with three lifts of
latent prints taken from a 1935 Hudson Coach, bearing motor number
89687 in connection with the Brakid case.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's teletype message of
January 15, 1936, you are advised that the latent impressions appearing
on the lifts are too fragmentary to be of any value for identification
purposes. No portion of a latent palm impression was developed on
the road map but the requested comparisons could be made inasmuch as
palm prints of Elvin Karpis, I. O. #1218, and Percy Keady, I. O. #1216,
are not on file in the Bureau.

The fingerprints of Oliver Seburn, Harry Seburn, and State
Trooper J. J. [unclear], which were submitted for elimination purposes, are
being placed in the Civil Identification file.

The original road map and three lifts of latent prints are
returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion
of our files.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

The Los Angeles Office of the Bureau has stated that Charles J. Fitzgerald, who recently made a trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico in connection with some oil deals he had pending there, has returned to Los Angeles. During the course of the trip he was under constant surveillance, as was also Imogene Robertson, his girl friend. During the course of the trip no suspicious activities were noted. The surveillance set up at Fitzgerald's apartment, where he is residing under the name of J.C. Foster, at 512 Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, will be continued by the Los Angeles Office and further developments will be reported as they occur.

Telephonic conversations between Fitzgerald and Imogene Robertson on January 14, 1936 indicated that within the next two weeks they will again make a trip to Carlsbad in connection with oil deals. Fitzgerald possibly will travel by airplane and the Robertson woman and her friend, Charlotte Packard, will probably travel by automobile. Arrangements, in accordance with these contemplated plans, have been made with the airport officials to reserve a space for an Agent, in the event a reservation is requested by Fitzgerald and, of course, a proper surveillance will be maintained throughout the trip.

With reference to the trial at St. Paul, the Bureau was advised on January 17, 1936 that the Government needs only to introduce witnesses from the Treasury Department relative to the destruction of ransom money found in Cuba before the Government will rest its case, which will probably be on January 20, 1936. The defense has indicated that its case will be brief. In accordance with the intentions of the United States Attorney at St. Paul to have available persons from the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., relative to the destruction of the money, it was necessary to make arrangements to have these witnesses depart from Washington, D. C. on January 17, 1936. You will recall that the original "advice of shipment

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of Federal Reserve notes* in the amount of \$68,000 which was sent by the Havana Agency to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. on May 16, 1935 for mutilation and destruction was transmitted to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. under a cover letter written by Mr. H. C. Frazer, who is Manager of the Havana Agency of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank in Havana. Of the shipment above mentioned, approximately \$15,000 was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The entire \$15,000 is in \$10.00 bills. The money in question was sent in 57 individual packages and for the information of the United States Attorney, it was ascertained that Package #12 contained \$15,000 in \$10.00 bills. Under the existing rules of the Treasury Department, to the effect that money transmitted for mutilation and destruction must be in even amounts, Package #12 contained \$13,000 in \$10.00 bills. As a matter of fact, \$12,760 of the \$13,000 is ransom money which was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

On January 15, 1936 reports emanated from the vicinity of Aurora, Missouri that Karpis had engaged in a gun battle with Federal and State authorities. This, of course, is untrue. The facts relative to this false report concerning Karpis concern a surveillance which was being maintained by the Kansas City Office on a garage at Aurora, Missouri relative to a 1935 Hudson coach which was stored there several weeks ago. The case is under investigation as a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case and a report was submitted by the Kansas City Office on January 10, 1936. The surveillance of this garage was continued at the inception of this information, inasmuch as the garage attendant partially identified the photograph of Karpis as being identical with the person storing this car. Subsequent investigation was conducted on the morning of January 15, 1936 about 7:50 A.M., when two men came to the garage in a 1931 Ford Cabriolet. Since the garage attendant has actually seen this person again, he is not sure that he is Karpis. With reference to the reports that there had been a gun battle, the Kansas City Office has informed the Bureau that this, of course, is erroneous. The person who called at the garage for the Hudson automobile did not get same and left Aurora without further ado. The investigation, however, is going forward and the Little Rock and Oklahoma City Offices have been requested to notify peace officers to endeavor to locate and apprehend the individuals in the Ford car which they were driving. The American Protective Insurance Company in Chicago has advised that the Hudson was stolen at Chicago, Illinois on November 3, 1935.

It has been ascertained by the Cleveland Office that Tony, reputedly a body guard for the owners of the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, who is possibly handling the contacts for Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, is identical with Phillip Amersbach. You will recall that Hebebrand and Patton are now in Roumania in connection with a slot machine project and William

Fergus, who is a former associate of theirs, has returned to Cleveland. He is under surveillance, the purpose being that this person might be a possible contact for Karpis and Campbell.

The information contained in the reports emanating from the New York and Trenton Offices, relative to Alvin Karpis being seen by a taxi driver on January 16, 1936 at Newark, New Jersey, has been carried to a logical conclusion and it has been ascertained that the taxi driver in question failed to identify the photograph and description of Karpis as being the man he drove on January 16, 1936.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
January 20, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: ALVIN KARPIS.

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	.....

The following is a summation of the facts relative to the failure on the part of Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith at the Kansas City Office to immediately inform the Bureau fully of the situation involving reports emanating from the territory under the jurisdiction of the Kansas City Office concerning statements made by Homer Fanning to the effect that he was accompanied by Alvin Karpis prior to the time he was picked up by police officers near Kansas City.

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Fanning was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol after his release by the Kansas City Police Department on January 3, 1936. Property in his possession had been identified as having been stolen in the vicinity of Kirksville, Missouri, and Keokuk, Iowa.

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Mr. Smith stated "At about 9 P. M. on Saturday, January 4, 1936, Colonel B. M. Casteel, Superintendent, Missouri State Highway Patrol, telephoned me from Macon, Missouri, which is in the territory of the St. Louis Bureau Office, and stated they had been questioning Fanning since he had been taken to Macon by the Highway Patrol and had definitely established that he was involved in several burglaries in Northeastern Missouri and Southeastern Iowa. He stated that Fanning had now stated that he had been involved with "Spike" Lane, Clarence Sparger and John Langdon, all of whom are wanted by the Bureau on National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charges, and who have been thought to be companions of "Blackie" Doyle, who is wanted in the Luer kidnaping case. Colonel Casteel stated that Fanning claimed to be able to point out the spot at which these individuals could now be located. The Colonel asked me whether I could proceed to Macon, Missouri, immediately, and go with his men and Fanning to locate the place where the above mentioned individuals were. I stated that inasmuch as Macon, Missouri, was out of the territory of this office it would be necessary for me to get authority from Washington before proceeding out of the territory. I asked the Colonel where he expected to apprehend these individuals and he stated they were said to be in the vicinity of Iowa City, Iowa. I advised the Colonel I could get in touch with our Omaha Office, which probably had some Agents in Iowa, and make arrangements for them to contact members of the Highway Patrol at that point. I advised the Colonel that I would call him back and advise him the names of the Agents and where they would be stopping. I then telephoned Special Agent in Charge

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John A. Dowd, of the Omaha Office, advising him of the intention of Colonel Casteel to send some of his men with Fanning into Iowa for the purpose of trying to apprehend Lane, Sparger and Langdon. Mr. Dowd stated that he had two Agents in Iowa and would locate them and have them proceed to Iowa City and he would call me back advising me as to where members of the Highway Patrol could find the Agents from the Omaha Office in Iowa City.

"Subsequently, Special Agent J. L. Flood, of the Omaha Office, telephoned and stated that Special Agents Bundy and Franz were then in Iowa and had been directed to proceed to Iowa City where they would stop at the Jefferson Hotel, at which point members of the Highway Patrol could contact them. I immediately telephoned Colonel Casteel at Macon and gave him this information and he stated that three of his men, accompanied by the Chief of Police of Keokuk, Iowa, had already left for Iowa City but that they were going to stop at Kirksville, Missouri, to telephone him and find out the names of the Agents and where they could be contacted in Iowa City, and he stated he would give them this information immediately. He further advised that through information supplied by Fanning they had located, near Macon, Missouri, a Buick Sedan which had been stolen by Fanning and Alfred Schmidt, his companion, at Keokuk, Iowa, and he desired to know whether an Agent could come to Macon to check on this car and assist in this investigation. I advised Colonel Casteel I would immediately call the St. Louis Bureau Office and have them send an Agent to Macon for the purpose of checking on this angle of the case.

"I told Colonel Casteel that in the event there was any danger of Fanning making bond in connection with the State charges that probably a Federal complaint could be filed charging violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The Colonel stated there were sufficient state charges against Fanning which would preclude his release on bond. The Colonel stated, however, that in the event Langdon, Sparger and Lane were apprehended in Iowa as a result of Fanning's information, he intended to give some consideration to Fanning in connection with these state charges. At this time I inquired of Colonel Casteel whether Fanning still insisted that his companion in Kansas City at the time of his apprehension was Alvin Karpis. Mr. Casteel stated that Fanning had now admitted that it was not Karpis but that he had merely stated it was Karpis in order to protect his real companion at the time. It is to be noted that while Fanning was in custody at Kansas City he continually insisted that Karpis was with him, and when it was pointed out that it had been determined that undoubtedly his companion was Alfred Schmidt he still insisted Karpis and Alfred Schmidt were identical.

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"Telephonic communication was immediately had by me with Special Agent Norris, of the St. Louis Office, and I gave him briefly the facts of this case and requested that an Agent be dispatched as soon as possible to Macon, Missouri, to cooperate with Colonel Casteel who had stated he would remain in Macon the rest of Saturday night. Agent Norris stated he would contact Colonel Casteel by telephone immediately and have an Agent proceed to that point at once.

"On Sunday, January 5, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dowd telephoned from Omaha, Nebraska, and stated that the Agents had met the members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Iowa City, Iowa, and had conducted a raid on a house where Fanning claimed that Sparger, Lane and Langdon could be found, but that no one was found there nor was any evidence discovered to indicate these individuals had ever been there. He did state, however, that as a result of the investigation in Iowa Alfred Schmidt had been located and that the Missouri Highway Patrol was returning Schmidt to Missouri. It is to be noted in this connection that the only Federal violation so far in connection with Fanning is the interstate transportation of the Buick Sedan which was stolen in Keokuk, Iowa, and recovered in the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri.

"Undoubtedly upon receiving the information from Colonel Casteel to the effect Fanning had admitted that Karpis was not his companion I should have immediately advised the Bureau of this fact. The only explanation I can give for my failure to do so is that prior investigation, of which the Bureau was advised by teletype, had fairly definitely established the fact that Karpis was not the companion of Fanning, and I felt that before making a definite statement to the effect that Fanning had admitted that Karpis was not his companion it would be better to have him interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau, rather than to rely entirely upon the statement made by Colonel Casteel to that effect. It was contemplated, of course, that Fanning would probably be interviewed somewhat by the Agents at Iowa City when he was taken to that point by the Highway Patrol to assist in locating this hideout, or by Agents of the St. Louis Office after his return to Macon, Missouri, from Iowa."

On January 6, 1936, Mr. Tamm telephonically communicated with Mr. Smith and determined that Colonel Casteel got an admission from Fanning on January 4, 1936, and that this admission was learned by Mr. Smith on January 5. Mr. Tamm asked Mr. Smith if he had not wired the Bureau this admission. Mr. Smith stated he had not, inasmuch as a report setting out very strong indications on the part of the Agents that Fanning's companion was not Karpis had gone through the Bureau, but this report had not, as a matter of fact, gone through the Bureau. Mr. Tamm pointed out

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to Mr. Smith that "there is certainly nothing more definite in a situation like this than a man's own admission; that the conclusions of the Agents aren't worth very much in comparison with such admission". Mr. Tamm informed Mr. Smith that "the Bureau had been swamped with newspaper inquiries about this situation this morning (meaning January 6, 1936) and we had no information, either one way or the other". Mr. Tamm told Mr. Smith that "there is just no excuse for not advising the Bureau of this development by telegraph or telephone, and instructed him to forward to the Bureau today a letter in complete detail as to why this information was not promptly submitted to the Bureau".

Mr. Smith has submitted such an explanation, the contents of which are incorporated above and has stated that he regrets exceedingly his failure to advise the Bureau of this development and gives assurance that occurrences of this kind will not happen again.

A. Rosen
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

January 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Charles J. Fitzgerald, close associate of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, is presently under surveillance by Agents of the Los Angeles Bureau Office. Fitzgerald is residing as J. C. Foster at 512 Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and during the course of the investigation Agents found in the apartment occupied by Fitzgerald at the above address a notebook containing the following notation: 756 No. Plankington.

Special Agent J. L. Madala has advised that when he was recently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, it was determined that there is a North Plankington Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and it is desired that you conduct appropriate investigation to determine who resides at 756 North Plankington, obtaining all available information concerning the occupants at this address. In conducting the investigation extreme care should be used to prevent information from reaching C. J. Fitzgerald that he is under surveillance.

It is requested that this investigation be expedited.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LAIRD, DEPT. OF INVESTIGATION Special Agent in Charge JAN 24 1936
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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-18-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/16-17/36	REPORT MADE BY: T. M. Clifford - ME
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS: Summary of information concerning William Elmer Mead as reflected in files of Portland Bureau Office.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, and report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., 1-6-36.

DETAILS:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, a review of the Portland Bureau office file in this case reveals the following information regarding William Elmer Mead, wanted for questioning by the Bureau.

Mrs. Kate Mead, wife of William Elmer Mead, formerly resided in Portland, Oregon, where she is said to have married her present husband about twenty-five years ago.

At the time the father of Kate Mead died in Portland, about the year 1921, it is to be noted that he died possessed of certain real property, which fell to the heirs, consisting of his sons and daughters, namely, Kate Schmitt Mead, John Schmitt, Henry Schmitt, and Thomas Schmitt, son of Mike Schmitt, deceased, also Mrs. G. A. Baxter. This property was to be equally divided among the above named heirs.

William Elmer Mead, the husband of Kate Mead, at this time purchased the interest of Tom Schmitt, also the interest of John Schmitt, retaining the mortgage on the property, which was placed under the management of Frank Schmitt inasmuch

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as the real estate was located in Portland.

It is presumed that William Elmer Mead is in contact with Frank Schmitt, although he denies knowledge of the whereabouts of Mead. ~~He has so far failed to reflect tracings of any mail that might indicate~~ ~~responsibility being received by Frank Schmitt from Mead.~~

J. D. Schmitt, son of Henry Schmitt, residing at 36 N.E. Broadway, Portland, is endeavoring to cooperate with the Bureau in furnishing information as to the whereabouts of his uncle, William Elmer Mead. J. D. Schmitt has furnished information that he visited his uncle during the summer of 1933 at 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago. During the visit with his uncle and aunt at the above address, J. D. Schmitt was able to learn that his uncle frequented certain speak-easies and golf clubs and at one time entertained C. J. Fitzgerald in his apartment. During the occasion of this visit to Chicago J. D. Schmitt was accompanied by his cousins John Schmitt, Junior, Charlie Baxter and Mary Baxter. At this time J. D. Schmitt frequently drove William Elmer Mead about the city of Chicago in Mead's car, a 1932 black Lincoln Sedan. On several occasions J. D. Schmitt accompanied William Elmer Mead to his office, located either on the sixth or seventh floor in the Railway Exchange Building. The speak-easy most frequently visited by William Elmer Mead was located just south of Van Buren facing on Dearborn Street in a room described as long and narrow and about 75 or 100 feet from the corner of Van Buren Street. This speak-easy was presumably operated by a Greek whose name J. D. Schmitt could not recall, however, he is described as being a man about 50 years of age; 5' 8" in height; weighing approximately 150 pounds; hair black streaked with gray; complexion, dark. This Greek was assisted in the operation of the speak-easy by a younger brother about 45 to 48 years of age, who, according to J. D. Schmitt, spent considerable time around the speak-easy and whose description was very similar to that of his older brother. That the speak-easy sold hard liquors, contained a lunch counter in the rear and a cigar stand in the front of the room.

J. D. Schmitt could not definitely describe the location of certain golf courses that he visited with William Elmer Mead, except to state that one of the golf clubs was located north of Evanston, the east side of which was bounded by the railroad tracks leading into Evanston. The other golf course described by J. D. Schmitt was a course located on the south side of Chicago outside the city limits probably fifteen miles.

Henry Schmitt, father of J. D. Schmitt, although not as cooperative with the Bureau as his son, J. D. Schmitt, states that his feeling toward

William Elmer Mead is not any too friendly, because several years ago William Elmer Mead obtained money from him through a fraudulent oil stock transaction.

Mrs. Henry Schmitt, mother of J. D. Schmitt, states that she received correspondence several years ago from William Elmer Mead, which correspondence reflected the return address of 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, where, she states, a family by the name of Dexter lived and who handled the mail at this address for William Elmer Mead.

Frank Schmitt, brother of Kate Mead, resides at 2334 N.W. Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon. This property is a third class apartment house containing four two-room apartments, which is under the management of Frank Schmitt. An interest in this property is owned by William Elmer Mead.

John Schmitt, a brother of Kate Schmitt Mead, 1723 N.W. 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, residing at this address with his wife, Anna, and son, John, Junior, are to be considered as uncooperative and no information can be obtained from them as to the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead and a mail cover on the mail at this address has failed to reflect tracings leading to the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

Leora (Mrs. Arthur) Johnson, a daughter of Frank Mead and a granddaughter of Kate Mead, residing at 3562 South "G" Street, Tacoma, Washington, who is known to be very friendly with William Elmer Mead, is also a known correspondent of the Mead family. No information of value has been obtained by a mail cover on the mail at this address.

J. J. Parker, residing at 2911 N.W. Raleigh Street, Portland, Oregon, is an acquaintance of William Elmer Mead, whom he knew in San Francisco as the "Christ Kid". Mr. Parker at the present time is considered a business man of some prominence, being the owner of several of the larger moving picture shows in Portland and other cities in Oregon. Parker was formerly a bar tender in the saloon of Billy Lyons located across from the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, California. Parker knew William Elmer Mead in San Francisco during the early days of 1900. He stated that at that time Mead frequented the Hays Valley Club and Billy Lyons' saloon; that Billy Lyons is an intimate acquaintance of William Elmer Mead. Parker claims to have seen William Elmer Mead in Portland about the year 1914, and that he has not seen him since that date. Parker further stated that his acquaintance with Mead was of a casual nature and that he is not familiar with the names of any associates of Mead and is not familiar with his activities. Parker stated that he recalled Mead operating a small ranch near Prineville, Oregon.

Information furnished by the Clerk of the County of Crook, Prineville,

Oregon, reveals the fact that William Elmer Mead filed a patent on certain property in Crook County, which was recorded on October 11, 1919, in Book 8 of Patents, on page 224, which property is more fully described as follows:

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, in Township 18 South, Range 17 East, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter; the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, the Lots Two and Three, and the North Half of Lot Six of Section 7 in Township 18, South of Range 18, East of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon, containing 328.70 acres.

It is further recorded in Book 41, page 106, of the Deed Records of Crook County, Oregon, that William Elmer Mead conveyed the above described land to Fred A. Grimes on October 11, 1919.

No other records of property owned by William Elmer Mead could be found in Crook County, Oregon.

Relatives of Kate Schmitt Mead are as follows:

John Schmitt, 1723 N.W. 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon - Brother
Frank Schmitt, 2334 N.W. Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon - Brother
Henry Schmitt, 36 N.E. Broadway, Portland, Oregon - Brother
Mrs. C. A. Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Sister
C. A. Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Brother-in-law
Mary and Ann Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Nephew
Charles Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Nephew
John Schmitt, Jr., 1723 - N.W. 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon - Nephew
J. D. Schmitt, 36 N.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon - Nephew
Leora (Mrs. Arthur) Johnson, 3562 South "G" Street, Tacoma, Wn. - Niece.

All other information contained in the Portland Bureau files is covered by reference report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, in summary report dated January 6, 1936, and, in order to avoid duplication, is not herein being set out.

The Portland Bureau Office will continue to maintain contact with J. D. Schmitt for the purpose of securing information from the Mead relatives in the Portland district regarding the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

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February 4, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: **RECORDED.**

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # **2245**, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

7-576-9169:

- A. One page letter, questioned document, beginning "I guess you are..."
- B. Envelope addressed to Harry W. Vinley and postmarked "Atlanta, Georgia, Station B, January 21, 1936, 5:30 P. M."

cc-Cincinnati
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Mr. I. J. Connelley - Chicago

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Enclosure

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Laboratory Report

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Number: 7-576-9166

Case: Re: BREKID

Case:

Specimen

Specimens:

- 7-576-9166-A One page letter, questioned document, beginning, "I guess you are having some colder weather..."
 - B Envelope addressed to Harry W. Tinley and postmarked, Atlanta, Ga., Sta. B. Jan. 21, 1936 at 5:30 P.M.
- Fingerprints of Harry W. Tinley for elimination purposes.
Requested that fingerprint of Special Agent Thomas E. Myers be compared with any latent prints developed on the letter for elimination purposes.

Examination requested by: Atlanta
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Laboratory Report

Case:

Number: 7-576-9169.

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Letter. Written (Typed) on letter head of the McAllister Hotel
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Env. Air mail cov. of McAllister Hotel. Post marked.
Atlanta Ga. Sta. B. Jan 21, 1934 5:30 P.M.

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Shirley L.C. Smith. (#900) (Spec. 1A) Jan 1934

Quest letter.
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Quest. Harry 1294 Piedmont ave. n.e apt 16
Atlanta Georgia

Harry
Harry
Gard Fred Barker

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February 3, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Brakid.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936 transmitting one original letter on the back of which is written in pencil a threatening note which begins "I kill you if", and the accompanying envelope postmarked "Atlanta, Georgia, Station B, January 21, 1936, 5:30 P. M.", together with the fingerprints of Harry W. Tinley, for elimination purposes, in connection with the above entitled case.

You are advised that ten latent fingerprints and one fragmentary palmar impression were developed on the original letter, and five latent finger impressions appeared on the envelope. Six of these latent prints, four of which are on the letter and two inside of the envelope, were eliminated from further consideration as being identical with the fingerprints of Harry W. Tinley. No identifications for elimination purposes could be effected upon comparison with the fingerprints of Special Agent Thomas E. Myers.

The remaining nine latent finger impressions, which are fragmentary in their nature, were compared with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, I. O. 1218; Harry Campbell, #FBI-419856; Doctor Joseph P. Moran, I. O. 1232; and William E. Meade, #FBI-271926, but no identification was effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Cincinnati
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Jacksonville

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501 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia.
January 23, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

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RE: BREKID
Bureau File 7-576

There is being forwarded under separate cover a cellophane envelope containing the following:

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1. Letter written by typewriter on the stationary of the McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida, beginning, "Dearest Harry: I guess you are having ..." and on the reverse thereof, written in pencil, "I kill you if you said one word to Plocie about this

Sign
The Black Mask
X Blood
You are on the spot if you do
Sorry could not your check
Black Mask."

2. Also attached is envelope in which same was received, with six cent airmail stamp, postmarked Atlanta, Ga., Station B, January 21, 1936, 5.30 pm., addressed to Mr. Harry W. Tinley, 1294 Piedmont Ave., N.E. (apt. 16), Atlanta, Georgia. The address was originally typed, "Mr. James W. Tinley, McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida," but it was changed by pencil. On the reverse of the envelope is typed the return address, "Harry W. Tinley, 1294 Piedmont Ave. N E (apt. 16), Atlanta, Ga," and the letters written in pencil across the flap "S W D"

On the evening of January 22, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Tinley, 1294 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Apartment 16, Atlanta, Ga., called at the Atlanta, Ga., office and were interviewed by Special Agent T. E. Myers. Mr. Tinley stated that he had received the above letter that day and gave

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the following additional facts concerning it.

The original typed letter was written by Mrs. Marion Tinley, the wife of his brother, James W. Tinley. Enclosed with it was check of the Gulf Refining Company for \$50.50, the latter being a dividend payment to James W. and Harry W. Tinley as executors of an estate. This check required the signatures of both, had originally been sent to James W. Tinley in Miami, and in accordance with his usual practice had been sent to Harry W. Tinley for the latter's signature with an enclosed stamped and addressed envelope for him to return it to his brother in Miami. It appears that the original envelope with its enclosures was stolen, possibly from the mail box at 1294 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. -- which could very easily be done, according to Mr. Tinley -- or possibly at Miami before it was actually placed in the mail. The envelope in which it was received was that originally intended for the return envelope.

Mr. James W. Tinley is the auditor of the McAllister Hotel at Miami, Fla., and has just returned to Miami after testifying at the trial of certain defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul. On account of this fact, it was Harry W. Tinley's opinion that the threat might have something to do with his testifying and might perhaps have originated from some members of the Barker-Karpis gang now at large. You are accordingly requested to have the letter and envelope processed for latent fingerprints and to compare any that may be brought out with the known prints of any members of the Barker-Karpis gang now at large.

Letter and envelope were handled by Mr. Harry W. Tinley, whose fingerprints are attached ^{to the cellophane envelope} and by Special Agent Thomas E. Myers whose fingerprints are on file in the Identification Section of this Bureau. In addition, Mr. Tinley stated that he had showed the letter to a number of other people who had handled it but he could not recall just who they were.

The Jacksonville Office is being sent a copy of this letter and is requested to interview Mr. James W. Tinley for any relevant information he may be able to give, particularly as to any threats he may have received before or since testifying at St. Paul.


Harry W. Tinley is described as follows, this description

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Letter to Director

being based on personal observation of Special Agent Philip M. Breed
of the Atlanta Bureau Office:

Age 30
Height 5' 6"
Weight 130 pounds
Build medium
Eyes grey
Hair medium brown
Complexion fair
Face smooth shaven
Scars none
Race white
Nationality American
Marital status married
Occupation draftsman, State Highway Department, Atlanta, Ga

Very truly yours,


E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc- Cincinnati
St. Paul
Jacksonville
Technical Laboratory

F. O. Box 1766
Cincinnati, Ohio

HJM:MR
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January 23, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: "BREKID".

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter under date of January 14, 1936, addressed to the Chicago Office, there are transmitted to you herewith reports of Special Agent W. B. Klein, Cincinnati, dated January 9, 1935, and D. McGovern, Cincinnati, dated November 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
Chicago
St. Paul

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Edward J. Bremer

Wm

501 Hooley Building
Atlanta, Georgia
January 23, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of December 29, 1935,
wherein you were requested to furnish the Atlanta Office with copies
of all reports covering investigation in the State of Georgia, prior
to the establishment of the Atlanta Office on May 2, 1935.

To date the desired reports have not been received and it
is requested that they be forwarded as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati

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P. O. Box 766
Cincinnati, Ohio

HMH:MGR
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January 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the El Paso
Office dated January 20, 1936, transmitting to this office two
mail traces received from the cover maintained on ~~...~~
Cassell at ~~...~~, Texas.

These traces are forwarded herewith to the
Chicago Office.

Edmond J. Connelley

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CHICAGO OFFICE
Very truly yours,
Edmond J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

January 25, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir,

RE: BREKID.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Meehan, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated January 8, 1936, wherein is reported the suggestion that William Elmer Mead might frequent the Centennial Exposition which is to be held in either Fort Worth or Dallas, Texas.

It appears from the report there is no definite information that Mead will in fact frequent the Centennial Exposition but it is known that the Chicago Police Department during the World's Fair in 1933 were endeavoring to locate Mead as it had been alleged that he was defrauding World's Fair visitors.

The dates of the Centennial Exposition are not known to the Chicago Office but it is believed in the event such an Exposition is held in the near future that appropriate steps should be taken to cover this Exposition to determine whether Mead is operating confidence games on the visitors to that Exposition.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 17, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the letter from the Pitts-
burgh Office dated January 13, 1936 to you, a copy of
which was furnished this office, concerning contact made
with the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania, concerning Joseph T. Miller, particularly
the last paragraph of page two thereof, which reflects
that Mr. Barker of said firm learned, while in Washington,
that the information sought from his firm was in connection
with the Bureau's investigation concerning Joseph T. Miller.

It occurs to me that there has been a leak
somewhere, the source of which should be obtained, for I
recall distinctly that it was the desire of the Bureau,
and it most certainly is my desire, that this matter be
treated in the strictest confidence.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul.

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- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Joseph _____
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- Mr. Lester _____
- Mr. Quinn _____
- Mr. Schilder _____
- Mr. Tamm _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
January 17, 1936.

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Mr. Tamm	
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Miss Gandy	

Time - 12:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Connelley telephoned me from St. Paul and said that on January 4, 1936, the Cleveland Office sent in a letter referring to one Carl Baker alias Thomas J. Shaw, in which they requested that appropriate notation be placed against the fingerprints of Baker in order that the Cleveland Office might be advised in the event he was apprehended at any time in the future. As a result of the fingerprint classification and the police department number forwarded with this request, the Identification Division located this person's criminal record. This criminal record proves that Carl Baker alias Thomas J. Shaw is the same person as Milton Lett of Oklahoma, whose mother, Maggie Lett, received the registered letters from Cleveland and Brunswick, Ohio, and who the Oklahoma City Office contacted at that time, inasmuch as the indications were that this person was the contact man between Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Connelley said that based upon the evidence developed at Cleveland, this person Shaw, now known to be Milton Lett, purchased the car used in the robbery of the Garrettsville, Ohio, train. As a result of the notation which was requested by the Cleveland Office, the Identification Division of the Bureau prepared the complete criminal record of this person, on the end of which there was set up the fact that this person was wanted by the FBI for questioning in connection with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, which complete criminal record was then sent to all of the agencies which had previously sent in fingerprints on Lett, including the Akron, Ohio Police Department. As soon as the Akron Police Department got this information, they called the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland, who got very excited over the fact that he had this information and had not advised him of the same, by reason of the fact that the Inspector claims that he obtained the original fingerprints of Thomas J. Shaw from the Akron Police Department and forwarded the same to the Bureau. The Inspector further claims that the Bureau a month or so ago advised him that we had no record of Shaw. Mr. Connelley said that in view of this, it would appear desirable to ascertain whether the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland did as a matter of fact send in the original prints, and if so, what the Bureau's reply to his communication was. The number of the criminal record as Mr. Connelley's has it before him is FBI-1,008,739, and on the record there appears no record of an inquiry from the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mr. Connelley said that half of the Akron Police Department is out now looking for Lett, and what he had in mind was either proceeding personally to Oklahoma and taking Lett into custody, or calling the Oklahoma City Office with the request that they take Lett into custody. Mr. Connelley said that he is satisfied the Post Office Inspectors know pretty well who Lett is, and it is thought that they believe his information will break their case of the robbery of the train at Garrettsville. In view of this, Mr. Connelley said that if we

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pick him up, we can turn him over to the Inspectors at any time that we so desire. Mr. Connelley said that he does not believe that Lett actually participated in the robbery, because from the information which we now have, Lett was in jail at the time the robbery was committed.

I told Mr. Connelley to call the Oklahoma City Office and ask that Lett be picked up for questioning, and in the meantime, I told him that a check would be made here in the Bureau for the purpose of seeing if there has been a slip-up on this situation in the Identification Division.

Time - 1:37 P.M.

Mr. Brantley telephoned me from Oklahoma City and stated that he had just received a telephone call from Mr. Connelley on the above discussed matter during which Mr. Connelley requested the Oklahoma City Office to pick Milton Lett up for questioning.

Mr. Brantley said that in order to facilitate the questioning of this man, he would like to have this afternoon by teletype the criminal record of this person in its complete form. I told him that this would be sent to him this afternoon.

He said that he would advise the Bureau if and when this person is taken into custody.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 22, 1936

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E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Sir:

JAN 27 1936

RE: BREKID

On January 20, 1936, Mr. L. F. Cole, who is the Assistant to Mr. E. E. Herrick, Assistant Supervisor in charge of enforcement of the Alcohol Tax Unit for the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, appeared at the Kansas City Bureau Office with an individual whom he introduced as [REDACTED]

Mr. Cole stated that [REDACTED] had been working as an informant for the Alcohol Tax Unit over a period of a little over a year; that in that Unit's contact with [REDACTED] he had never double-crossed them and had helped them develop a number of good cases. Mr. Cole advised that [REDACTED] had told him that day that he could locate Alvin Karpis; accordingly, Mr. Cole brought [REDACTED] to the Kansas City Office.

At the time of [REDACTED] appearance here with Mr. Cole, [REDACTED] was intoxicated and was in a non-cooperative mood. Special Agent V. C. Spear, who talked to Mr. Cole and [REDACTED] endeavored to ascertain from [REDACTED] how he believed he could locate Karpis, but [REDACTED] merely stated that was his own business. Mr. Cole advised that [REDACTED] had formerly been associated in the liquor business with Red Newberry, the latter now being deceased as you no doubt know. Agent Spear endeavored to question [REDACTED] but no information could be obtained from him as to how he intended to locate Karpis, [REDACTED] merely stating that through his contacts he would be able to locate Karpis in a comparatively short time. He stated that his proposition was that he would locate Karpis for \$10,000.; that he wanted to get him himself and not be accompanied by Bureau Agents or other law enforcement officials. Agent Spear advised [REDACTED] that this Bureau would pay \$2500. for information furnished exclusively to Bureau Agents leading to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. [REDACTED] stated that he would not consider this sum, reiterating that he would not consider anything less than \$10,000. As it was impossible to get any information from [REDACTED] which would in any manner indicate the probability of [REDACTED] being

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able to locate Karpis, through talking to [redacted] Agent Spear suggested that [redacted] discuss the matter further with Mr. Cole who was known to [redacted]. It was thought that perhaps Cole could get additional information out of [redacted] and could then furnish the same to this office. b7c b7d

On the next day Mr. Cole interviewed [redacted] again at Cole's office in the New Post Office Building here, at which time, according to Cole, [redacted] was sober; however, [redacted] would not give any further information and would not back down from his proposition of \$10,000.

This afternoon Special Agent Spear conferred with Mr. R. E. Herrick and Mr. L. F. Cole, above named, at their office, relative to the probability of [redacted] being able to locate Karpis as he advised he could. Mr. Herrick's offices were formerly located at St. Louis, Missouri, but the headquarters office for the Assistant Supervisor in charge of the enforcement of the Alcohol Tax Unit was recently moved from St. Louis to Kansas City. Mr. Herrick stated that they had used [redacted] as an informant for a period of a little over a year and that he had worked on several cases with them and had been found to be a very good informant. [redacted] never comes to the Alcohol Tax Unit as an informant unless he is in need of funds, and on those occasions he always does his work before getting the money. Mr. Herrick stated that during Prohibition days [redacted] was associated with Cecil Squires, the latter being closely associated with Ted Newberry. [redacted] Squires smuggled liquor from Bermuda and other points out of this country into New Orleans, and then caused the same to be transported to Chicago and other points, [redacted] having run much of this liquor from New Orleans to Chicago. Squires, according to Mr. Herrick, was convicted at New Orleans some time last year on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge and was sentenced to the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. Herrick advises [redacted] is this individual's correct name; that he served about six months under that name at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia, Illinois, on a liquor charge, being discharged therefrom on June 22, 1935, his residence being indicated as [redacted].

Mr. Herrick advised that about sixty days before John Dillinger was killed by Bureau Agents in Chicago, [redacted] had told Herrick that he could locate Dillinger through some woman, whose name [redacted] would not give, at Gary, Indiana. Mr. Herrick advised that although at the time he did not believe that [redacted] could have located Dillinger after the circumstances and developments leading to Dillinger's death were published in the newspapers, Mr. Herrick believes that [redacted] information was correct and that he probably could have located him. Mr. Herrick does

not recall whether he sent this information by letter to his superiors in Washington, D.C., with the suggestion that they turn it over to the Bureau, or whether he may have referred [redacted] to the St. Louis office of this Bureau. b7c b7d

Mr. Herriek said that although he did not desire it to be generally known, he was presently using [redacted] on some big cases in this vicinity and that he had agreed to pay him \$1000. if he developed certain information in one case and he, Herriek, felt certain that [redacted] would be able to develop that information.

Mr. Herriek agreed to have [redacted] come to his office tomorrow, January 23, 1936, at which time he would endeavor to obtain all possible information which would indicate whether [redacted] might be able to locate Karpis. Mr. Herriek stated frankly that he felt certain that [redacted] would not tell him where or how he expected to locate Karpis, but Herriek thought by talking to [redacted] he could determine in his own mind whether he believed [redacted] could do as he stated.

It may be noted that [redacted] while being questioned by Agent Spear in the presence of Mr. Cole on January 20, 1936, at one time remarked that he had been with Karpis the previous night, but would not elaborate any further on this statement. Mr. Herriek remarked that he thought [redacted] might have made such statement merely to impress this Agent; but that the fact that it might be shown definitely that [redacted] had not contacted Karpis would not in and of itself cause Mr. Herriek to believe that [redacted] could not locate Karpis through his contacts, as Mr. Herriek knows that [redacted] has good contacts in the Middle West, including, Kansas City, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Louisville, Wichita, Kansas, and other points.

From observation [redacted] is described as being about [redacted]

This information is being submitted to you for your consideration at this time, and in the event you know of any previous contact which [redacted] may have had with this Bureau I would be pleased to be advised thereof for our information in possible future dealings with him. Mr. Herriek will advise this office tomorrow of the results of his conversation with [redacted] and such information will be immediately passed on to you.

Very truly yours,

MCS:es
cc - Bureau; St. Louis;
St. Paul; Cincinnati (all personal and confidential)

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri,
January 23, 1936.

Attention: Technical Laboratory.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to Bureau letter dated January 14, 1936, relative to securing an arrest number on Alvin Schmidt, an accomplice of Leo Fanning, in order that his fingerprints may be compared with latent prints found in the "You Smile" Tourist Camp in Kansas City, Missouri, please be advised that Captain Baxter, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kansas City, Missouri, has advised this office that their records reflect the following on the individual who accompanied Fanning:

Alvin Schmidt - Illinois State Reformatory,
Pontiac, Illinois,
#A9430.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936 in which you identify the individual who accompanied Lee Fanning at the "You Smith" Tourist Camp in Kansas City, Missouri as Alvin Schmidt, #A9430 State Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois in connection with the above entitled case.

You are advised that a search of the alphabetical name files of the Identification Division failed to disclose any fingerprint record for Alvin Schmidt, #A9430 State Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois. If it is possible to secure a copy of this individual's fingerprints, they should be forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the latent prints previously submitted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
 Mr. Connelley-Chicago
 Cincinnati
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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

MILWAUKEE FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Milwaukee, Wisconsin	DATE WHEN MADE 1-23-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-16, 17-36	REPORT MADE BY ALBERT FRANZ JH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Gus B. Rose denies ever knowing or seeing William E. Meade. Meade unknown to police at La Crosse, Wisconsin. Fred Gondorf, former resident of La Crosse, is reputed to be an international swindler.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter to the Milwaukee Office from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois 12-21-35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. Gus B. Rose at his brother's jewelry store, 310 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and he advised that he had known Fred Gondorf for more than thirty-five years due to the fact that he was a resident and conducted a tea store at 312 Main Street, La Crosse, while he, Rose, and his brother were in the jewelry business at 310 Main Street. According to Rose, he had not seen Gondorf for many years until 1932 when he met him at Chicago; that after this meeting Gondorf wrote to him with reference to some matter concerning his wife who is said to be a very religious Catholic; that while he, Rose, was at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, he wrote to Gondorf somewhere in Massachusetts, but he could not recall the address and did not know where Gondorf was presently residing. Rose stated that he knows that Gondorf is in a racket and during the time he has known him Gondorf has never mentioned his business or associates due to the fact that his type of men talk</p>			
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very little concerning themselves.

When Agent asked Rose whether he knew anyone by the name of Meade, he stated that he did not, and upon exhibiting a photograph of Meade, Rose again related that he has never seen this individual and that Gondorf never spoke about Meade. He indicated that Gondorf would not be inclined to provide information relative to Meade even though he possessed same.

Rose claims that he is unemployed at the present time and is staying with his brother, George B. Rose of 130 South 13th Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin; that he has been ill for the past year and has been taking things easy in order to regain his health. He professes to have been in the jewelry business with his brother for a number of years at La Crosse and about twenty years ago he severed his business relationship and went into the architectural manufacturing business at Chicago, Illinois, where he did a large amount of work for the Paramount Theatres.

The following description was obtained from the Agent's personal observation:

Name	GUS B. ROSE
Age	68 years
Height	5' 8"
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Thin
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married
Residence	130 South 13th Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Chief of Police J. B. Webber of La Crosse, Wisconsin informed Agent that he has known Gus B. Rose for many years due to the fact that he formerly resided at La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he and his brother George B. Rose conducted a jewelry business; that Rose left La Crosse about twenty years ago and lived in Chicago for quite some time; and that as far as Chief Webber knows, Rose has been a reputable citizen and has never been connected with any rackets.

Chief of Police J. B. Webber stated that he is acquainted with Fred Gondorf, who is an international swindler and who is absolutely untrustworthy. Gondorf formerly resided and operated a tea store near Rose's jewelry store on Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, which was over twenty years ago and at which time he used to put gold coins into the boxes of tea and sell them. However, after Gondorf left La Crosse, he never returned.

Chief Webber also advised that while Gondorf was residing at La Crosse, one Bert Scott, who now resides in the Northern part of Chicago, Illinois and who is an eye doctor, had been in the swindle racket with Gondorf but had left the racket more than twenty years ago and is a very splendid citizen. He stated that Scott would probably be able to supply some information relative to Gondorf and probably Meade inasmuch as he was connected with Gondorf at one time. Chief Webber informed Agent that William E. Meade was unknown at La Crosse and after reviewing a photograph which Agent exhibited, he was certain that Meade had never operated in his town.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE will endeavor to locate Bert Scott, who no doubt can be located through the city and telephone directories of Chicago, Illinois, and interview him for the purpose of obtaining the names of Gondorf's associates and any information which may be available concerning Meade. It is also suggested that the name of Chief Webber be not mentioned inasmuch as Scott might believe that the Chief gave some information which would degrade his reputation.

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Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-50 120**

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SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

Summary report of information relative to **WILLIAM KLMER MEAD**, as contained in files of Boston Bureau Office, setting out details of his appearances in this territory and known contacts.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935.

DETAILS:

This report is submitted for the purpose of summarizing all the information relative to **WILLIAM KLMER MEAD** in the files of the Boston Office. Since the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated January 6, 1936, at Chicago, already contains much information, this information will not be duplicated save as to information which has been developed by this office.

As far as is known at this time, Mead's first visit to Boston is reflected by his registration at the Nyles Standish Hotel on May 20 and 21, 1935. No other information concerning this visit is at hand. He was next heard from on June 18, 1935, on which date he contacted James H. Stedman, manufacturer of rubber flooring, residing at 5145 Cote-St. Luke's Road, Montreal, Quebec, and represented himself as Frank Taylor, the personal representative of Mrs. Ross, a wealthy widow of Oklahoma City. Mr. Stedman had placed an ad in the Boston Transcript endeavoring to sell his summer home in Scituate, Mass.

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and Mead offered to buy this for Mrs. Ross who at that time was in New York City. On June 24th Mead again called on Mr. Stedman and brought him to Hyannis, Massachusetts, for the purpose of meeting Mrs. Ross. They stopped at Boston on June 25th, staying at the Vendome Hotel and on the following day proceeded to Hyannis for the purpose of keeping an appointment with Mrs. Ross at the Eggleston Inn. Upon arriving at the Inn and Mrs. Ross not being there, Mead and Stedman went to the Annex where a man named Mr. Parker advised them that Mrs. Ross could not come to Hyannis on that date because her married daughter was sick in New York City. Parker, Mead, and Stedman then went out to lunch at the New York Cafe and while at lunch, Mead discovered a pocketbook under the table which contained \$220 in bills and racetrack clippings which indicated the owner was residing at the Mayflower Hotel, Hyannis, and was the representative of a racing syndicate. Stedman and Mead then went to the Mayflower Hotel where they called on the owner of the pocketbook in his room. The name of this man, Stedman does not recall. When the pocketbook had been returned, Stedman said to this party that he would like to get a tip on a horse and the party answered that he was under \$200,000 bond but that he would think the matter over. After leaving this party in the Mayflower Hotel, Stedman told Mead that if they did get a tip from the owner of the pocketbook, it had better be a good one as he, Stedman, was familiar with crooks and had been a Prison Commissioner for several years in Massachusetts.

Mead then left Stedman, ostensibly to go to New York, and Stedman returned to his farm at New Sharon, Maine, where on June 28, 1935, his attorney received a telegram from Mead, filed at Providence, Rhode Island, stating that he, Taylor, was called home. Although this party called himself Frank Taylor, he is designated herein as Mead, since Stedman positively identifies his photograph. Stedman describes the other two men who were apparently engaged in this confidence game as follows:

PARKER

Age:	35
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Complexion:	Blonde
Hair:	Blonde
Peculiarities:	One eye seems slightly out of line with the other.

Stedman describes the other party, the owner of the pocketbook, as follows:

Age:	40
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	200 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark

Mr. Stedman has tentatively identified the picture of Frederick P. Farrell with aliases, who will be mentioned further in this report, as being the owner of the pocketbook residing at the Mayflower Hotel. While Mr. Stedman was in Boston, he was in the building at 50 Congress Street and as he was getting into the elevator there, he saw a man whom he declares is the image of the confidence man, Parker, at Hyannis. The elevator boy addressed this man as Major Morgan. He did not recognize Stedman and Stedman did not speak to him. The Boston City Directory shows a Samuel R. Morgan and Bartol Parker to be in the real estate business in Room 805 of that building. Further investigation of this incident will be made by the Boston Office.

Mr. Stedman was contacted by reason of letters exchanged by the Bureau

During the time that Mead was contacting Stedman he, on June 27, 1935, contacted one John H. Dunn, a contractor at Northampton, Massachusetts, with plans for the building of houses in that vicinity. He again contacted him on July 5 and 12. Mr. Dunn's suspicions had been aroused, however, and he had so informed the Northampton Police. On July 12, when Mead last visited Dunn (under the name of C. E. Carter) he was arrested by the police at Northampton and charged with investigation and improper registration of an automobile. His bond was fixed at \$200 and he was released before his identity had become known due to the mutilation of his fingerprints. In this connection, there was found in his car a concentrated solution of carbolic acid. While being held in jail at Northampton, Mead had requested that a telegram be delivered for him as follows:

"Mr. Herbert - Callahan - Attorney. Phone. Lafayette 6050 - Try - Residence. Boston - Mass. Being - held - here - county - jail - default - two - hundred dollars - bond - Please - see - Fred - and - have - matter taken - care - of - at - once.

C. E. Carter."

This note was not delivered by the police but the information therein was given the Boston Police by teletype in an effort to identify Carter. Shortly after this Herbert Callahan, who is a well known gangster lawyer in Boston, had phoned Northampton to inquire the amount of bail and sometime later James P. Mahoney, Springfield, Massachusetts, Attorney, appeared at the County Jail at Northampton, with the bail for Mead's release. Mead was released at 1 A. M., July 14th, and of course did not appear at the date his bond was made returnable. Mead's Ford Sedan, which was held by the Northampton Police, is now subject to a lien placed thereon by the Internal Revenue Bureau. However, Attorney James P. Mahoney claims ownership thereof by transfer from Mead.

From a map in Mead's possession at the time of his arrest it seemed apparent that he had spent some time in Mexico since there were lines drawn on this map from El Paso, Texas through Chihuahua, Torreon, Saltillo, Monterey, San Luis Potos, Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Mazatlan. Subsequently, a confidential informant of Herbert Graham, a Postal Inspector in New York City, advised him that Mead had gone to Chicago after his release from Northampton and that he would stay at some hotel on Sheridan Road in that city, which bore the name Sheridan. Investigation by the Chicago Office, however, did not reveal his whereabouts at any hotel of that description.

On July 18, 1935 an anonymous letter was received at the Bureau which is deemed of sufficient importance in this investigation to be quoted in full. The letter follows:

"Bruce Upshaw is Daddy of all Confidence Men, only time in his life has he been arrested your dept was after him twenty odd years ago, the gang was betting he wouldnt have less than fifty "kicks", partys he had swindled and now on his way to Florida where O'Dell beat this same kick, and on the funniest fluke ever heard of, and now the bet is that Bruce won't get any kicks and will beat it, wish you could hear what all these Con men are saying now about what your man Mr. Graham is ever-looking and this town is now full of Con men as Fred Flowe living under name of Farrell at 24 Jordan Road, Brookline second house from Summit Road has the town his fivar Herbie Callahan - Lawyer also Police Dept. and he has been harboring Elmer Meade for months here, they all are at Hyannes, on the Cape for summer, now the point is how do all these Con men get away without paying any income tax. Can mention dozen who have annuity's and several who have had over one hundred thousand dollars for their part of one swindle, small poor book-makers like myself they laugh at, when we gladly give up our few dollars when we are lucky enough to make it, they say we should put on a badge and become a policeman and their fear flusing and spending of hundreds nightly in cabarets as been the cause of several boys around here starting in their line. This Fred Flower is one mentioned in wire to Callahan and Winter he is partner to Fred Gonderf and Upshaw in Florida, usually Miami now this Flower hasn't been arrested and thats why they cant pick him out, so much money he buys Baby Grand Piano's and Homes for his relatives and many more things of this kind. Now just a few that are here and told the same as Meade that nothing is going to happen to them Fred Gonderf and wife, Eddie Hayes, the Mile a Minute cant remember his real name, Geo. Kennedy, Elmer Meade, Finky, Tom Coffee two Englishmen Charley Mitchell known as Fat and Sid left two weeks ago for Europe they and Farrell are wanted

"For a three hundred thousand swindle in Europe, now Coffee and Hayes have annuities Farrel has stock in Safety Deposit Box, now why isn't something done to stop the likes of this Fred if not one way another, if you could but see what he is getting away with here you would realize why his hat is so tight, Hope this will start you its all the truth on the right road"

In accordance with the information contained in this letter, investigation was made at Hyannis, Mass., which revealed the presence of a house on the Craigville Beach Road at Centerville, Mass., operated as a gambling house under the name of J. J. Ward. Further, that a gambling house was run by one David Bennett at 121 Bay View Street, Hyannis. It has been ascertained that these houses were frequented by a ring of confidence men whose names will be set out hereafter, but no direct evidence has been found that Mead had been at either place.

From the investigation conducted by the Boston Office it appears that Mead is known to frequent the better class hotels; he is very fond of gambling, women and liquor. It is believed that bookmakers and gamblers generally are the persons through whom his location may possibly become known and confidential informants in this class should be contacted by all field offices. The possibility is also suggested of developing such a confidential informant among some of the persons of this type who are named in this report.

The information developed by the Boston Office relative to confidence men and their contacts, who are known or thought to be contacts of Mead, is set out hereinafter in alphabetical form:

ACKISS, ARNOLD S.
24 Sidlaw Road, Brighton, Mass.

This person is the son-in-law of Frederick P. Farrell by virtue of his marriage to Farrell's daughter, Gwendolyn. As far as is now known, he is not associated with Farrell in his confidence games but is thought to be familiar with Farrell's occupation. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1930. Further details as to him will be found in the report of P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated 10-23-35.

BARKER, JAMES, alias "The Englishman" (?)
Last Residence - Fenagat Hotel,
Boston, Massachusetts.

This man is a confidence man and a close associate of Farrell, Condorf, Hayes and Farry. It is felt that if Barker is located, he should be placed under surveillance since he will undoubtedly contact other members of his ring and perhaps Mead. His description is as follows:

Age:	42
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	180
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Gray
Marital Status:	Married
Peculiarities:	Has a decidedly English accent and manner; often carries cane and dresses in English styles.

BENNETT, DAVID
121 Bay View St.,
Hyannis, Mass.

This man is a local gambler at Hyannis and is known to be a contact of Fred Farrell; presumably, he is also a contact of other confidence men in that town during the summer months.

BRADLEY, ARTHUR
170 Waverley St.,
Providence, R. I.

This person was employed by Robert Finn at the J. J. Ward house in Centerville, as a professional gambler, and undoubtedly knows the Farrell, Gondorf and Upshaw ring. Captain Cusick of the Providence Police advises that Bradley is a small time con-man himself and occasionally takes a small part in a big confidence game. He is further known as an associate of Rhode Island gangsters.

BRADLEY, HAROLD LEE

alias of Thomas Odell

BURTON, FRED

alias of Fred Gondorf

CALLAHAN, HERBERT F.
45 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

This party is a well known representative of gangsters and other criminals in Boston. Callahan obtained Mead's release from Northampton, Mass., through arrangements with James Mahoney, a Springfield, Mass. Attorney. Callahan admits having known Mead previously but denies that he knew that Carter was Mead on the occasion of his Northampton arrest. An independent investigation of this attorney's activities is being conducted by the Boston Office.

COFFEY, TOM

Address unknown.

This name is mentioned in the anonymous communication set out above and is known to P. O. Inspector Graham to be a confidence man. No further information concerning him is available.

DURIS, FRANKIE
Westminster Hotel, Boston, Mass.

This man is a gambler and operates a brewery in Boston. He admits friendship with Farrell, Gondorf, Hayes, Kennedy, and Barker, but denies knowing Mead.

He is also the person who placed bail for Bruce Upshaw on the occasion of the latter's arrest by the Arlington Police last summer. He has a brother, Daniel F. Duris, residing at 411 or 417 Common St., Boston, who is reputed to be a gangster.

ENGLISHMAN, THE Thought to be an alias of James Barker

FARRELL, FREDERICK P.
alias Fred Farrell, alias
Fred Flowers, alias Garland E.
Tucker. Last residence - Myles
Standish Hotel, Boston. Previous
residence - 24 Jordan Rd.
Brookline, Massachusetts.

This is a confidence man who admits this to have been his occupation practically all his life and who further admits knowing Mead, but has denied cooperation with the Bureau in efforts to locate the latter. Since the interview with Farrell, he has been almost positively identified as the owner of the pocketbook at Hyannis, Mass., on the occasion of the attempted swindling of James Stedman, previously mentioned in this report. Although no direct evidence has been found, it is strongly believed that this is also the "Fred" mentioned in Mead's note to Callahan as set out in this report. It is positively known that he is a close associate of Subject Mead and should his whereabouts be ascertained, he should be placed under surveillance. His photograph and fingerprints are in the Bureau files having been sent August 8, 1935 by the Boston Office, bearing Boston Police #20307. The Boston Office is requesting by letter that copies of Farrell's photograph be sent to each field office. His description is as follows:

Age:	40 years
Marital Status:	Married
Wife's name:	Gladys Farrell, alias Pauline G. Lucas
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	185 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark
Eyes:	Hazel
Hair:	Black, straight, full
Occupation:	Con-man
Gives occupation as importer or representative foreign paint concern.	
Peculiarities:	Has mole left cheek near nose and under right side of chin.

FARKY, GEORGE L. alias
George Ferry, alias
"Mile-A-Minute"

Last known address - 1949 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Massachusetts.

According to the summary report of R. C. Suran at Chicago, dated 1-6-36, Sergeant Alcock of the Chicago Police states this man is Mead's close advisor and is the brains of the

ring in which he operates. Farry has been definitely associated with Fred Farrell, J. E. Hayes, Fred Gondorf and James Barker. He was interviewed before his possible close connection with Head was known and in that interview denied knowing Head. It is felt that if his whereabouts is ascertained, he should be placed under surveillance. His description is being sent the Bureau in a separate communication with a view to locating a criminal record and photograph. His description is as follows:

Age: 48 to 50 years
Wife's name: Lola
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 170 lbs.
Build: Heavy
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Light
Hair: Black and gray
Wears small mustache
Occupation: Con-man

FARRY MITCHELL

alias of James Mann

FEIN, IRVING
Springfield, Mass.

This man is attorney for James P. Mahoney, representing the latter in his suit to recover Head's car from the custody of the Internal Revenue Bureau, which has a lien thereon.

FIFKY

Apparently this is the nickname of a confidence man who is associated with those named in the anonymous communication set out in this report. No further information concerning his identity has been obtained.

FINN, ROBERT alias J. J. Ward
Residence - James St., Brookline, Massachusetts.

This man is the proprietor of the house operated in Centerville, Mass., in the summer of 1935 at which many confidence men gathered. As reflected in the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated 11-13-35, he operates gambling houses at Saratoga Springs and Boston, Mass., and admits that his houses are sometimes frequented by con-men. Although he claims not to know Head, this statement is doubted in view of his admission of friendship with Farrell, Gondorf and Upshaw.

FLOWERS, FRED

alias of Frederick P. Farrell

FREED, FRED
167 Northwest 45th St.
Miami, Florida.

This man is a gambler and perhaps

also a confidence man. He was employed by Robert Finn in the house at Centerville, Mass., in the summer of 1935. He was also at Saratoga Springs, New York, as reflected in the report of Special Agent P. J. Cotter at Buffalo, dated 10-18-35. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent J. P. LaCour at Jacksonville dated 9-18-35. Probably Freed is now in the vicinity of Miami engaged in gambling operations and in view of his previous connections with confidence men at Centerville, it is believed he may be in possession of information concerning Subject Mead. It is suggested that he might consider a proposition to sell information on Mead. He is described as -

Age:	38
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	170
Build:	Stout
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Fair

GONDORF, FRED alias Fred Graham,
alias Fred Grant

This man is a close friend of Frederick P. Farrell and associates and on interview admitted having known Mead for over thirty years. At the time of interview with Gondorf, his close connection was not known and it is felt that should he be located again, he should be placed under surveillance. His photograph and fingerprints are in the Bureau Files bearing New York City Police Department #6760. A separate communication is being addressed to the Bureau requesting that copies of this photograph be distributed to every field office. His description is as follows:

Age:	70
Height:	5' 7 3/8"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Marital Status:	Married
Hair:	White and full
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Red
Occupation:	Confidence Man

GRAHAM, FRED

alias of Fred Gondorf

GRAHAM, HERBERT

Post Office Department, New York City.
This man is a post office inspector who, for some thirty years, has specialized in the investigation and appre-

hension of confidence men and is well acquainted with a great many of them. He is presently conducting a Post Office investigation with a view to locating Subject Mead and has proved helpful in this connection. The New York Office is contacting him regularly for information which he may develop.

GRANT, FRED

alias of Fred Condorf

GREENHOUSE, WILLIAM

alias of Thomas Odell

HASTINGS, S. ARTHUR

87 Robbins Road,
Arlington, Mass.

This man was the intended victim of Subject Mead on March 28, 1935 while staying at the Fort Sumpter Hotel at Charleston, South Carolina. (See report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated 8-28-35) Mead, on that occasion, was in league with one Lantz and Joseph Peter Dowling, both of whom appear to be professional card sharks. (In this connection see report of G. B. Leckie, dated 9-10-35 at Charlotte and E. F. Fitzsimmons at Jacksonville, dated 9-10-35, the latter reporting showing Dowling to have been arrested at Miami as a card shark and released May 1, 1935)

HAYES, EDDIE, alias of Jay E. Hayes

HAYES, JAY E. Last known residence,
1454 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.

This is a confidence man and known to be closely associated with Frederick P. Farrell, Fred Condorf, George Kennedy, George Farry and James Barker. On interview, he admitted knowing Mead, but denied cooperation with the Bureau. Subsequent information indicates that his crowd is closely associated with Mead and it is believed that should he again be located, he should be placed under surveillance. His description is as follows:

Age:	45 to 50
Marital Status:	Married
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Complexion:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black, turning gray
Peculiarities:	Small mustache unusually small mouth Wears glasses on black ribbon.

The Bureau is being requested by separate communication to endeavor to locate a photograph and record for this individual and if located, to send a copy to each office.

JAMES, W. E.

Alias of Bruce Upshaw

KENNEDY, GEORGE D., Last Residence -
1401 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.

This is a confidence man known
to be closely associated with

Fred Farrell, Fred Gomborf, Jay E. Hayes, George Farry and James Barker.
He has never been interviewed and in view of information that Mead is
closely associated with his crowd, it is felt that if located, he should
be placed under surveillance. His wife travels with him, described as
aged 52, height 5' 8", weight 140 lbs. His wife's sister, one Hazel
Harley, also travels with him. He is described as follows:

Age: 54
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 212 lbs.
Build: Stocky
Hair: Black, turning white, scanty
Complexion: Florid
Wears metal framed glasses. - Clean shaven
Drives a large sedan, thought to be a Buick
and is reputed to reside in a good section
of Miami, Florida.

The Bureau is being requested by separate communication
to locate if possible a record and photograph of this individual and
send copy thereof to each field office. If located, it is thought
advisable to place this individual under surveillance with a view to the
possibility of his contacting Mead.

LUCAS, PAULINE G.

This is an alias used by Mrs.
Frederick P. Farrell in securing
telephone service at their former
home at 24 Jordan Rd., Brookline, Mass.

MAHONEY, JAMES P.
44 Vernon St., Springfield, Mass.

This is the attorney who, under the
direction of Herbert Callahan, placed
the \$200 bond with the Bail Commissioner at Northampton, Mass., and
secured Mead's release on July 14th last. An investigation of his activities
in this connection is being conducted by the Boston Office.

MAHE, JAMES, alias Fatty Mitchell,
alias James McMahon, alias Milton
Montgomery, alias Charles Mitchell.

This is a confidence man who is an
associate of Bruce Upshaw in the
Deland, Florida swindle. His photo-
graphs and fingerprints are in the Bureau files having been sent there
September 9, 1924 under New York City Police #E8977. It is felt that,
being an associate of Bruce Upshaw, he may also be a contact of Subject
Mead. He is described as follows:

Age: 44 - born Glasgow, Scotland
Height: 5' 6"
Hair: Auburn
Eyes: Gray
Present whereabouts: Unknown

"MILE A MINUTE"

alias of George Farry

MITCHELL, CHARLIE

alias of James Mann

MONTGOMERY, MILTON

alias of James Mann

ODELL, THOMAS J. alias Thomas Bradley, alias Harold Lee Bradley, alias William Greenhouse, alias James Shaw. Residence 18 East 53rd St., New York City.

This is a confidence man who was an associate of Bruce Upshaw in the swindle at Deland, Florida, on April 22, 1933 of Harry Wilmet of New Jersey. Subsequently he was tried and found guilty of this swindle and fined

\$1,000. In this connection, see letter of Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, to the Bureau, dated 7-31-35. See also report of Special Agent J. W. Vincent, at New York, dated 8-14-35. His description is as follows:

Age:	33 - born New York City
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark Chestnut
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Occupation:	tailor and confidence man

Since this man is a close friend of Upshaw, he is believed also to be a friend of Mead. The Boston Office is requesting the Bureau by separate letter to furnish copies of his photograph and record to each field office.

SEAN, JAMES

alias of Thomas Odell

SID

This is apparently the nickname of a confidence man who is named in the anonymous letter quoted above as being an associate of Subject Mead.

SWEENEY, FRANK

This is the name given by Herbert F. Callahan as the party who furnished the \$200 bail for the release of Mead at Northampton, Mass., on July 14, 1935.

Callahan claims to know no more about him than his name and it is believed that this is a fictitious person.

TUCKER, GARLAND H.

alias of Fred Farrel

UPSHAW, ALLEN,

alias of Bruce Upshaw

UPSHAW, BRUCE, alias Allen Upshaw, alias Arthur C. Upshaw. Last residence - Arlington, Mass.

A criminal record and photograph of this individual are in the Bureau Files

under F. B. I. #955056. On April 22, 1935 Upshaw, with Thomas Odell, Fatty Mitchell and a fourth party, unknown, swindled Harry Wilmot of Montclair, New Jersey, of \$100,000. Upshaw was arrested on June 25, 1935 at Arlington, Massachusetts. Before his arrest, he was known to have been in Hyannis, Mass., at the house of Robert Finn on the Craigville Beach Road and accordingly, he is believed a close associate of Fred Farrell and his crowd. Upshaw has been removed to face trial at Deland, Florida, for the Wilmot swindle. At the present time the status of this case is not known. His description is as follows:

Address:	59 Bowdoin St., Arlington, Mass.
Age:	33
Marital Status:	Married Margaret D. Conley
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Hair:	Gray and black
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Teeth:	Fair; one gold front tooth
Nationality:	American
Occupation:	Horseman and confidence man
Peculiarities:	Has skin disease covering body except face known as scleroderma.

Upshaw was interviewed at the time of his arrest in Arlington and denied knowing Head. However, later developments indicate he is probably well acquainted with the latter.

WARD, J. J.

alias of Robert Finn

WARMAN, JIM
666 Academy Ave.,
Providence, R. I.

This individual is a professional gambler who was employed by Robert Finn at the gambling house at Centerville, Mass., during the summer

of 1935 where admittedly the Farrell-Gondorf crowd spent a great deal of time and where it is thought Head was also present. Warman is now in the vicinity of Miami, Florida, as an employee of a gambling house. Warman is undoubtedly close to the confidence men mentioned herein. According to Captain Cusick of the Providence Police, who knows Warman, he is not the type to give information for nothing.

WHITNEY, LOU. Address c/o
Elks Club, Miami, Florida.

A gambler and close associate of Freddy Freed and Warman. He has been employed as a croupier at the Embassy Club in Miami and by Robert

Finn at Saratoga Springs, New York. Through these connections he should be familiar with a great many confidence men and may be a source of information if properly cultivated. Whitney is married to

a girl named Sweeney of Salem, Mass., whose family is believed to be a fairly prominent one in that city. This information is contained in the report of Special Agent H. B. Fletcher at Boston, dated 10-11-35.

WINTER

This name appears in the anonymous communication quoted herein and is probably the name of a confidence man associated with Farrell, Condorf and Upshaw. No further information concerning him is known.

Previous experience has indicated that it is useless to interview men of the type of Farrell, Condorf, and Upshaw for information relative to the whereabouts of Mead since they are entirely unreliable and have already refused their assistance to the Bureau. It is also known that these persons rarely receive important mail at the addresses at which they are staying. Post Office Inspector Graham advises they usually in every large city have a house or store which serves as a "post office". It is suggested that should a surveillance of any of these parties reveal such a place, a mail cover might disclose a letter from Mead who will probably contact some of them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE - AT DELAND, FLORIDA - Will ascertain the status of the case against Bruce Upshaw at that city and if possible, Upshaw's present location.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA - Will, if possible, locate Lou Whitney, Freddy Freed and Jim Warman, mentioned in this report, and if deemed advisable, conduct an appropriate interview.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA - Will conduct an investigation as to the whereabouts of the major confidence men mentioned in this report most of whom, it is believed, are presently in that city and probably staying at the better class hotels.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE - Will continue to contact Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham for any information his department may have developed relative to William E. Mead and if possible, obtain from him a photograph and record of George Farry, James Barker, Jay E. Hayes and George Kennedy.

THE BOSTON OFFICE - Will conduct appropriate investigation looking to the present whereabouts of Fred Farrell, Fred Condorf, and their crowd.

Will conduct investigation at the Vendome Hotel, relative to the registration of Mead and James H. Stedman on June 26, 1935.

BOSTON OFFICE - Will conduct investigation of Samuel R. Morgan, real estate dealer at 50 Congress Street, who is thought by Mr. Stedman to be one Parker associated with Mead at Hyannis, Mass., in June of 1935.

AT HYANNIS, MASS., Will conduct investigation at the Egleston Inn and the Mayflower Hotel with a view to determining who were the parties associated with Mead at that place in June of 1935.

Fred Farrell's handwriting, copies of which are in the Boston Office files, should be checked against the registrations at these places since his picture has been almost positively identified as one of the parties with Mead.

P E N D I N G

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
January 23, 1936.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Information has been received from informants at Nevada, Missouri, that an automobile, make unknown, bearing California license 2-T-6747 (dark numerals on orange background) has been parked at various times recently in front of the residence of Ted Thornton and Earl Morris, associates of Milton Lett, in Nevada, Missouri. It is noted in the report of Special Agent H. E. Mc Kee, Los Angeles, 1-17-36, that Dolly Larimer, a relative of Thornton left California recently for Iola, Kansas. It is possible that said car may belong to Miss Larimer, although it is not stated in the report of Agent Mc Kee that she was making the trip in an automobile.

It is suggested that it be ascertained to whom the above license has been issued, as well as the make of the automobile. If it is not registered to Dolly Larimer or her relatives as set out in the report above referred to, it is requested that the identity of the party to whom said license has been issued be determined and that it be ascertained whether these plates have been stolen.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cleveland - Oklahoma City.
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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
January 20, 1936

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Dear Sir:-

REKID
Re: L. A. File 7-42.

Ed. George Bremer

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Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

January 24, 1936

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

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, dated January 22, 1936, in the above entitled case. It will be noticed that Frederick P. Farrell has been almost positively identified as having been involved with Subject William Elmer Mead in an attempted swindle at Hyannis, Mass., in June of 1935. It is, therefore, thought advisable to furnish each field office with a photograph of Farrell. This photograph and fingerprints were sent to the Bureau August 8, 1935 by the Boston Office and bear Boston Police #20307.

A close associate of Farrell is Fred Gondorf with aliases, Fred Graham, Fred Grant, and Fred Burton. The photograph and fingerprints of this individual are in the Bureau Files, bearing New York City Police Department #6760 and it is suggested to the Bureau that his photograph be furnished to all field offices for use in conducting investigation relative to the whereabouts of Mead.

The following named and described persons are associates of the above two individuals and the evidence would seem to indicate they are also close friends of Mead. It is, therefore, thought advisable that if the Bureau possesses records and photographs of them that they be furnished to each field office:

JAMES BARKER, alias "The Englishman" (?)

Age: 42
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 160 lbs.
Hair: Gray
Marital Status: Married
Peculiarities: Dresses and speaks in extremely English manner.

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GEORGE L. FARRY, alias George Farry, alias "Mile-a-Minute" Last known address 1949 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Age: 48 to 50
Nationality: American

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Wife's name: Lola
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 170 lbs.
Build: Heavy
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Light
Hair: Black, turning gray
Small mustache.

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JAY E. HAYES, alias EDDIE HAYES *2-52*
Last known residence - 1454 Beacon St.
Boston, Massachusetts.

Age: 45 to 50
Nationality: American
Marital Status: Married
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 190 lbs.
Build: Medium
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Black and gray
Peculiarities: Very small mouth
Small mustache
Carries glasses on
black ribbon

(2) 2-52
GEORGE D. KENNEDY. Last residence,
1401 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Age: 56
Nationality: American
Marital Status: Married
Wife's name: Probably Harley
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 212 lbs.
Build: Stocky
Hair: Black, turning white, scanty
Complexion: Florid
Metal Framed Glasses

Photographs of the following named individuals are enclosed
herewith, and it is suggested that copies be sent to each field office.

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JAMES MANN, alias FATTY MITCHELL, alias *2-52*
JAMES MCMAHON, alias MILTON MONTGOMERY *0*
alias CHARLES MITCHELL, New York City #E8977. *0*

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FRED GONDORF with aliases, FRED GRAHAM,
FRED GRANT. NEW YORK POLICE #6760

2-5-2
THOMAS ODELL with aliases, WILLIAM
GREENHOUSE, JAMES SHAW, N. Y. POLICE #108751.

Very truly yours,


C. D. MCKEAN
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NEW YORK OFFICE

Fred Gondorf
with aliases

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176 *med*
White *Blue*
White *med*
U.S.

N.Y. Police # 6760

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Thos. J. O'Sell
20 Greenhouse - Joothaw

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N.Y. Police # 108751

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Photograph to be cut to this size
James Mc Mahon Fatty Mitchell-8977

POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK	No.
Name	James Mc Mahon
Alias	Fatty Mitchell
Residence	
Crime	
Age	Born 1894
Height	5-6 1/2
Weight	140
Hair	Auburn
Eyes	Gray
Color	White
Complexion	
Place of Birth	Glasgow
Date of Arrest	9-9-24
Officer	
Remarks	11 R 00 7 18 U 0 16
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FROM: DIVISION #1 DIVISION #2

1936.

TO: Director
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 Mr. Tolson
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 Mr. Tamm
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 Mr. ~~Weeks~~ Mr. Enrich
 Mr. Heilker Mr. Smith

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 Mr. Coffey
 Mr. Rosen

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L. C. Schilder

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To:

Mr. Edwards _____

Mr. Schilder _____

Asst. Chief _____

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S.F.P.S. FRED P. FLOWERS

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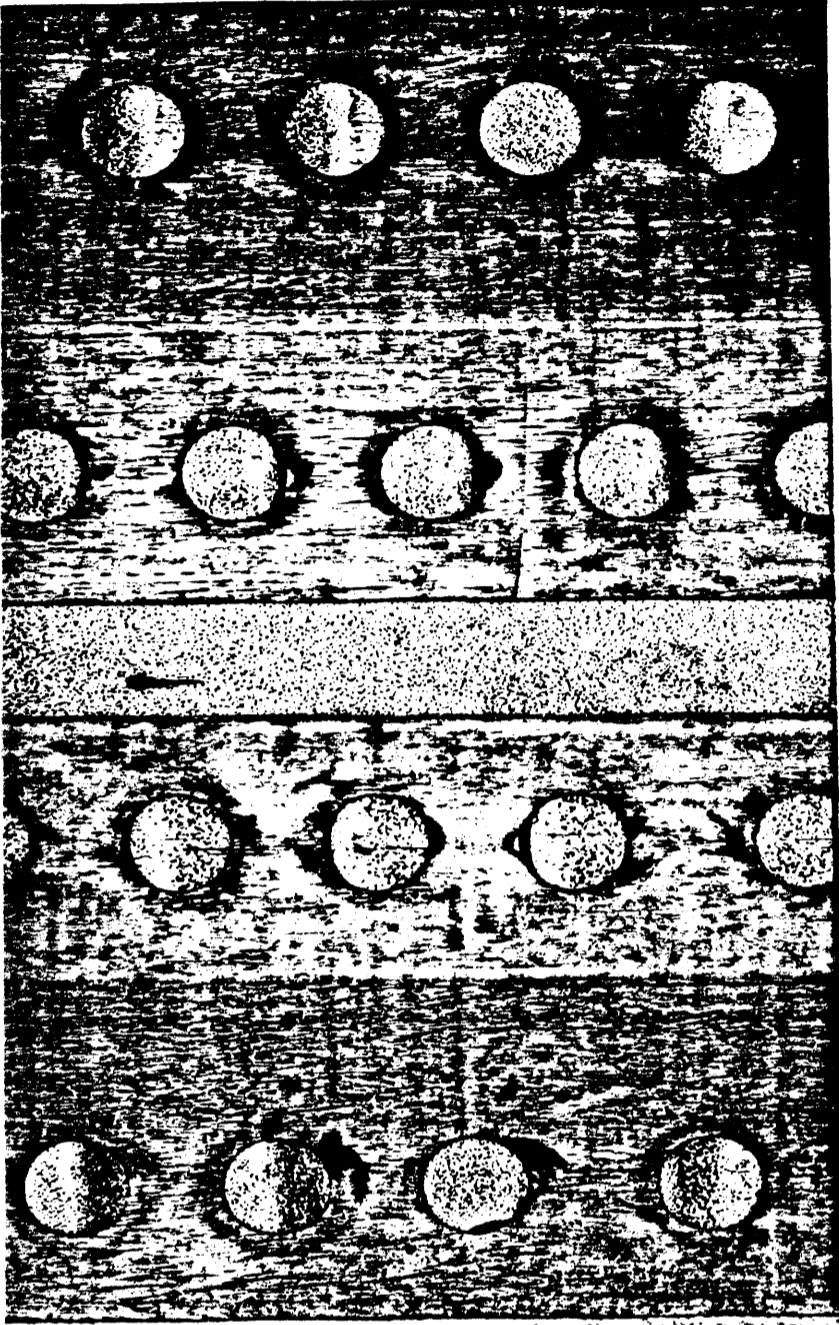
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February 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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

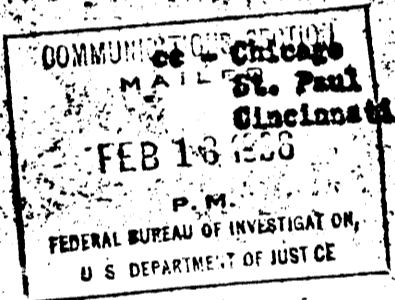
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of
January 24, 1936 wherein you referred to one Frederick P.
Farrell, who has been identified as having been involved
with subject William Elmer Head in an attempted swindle
at Hyannis, Massachusetts, in June of 1935.

Please be advised that the Bureau is unable
to locate the photograph of Farrell which was sent to the
Bureau by your office under date of August 8, 1935. It is,
therefore, requested that you obtain a photograph of
Farrell from the Boston Police Department and transmit it
to the Bureau at an early date so that your request in the
letter of reference may be complied with.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 23, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On January 20, 1936, information was received from Mr. Dan
Homan, proprietor of Dan's Spring Works, 18th and Cherry
Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, to the effect that on
January 17, 1936, two men drove a Pontiac coupe into his
shop, one of whom was identified by employees as being
Karpis.

Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed Antonio Mezisl and
G. O. Stroud, the employees who installed the spring. They
advised that one of the persons who drove the Pontiac car
into the shop was carrying two pistols in shoulder holsters
and was identified by them as being Karpis. The car was
described as a 1933 model bearing Minnesota license plates,
number unknown, and a St. Paul, Minnesota, city license,
number unknown. They stated that these individuals in-
formed them that they were the owners of the Prosser Motor
Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be made to
determine whether anyone connected with the Prosser Motor
Company was in Kansas City on the above date.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID H C FRAZER AND AGENT MCKEE COMPLETED TESTIMONY TODAY. FOLLOWING OTHER WITNESSES TESTIFIED SHOWING PRESENCE OF GANG IN MIAMI DURING FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR - ROY STAGER, JAMES TINLEY, F E COVELL, L E GRAY, JAMES GRANT, WILLIAM JOHNSON, HENRY DEBRO, AND ETHEL MOORE. TESTIMONY OF JOE ADAMS COMMENCED AS COURT ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NATHAN TAMM ONE FILE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDT

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

January 15, 1936.

Time - 12:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

AG

I telephoned the Kansas City Office and talked with Special Agent M. C. Spear, who was acting in charge of the office, advising him that the Bureau has a press dispatch to the effect that Alvin Karpis engaged in a battle with Federal and State authorities at Aurora, Missouri, and made his escape. Mr. Spear said that just a few minutes ago, they heard this over the air, the facts, however, being slightly different. He said that their information is to the effect that a person who had stored a car there several weeks ago, had called for the car with another man today; that the owner of the garage in which the car was stored told the men who called the car that he didn't have the keys to the same for the reason that the State Highway Patrol had come and gotten them. The garage man later identified the party who called for the car, by photograph, as being Karpis. As a matter of fact, Mr. Spear said that the Agents of that office had been keeping this car under surveillance for some time, and a report was submitted by Special Agent McNulty recently under the caption UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (1935 Hudson Coach, Motor #59987); National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the date of this report being January 10, 1936. Upon receiving the information recited in the first part of this memorandum, Mr. Spear said he tried to get in touch with McNulty and the call is in at this time. The active surveillance of this automobile by the Agents was discontinued last night, and arrangements made with the State Highway Patrol that if anyone called for the car, the Bureau would be promptly notified.

Mr. Spear said that just as soon as he gets in touch with Agent McNulty and gets the facts of this matter, he will advise the Bureau.

Time - 12:55 P.M.

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I telephoned Mr. Spear again inquiring if he had the facts of this situation as yet. He said that he had gotten in touch with McNulty, who did not himself have all the facts at that time. McNulty is contacting the proper authorities at Aurora for the purpose of getting the straight facts of this matter at this time.

The set-up of the situation was this: Two of the Agents, McNulty and D. L. McCormack, have been working on the surveillance of this automobile. McNulty has been working in the garage as a mechanic while McCormack has been the "outside man". The two Agents continued the surveillance in this manner for several days, but discontinued the same last evening at six o'clock, when the garage closed, at which time they made arrangements with a Trooper who is station

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at Aurora, whereby the Trooper would be notified by the operator of the garage in the event anyone called for the car, the Trooper in turn notifying the Agents. The car in question was left at the garage on December 30, 1935.

I instructed Mr. Spear to contact the Bureau just as soon as he gets the details relative to the alleged gun battle reported by the press.

Time - 1:12 P.M.

In my absence, Mr. Spear telephoned Mr. Thompson in my office to report the further facts in this situation.

The Agents above mentioned began the surveillance of the car in question on January 10, 1935, and continued the same from the 10th to the 14th, inclusive. When the person who brought the automobile into the garage came in, he told the owner of the garage that he would call for the car in about ten days or two weeks. The two weeks period was up Monday, and it was decided that the active surveillance should continue no longer. Accordingly, the Agents withdrew from the active surveillance, and the same was continued in part by a State Highway Trooper by the name of George, who is stationed at Aurora, Missouri. This morning about 7:50 A.M., two men came to the garage in a 1931 Ford Cabriolet, dark green in color. On the car, there were license plates with a black background. The number of the license was not obtained, nor was the name of the state in which the license was issued obtained. The car, when it arrived, parked diagonally across the street from the garage in which the automobile under surveillance is parked. There were two men in this car, one of whom was later identified as Karpis. The one identified as Karpis got out of the car and came over to the garage, asking the attendant for the keys to the Hudson automobile under surveillance. In order to throw the man off, the attendant told this person that he did not have the keys now for the reason that Trooper George of the State Highway patrol had come and gotten them. The person calling for the car left the garage, then, stating that he had to go and get his hair cut, and would return in about 30 minutes. At the time this person left, the garage attendant, Seburn by name, got in touch with Trooper George. Trooper George left within 15 minutes later in the direction which he thought the car bearing the person who had called for the Hudson had gone. Thirty minutes after the car left containing the person thought to be Karpis and his companion, the car was sighted at Wentworth, Missouri. Trooper George gave the information which he had to his headquarters, and the information was broadcasted over the State Police radio station.

Concerning the identification of this person as Karpis, Mr. Spear pointed out that in the report of Agent McNulty's dated January 10, 1936, there is set out a description of the individual who left the automobile at the garage

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in the first instance. Photographs of Karpis which are in the possession of the Kansas City Office were shown to the garage attendant at this garage prior to today, and he was of the opinion that there was a strong resemblance between this person and Karpis. However, since the garage attendant has actually seen this person again, he is not so sure that he is Karpis. The attendant says that the build of the man and his general description fairly well fit the description of Karpis. However, in so far as the facial features are concerned, there is not such a strong resemblance.

With reference to the other person mentioned in this situation, he being the person who stayed in the car at the time the person thought to be Karpis came into the garage, there is nothing definite known about him. There is available at this time only a very meagre description of him, this being obtained at the time both of the men came into the garage on December 30, 1935 to store the Hudson automobile.

With reference to the reports that there had been a gun battle, Mr. Spear said that this is erroneous. The person who called at the garage for the Hudson automobile did not get the same, and left Aurora, Missouri without further ado, and certainly without a gun battle of any kind.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the Hudson automobile left in the garage by these individuals should be processed for fingerprints, and any latents developed compared with the fingerprints of Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Spear said that he does not know whether this has been done, but said that he would call it to the attention of the investigating Agents.

Further developments will be reported to the Bureau promptly.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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January 23, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.
Confiscated Ford Sedan,
Motor No. 13-1190702.

This office is in receipt of a communication dated January 19, 1936, from Mr. George C. Campbell, 818 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, father of subject Campbell. Copies of this communication are attached hereto, together with copies of the enclosure referred to in Campbell's letter.

It is noted that he is writing relative to the registration of the above described automobile in the State of Oklahoma, this car having been recently turned over to Campbell by the Jacksonville Office.

The Jacksonville Office file contains Certificate of Title issued by the State of Florida, in the name of Federal Bureau of Investigation for the above car, together with Transfer of Motor Vehicle License Tag Registration.

I will appreciate the advice of the Bureau whether it is desired that these papers be turned over to Campbell.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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Yes - the title should go with the car. Ed 1/26/36

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Paul A. [unclear]

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TULSA OKLAHOMA
818 S. Rockford Ave
January 19, 1936

Mr. R. A. Alt,
Jacksonville, Fla.
U. S. Department of Justice

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated January 13, 1936 which I received from Mr. B. F. Mizell, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Tallahassee, Florida.

As stated in the above mentioned letter they suggest that I write the Department of Justice in regard to the transfer of Certificate of Title covering Ford Sedan Motor #18-1190702.

I have consulted Mr. Atkins, the Tag Agent here in Tulsa regarding having this car registered in Oklahoma and obtaining a title for it and was advised by him that it would be necessary to obtain a duplicate registration certificate from Florida.

Will you please forward me the certificate and title to this car in order that I may have it properly registered in the State of Oklahoma.

If there are any charges for this service please forward me these papers C.O.D.

Thanking you for this favor, I remain

Geo. C. Campbell
818 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Okla.

7-576-9187

Mr. George C. Campbell,
818 S. Rockford Ave.
Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

In reply to your letter of January 10, I wish to advise that upon referring to my records covering Ford Sedan Motor #18-1190702, I find that Title #952564-A was issued in the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 4907, Jacksonville, Florida, April 11, 1935, - 1935 Tag No. 39-195 was also transferred to this name under transfer No. 8683.

I would suggest that you write the Department of Justice at Jacksonville requesting them to transfer the above Certificate of Title to you. I believe your Oklahoma Officers will accept the Florida Title showing proper transfer to you and issue registration in that State thereon.

However, if you should desire, complete Form No. 2, on reverse side of the title and send to this office with fee of \$1.00 and Florida Title will be issued in your name.

Very truly yours,

/s/ B. F. Mizell
Commissioner.

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January 29, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

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

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
January 23, 1936, in the above entitled case, referring
to the car recently turned over to Mr. George C.
Campbell, father of subject Campbell.

You are authorized to transmit the Certificate
of Title, issued by the State of Florida for the above
car, in the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
to Mr. George C. Campbell, inasmuch as the Certificate
of Title should be released with the possession of the
car.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Cincinnati
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Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-23-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-8, 10, 16, 18-36	REPORT MADE BY J. S. BUSH JSB:F
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.#1236, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">W. A. Winklebleck, step-grandfather of Mickey Rhein Smith Campbell, former wife of Harry Campbell, is reputed to be a well respected citizen of Toledo, Ill. and is engaged in the business of shoe repairing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck denied ever having seen Harry Campbell. William Edwin Cronk, Bismarck, Ill. is not identical with Alvin Karpis. Dr. George Ormiston of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. has returned to England. Persons at Fuszner Brothers Service Station, Kirkwood, Mo. unable to identify photographs of Karpis or Campbell as that of individual who procured Sinclair Missouri Road Maps at that service station.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, S. Dakota dated 12-21-35; Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri dated 1-16-36; Letter from the Cleveland Office dated 12-31-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: In accordance with request contained in letter of reference, the following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Illinois by Special Agent T. S. Ferguson, of the St. Louis office of the Bureau:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT TOLEDO, ILLINOIS</p> <p>Rufus B. Grisson, Acting Postmaster, Toledo, Illinois, a town of 700 population, advised that W. A. Winklebleck was a well</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay E. Newman</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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respected member of the community, being engaged in the business of shoe and harness repairing. Continuing, Grissom stated that Winklebleck was presently married to a widow, formerly known as Dovie Garrison, of Toledo, Illinois who also bore an excellent reputation, notwithstanding the fact that several of her children had been involved in petty local crime. Grissom stated that Mrs. Winklebleck has a daughter, of a former marriage, whose given name is Meima, presently living somewhere in Texas. However, he had not seen this woman in Toledo, Illinois during the past three years, nor had he known of any recent visitors in the Winklebleck household, nor had anyone other than the Winkleblecks received mail at their address.

Grissom advised that William A. Rodebaugh was a reliable citizen who would treat inquiries as to Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck in a confidential manner. A photograph of Harry Campbell was exhibited to Acting Postmaster Grissom who stated that he had never seen anyone answering this description in or around Toledo, Illinois.

William A. Rodebaugh, Clerk of Circuit Court, Cumberland County, and a neighbor of W. A. Winklebleck at Toledo, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that Winklebleck had lived across the street from his home during the past three years and enjoyed a respected reputation in the community. Rodebaugh stated that Winklebleck, in his opinion, was financially responsible, having purchased his home and business site, and he regarded him as being an excellent neighbor and good citizen. Rodebaugh advised that the Winkleblecks had not received any strangers in their household, to his knowledge during recent months, nor had he observed any automobiles parked on their premises. Continuing, Rodebaugh stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck were elderly people, who lived a more or less retired life, and he felt that in the event they had received strangers in their household, it would have been noticed by either him or other members of his family. The Winklebleck residence is situated in the midst of an extensive plot of ground, and it is reasonable to believe that the entrance or exit of any strangers in their household would be observed by Rodebaugh. A photograph of Harry Campbell was exhibited to Rodebaugh, and he advised that he had never seen the likeness of this man in or about Toledo, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Winklebleck were interviewed, without making the purpose of agent's inquiry known. Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck appeared to be a very elderly couple, living alone in their home at Toledo, Illinois and they answered questions very frankly, and in general conversation, spoke freely of the various members of their family, and

exhibited photographs of Meima Gibson and Mickey Campbell, daughter and granddaughter respectively of Mrs. Winklebleck. Mrs. Winklebleck explained that her daughter by a former marriage, Meima Gibson, 33 years old, was now residing in Pampa, Texas, and through a former marriage was the mother of three daughters--Edna, Helen and Mildred Rheinmith. Continuing, Mrs. Winklebleck stated that Mildred Rheinmith was called "Mickey", and upon questioning advised that her, (Mickey's) first marriage had resulted in a divorce. However, she could not recall the name of Mickey's first husband, and advised that she had never seen this man. Mrs. Winklebleck stated that the last time she had seen Meima Gibson and Mickey (known as Mrs. Mickey Rheinmith Campbell) was in February, 1935 at which time she, Mrs. Winklebleck was ill and sent money to Pampa, Texas upon which Meima Gibson and Mickey came to Toledo, Illinois for a visit. Mrs. Winklebleck advised that she did not question Mickey concerning her first husband, or any of her personal affairs, inasmuch as she was not particularly interested and did not know the man. She advised that Mickey told her at this time that she had left her little girl, a child of her first marriage, at home in Texas with her second husband, while she made the trip to Toledo, Illinois for the aforementioned visit. Further, that she was quite sure that Mickey was still in Pampa, Texas, inasmuch as she had received a Christmas card from her only a few weeks ago.

A photograph of subject Harry Campbell was exhibited to both Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck, at the close of the interview, and neither of them recognized same as being a likeness of anyone whom they had ever seen.

The following investigation was also conducted by Special Agent T. S. Ferguson; his memorandum being contained in the St. Louis file:

On January 4, 1936, O. D. Mann, State's Attorney, Danville, Illinois, advised the reporting agent that one C. H. Smith, Bismarck, Illinois had visited his office and informed him that he had positively identified an individual, whom he had seen the day before at Bismarck, Illinois as being ALVIN KARPIS. Accordingly, agent interviewed C. H. Smith, Route #1, Bismarck, Illinois and exhibited photographs of Alvin Karpis which Smith identified as being an individual whom he had seen on January 3, 1936 in company with a man whom he knew as LEO COX a local police character, hunting along the creek west of Bismarck.

Inasmuch as informant C. H. Smith did not desire to have his identity disclosed to Leo Cox, as being the informant, it was necessary to interview this man under subterfuge. Accordingly, agent accompanied by Deputy U. S. Marshal Jack Ray visited Bismarck, Illinois and suggested to Leo Cox that he had been identified as being near the scene of the W. P. A. Warehouses, at Danville, Illinois about the time a theft of Government property was reported and that it would be necessary for him to establish an alibi, as to his whereabouts on the afternoon of January 3, 1936. Leo Cox, in defense, advised that he was hunting at that time, with a man whom he knew to be Edwin Cronk, to whose home Cox directed this agent.

William Edwin Cronk, Bismarck, Illinois was interviewed under subterfuge of establishing an alibi for Leo Cox, and it was ascertained that he had been in Bismarck, Illinois since November, 1934 having formerly been employed by the Harrison Steel Company, Attica, Indiana. Cronk exhibited his discharge papers from the United States Navy, which indicated that he enlisted on May 22, 1919 at Indianapolis, Indiana; further, that he was born October 5, 1901, Williamsport, Indiana; 5 feet 9 inches height; 146 pounds, weight; blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion. It should be noted that this man bore a striking resemblance to the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and it was deemed advisable to compare the print of Cronk's right index finger, with that of Alvin Karpis, contained in Pocket Identification Orders, which disclosed a dissimilarity.

It is observed in the report of reference submitted by Special Agent J. Michael McGrath at Aberdeen, South Dakota on December 21, 1935 that the St. Louis Office of the Bureau was requested to interview Professor Ormiston at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri to ascertain whether he knew Armstrong alias Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston.

The reporting agent ascertained at Washington University that one Dr. George Ormiston was the only person who had ever been associated with that University in the capacity of a Professor or teacher and that Dr. George Ormiston who was also connected with the Children's Hospital, 500 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri until the summer of 1935, had returned to London, England.

At the Children's Hospital, 500 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, it was ascertained from Miss H. C. Coleman, Secretary,

that Dr. George Ormiston left St. Louis on June 29, 1935 to return to England and his present address is 18 Taviton St., Endsleigh Garden, London W, C.1. Miss Coleman stated that Dr. Ormiston was a native of Edinburgh Scotland and was in St. Louis for approximately two years and in June, 1935 associated with the Washington University. She stated that neither the Washington University nor the Children's Hospital keeps a record of the family connections of the doctors employed there, however that she was certain that he was the only member of his family who had ever been to the United States and that prior to coming to St. Louis he was connected with some hospital in Chicago. She stated that while he was connected with the Children's Hospital in St. Louis, he was instructor in Clinical Pediatrics.

It will be observed in the report of reference submitted by Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri dated January 16, 1936 that the St. Louis office was requested to conduct investigation at the Fuszner Brothers Service Station, 332 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Reference to the St. Louis telephone directory revealed that the Sinclair Refining Company operates a filling station known as Fuszner Brothers, 332 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Ben Fuszner, Eddy Hodges and Jesse Owens, colored, who are the only persons employed at the Fuszner Brothers Service Station, were interviewed and stated that this station is open every day from 6:30 A.M. to 9:45 P.M. Photographs of Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Fuszner, Hodges and Owens. Fuszner and Owens stated that no one, to their knowledge, had ever stopped at that service station resembling Karpis or Campbell and although Hodges stated that Campbell's photograph looked somewhat familiar to him, he could not say definitely whether either one of these individuals had stopped at that filling station for gasoline or service.

In this connection, Fuszner stated that the Sinclair Missouri Road Maps bearing the Fuszner Brothers stamp, are available to anyone who stops at that filling station, however Fuszner stated positively that a 1935 model Hudson automobile had not been greased or serviced at that station within the past four or five months. He stated that possibly this automobile stopped at the station for gasoline or oil but that the only Hudson automobiles which had been greased or serviced there within the past four or five months were old model Hudson automobiles.

One copy each of I. O. #1218 and #1236 of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, was left with Ben Fuszner and he stated that in the event either one of these individuals appears at that service station, he will immediately communicate with the St. Louis office of the Bureau.

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- Mr. Nathan ✓
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- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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PHONE. BREKID. AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOR PERIOD OF ONE MONTH AT EIGHTYFIVE DOLLARS PER MONTH AT 2842 NORTH FRANCISCO AVENUE, SAID APARTMENT BEING DIRECTLY OVER APARTMENT OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN KARPOVICZ. THIS WILL ENABLE BETTER CHECK ON ACTIVITIES OF KARPOVICZ AND WILL ELIMINATE THE TWO ROOMS PRESENTLY BEING RENTED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

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PHONE. BREKID. TELEPHONIC CONVERSATIONS OF FITZGERALD AND ROBERTSON WOMAN

TODAY INDICATE THAT WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS THEY WILL AGAIN MAKE TRIP TO CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO IN CONNECTION WITH OIL DEALS. FITZGERALD POSSIBLY TO TRAVEL

BY AIRPLANE AND ROBERTSON WOMAN AND CHARLOTTE PACKARD TO GO BY AUTOMOBILE. ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH AIRPORT OFFICIALS TO RESERVE SPACE FOR AGENT IN THE

EVENT A RESERVATION IS REQUESTED BY FITZGERALD, AND, OF COURSE, ONE CAR CONTAINING TWO AGENTS WILL KEEP GIRL UNDER SURVEILLANCE. NOTHING ELSE OF

IMPORTANCE HERE TODAY.

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Post Office Drawer "Y" Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri
January 24, 1936.

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

Re: HOMER CLEO FANNING, alias A. J. Bentley,
ALFRED J. SCHMIDT, alias Johnson,
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom,
Kansas City, Missouri dated January 6, 1936 in the case entitled
"ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER-VICTIM, Kidnaping".

There is being transmitted to the Bureau attached to the Tech-
nical Laboratory's copy of this letter, U. S. Silver Certificate of
one dollar denomination #B14119556 which was forwarded to this of-
fice by Mr. E. Conner, Cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, Kirks-
ville, Missouri. Mr. Conner stated that this bill was received from
an individual who was an associate of one HOMER CLEO FANNING. Fanning
who was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri on December 31, 1935 as
indicated in the report of reference, is presently confined in the
County Jail at Kirksville, Missouri.

Mr. Conner had read in the newspapers that Fanning's companion
in Kansas City was Alvin Karpis, therefore he forwarded this bill to
the St. Louis office of the Bureau suggesting that possibly latent
fingerprints could be developed thereon.

Although it is believed that Fanning's companion in Kansas City
was undoubtedly Alfred J. Schmidt and not Alvin Karpis, the afore-
mentioned bill is being transmitted to the Technical Laboratory of
the Bureau and it is requested that in the event latent fingerprints
are developed thereon, such prints be compared with the prints of
Alvin Karpis. Please return the bill to this office when it has served
its purpose.

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Very truly yours, 7-576-9191

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JAY C. NEASE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT Denver, Colorado	DATE WHEN MADE 1-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-20-36	REPORT MADE BY A. R. GERR
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SUMMARY REPORT			
SYNOPSIS: Summary report of information in the Denver file relative to the activities of William Elmer Mead, with aliases John Henry Foster, J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J. W. Parker, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", E. E. Laird, in the Colo. district.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 12-19-35.			
DETAILS: A review of the Denver file reveals that William Elmer Mead, true name, with aliases John Henry Foster, J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J. W. Parker, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", E. E. Laird, was received at the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, on June 3, 1923, from Denver, Colorado, to serve a sentence of three to ten years upon conviction of the charge of conspiracy to steal, one count, and confidence game, two counts, the sentences to run concurrently. The following personal description of William Elmer Mead, as obtained from the records of the Colorado State Penitentiary, #12127, Canon City, Colorado, as of June 3, 1923, is as follows; under the name of John Henry Foster:			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. W. Brown</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-9192	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 27 1936
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Age	48 (1925)
Height	5-10
Weight	140
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue grey
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Bricklayer
Fingerprint	1 U 6
Classification	17 Rt 2

The records of the Colorado State Penitentiary show that William Elmer Mead was paroled September 14, 1925, and discharged from parole June 4, 1929. At the time he was received at the penitentiary, he gave the names of his nearest relatives as Thomas Mead, Los Angeles, California, and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Mead, Hotel Van, Denver, Colorado. Upon being released from the penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, on September 14, 1925, he was taken into custody by the United States Marshal at Denver, Colorado, on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

While on parole, William Elmer Mead reported to the Warden of the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, from the following addresses:

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.

While in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, from June 3, 1923, to September 14, 1925, William Elmer Mead, under the name of John Henry Foster corresponded with the following persons:

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)

C. B. Jenkinson, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

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

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

The following is a description of the wife of William Elmer Mead:

Name	MRS. KATHERINE MEAD alias KATE MEAD alias "KLONDIKE KATE" alias "CALIFORNIA KATE"
Age	42
Height	5-6 or 7
Weight	155 to 160
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Grey, almost white
Complexion	Blonde
Peculiarities	Good dresser and neat in appearance

The following criminal history of William Elmer Mead was obtained from the records of the Identification Unit, Colorado State Penitentiary:

No. 12127 June 7, 1923 $\frac{1}{17} \frac{U}{Rt} \frac{6}{2}$

JOHN H. FOSTER

Aliases: William E. Mead (True Name), J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J.

W. Parker, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", and E. E. Laird, John Henry Foster.

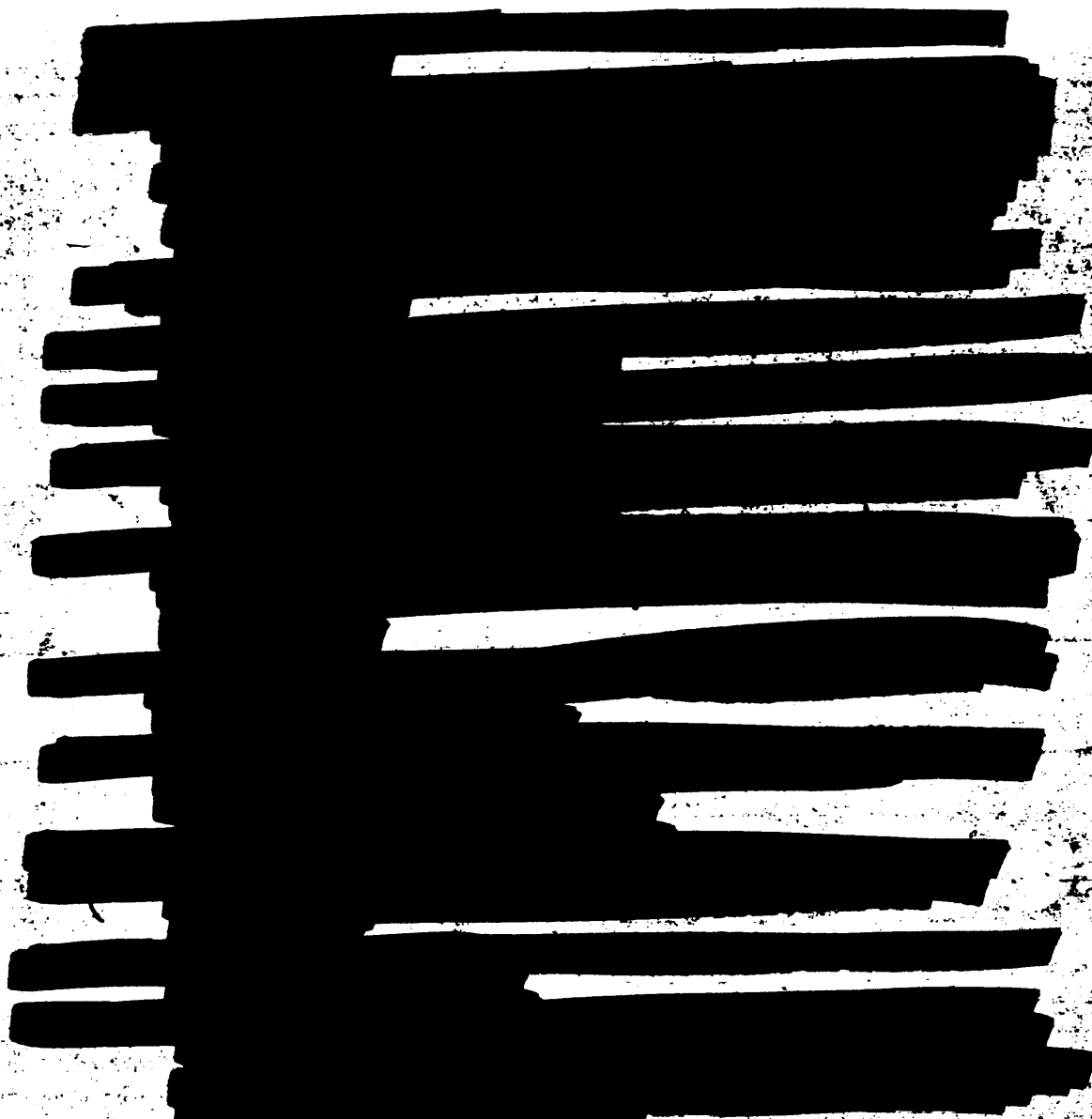
Received June 3, 1923, from Denver County; sentence, 5 to 10 years; Crime, conspiracy to steal - 1 count, confidence game - 2 counts; to run concurrently. Born Iowa; occupation, bricklayer; age, 48; weight, 140 pounds; height 5 feet 10 inches; medium complexion; brown hair; blue-grey eyes; slender build; 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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When William Elmer Mead, under the alias of C. E. Carter, was arrested at Northampton, Massachusetts, on July 12, 1935, and released on a \$200.00 bond, it was ascertained that he left behind him, among other articles, a "Conoco Passport #755768" for the 1935-6 season, issued by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colorado, to C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina. The original request from C. E. Charles was destroyed in accordance with their

practice, by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colorado, on July 25, 1935, but the records retained showed that on April 5, 1935, C. E. Charles of the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, requested road maps of Old Mexico for himself and four friends, whose names and addresses he furnished but a record of which was not retained by the Conoco Travel Bureau, stating that he and his friends contemplated making a trip to Old Mexico when the highway was completed during the summer of 1935, and road maps of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, and Old Mexico, were furnished to C. E. Charles and his four friends as requested. The Denver Office has never been informed that C. E. Charles of the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, has been identified as identical with William Elmer Mead with aliases.

Leads to interview the correspondents of William Elmer Mead, while confined in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, from June 3, 1923, to September 14, 1925, are not being set out in this report for the reason that leads covering the same were set out in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated December 9, 1935.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 24, 1936.

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

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Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

I have been informed by Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley, that the Department has written him concerning the indictment now pending against Myrtle Eaton at Jacksonville, Florida. It seems that it has been indicated to Mr. Paisley that the indictment is somewhat faulty. Mr. Paisley has advised that he intends to draw another indictment, within the next few days, against Myrtle Eaton, and to submit same to the Department with the request that they place their stamp of approval upon it, or advise him of the exact type of indictment, including wording thereof, that the Department wishes obtained. He then expects to present the matter to a Grand Jury which is to convene February 23, 1936, at Tampa, Florida, and request the return of a new indictment.

I will keep in touch with Mr. Paisley, and the local situation as respects the return of this additional indictment so that the Bureau and interested offices may be promptly advised of subsequent developments.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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PHONE. RE- MILTON LETTS, CRIMINAL RECORD. WAS HE IN CUSTODY ANY PLACE ON NOVEMBER 7, LAST YEAR. THIS WILL BE ESSENTIAL IN THE EVENT HE IS PICKED UP HERE AND QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE TRAIN ROBBERY AT GARRETTSVILLE, OHIO.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 1-25-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-22-36	REPORT MADE BY R. H. KLETT MGR
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: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">W. T. Hamilton met Charles Leamington in Florida; first met Meade in Lima, Ohio, who was known to him as Longworth. Can furnish no additional information regarding Meade. Has not seen Leamington or Meade since he was defrauded and has never been re-paid in any manner whatsoever.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith dated 11-11-35 at Cleveland, Ohio; Report of Special Agent R. H. Klett dated 12-9-35 at Cincinnati, Ohio.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO</u></p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. W. T. Hamilton at his office in the Shuey Building, Springfield, Ohio, at which time he stated that he had destroyed all of his records pertaining to the \$30,000.00 loss suffered by him and he furnished Agent the following information from memory. Mr. Hamilton stated that he first met Charles Leamington alias Charles Long in Florida and that a meeting was later arranged in Lima, Ohio, at which time he was to purchase the stock in question and at which time he turned over to Meade, whom he knew as Longworth \$30,000.00. Mr. Hamilton states after he discovered that he had been defrauded he had gone to Chicago and various other places in an effort to ascertain the identity of the parties and it was through the Chicago Police Department that he first learned the true identity of</p>			
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the parties who had defrauded him. Mr. Hamilton further stated that he has never seen any of the parties since that date, although he had been informed by the Lima Police Department that they had in custody, about two years ago, the man who had acted as Attorney when the deal was consummated, but at that time he was just starting in business and did not want to receive any publicity and therefore did not prosecute. He further stated that he really had nothing on the man who had acted as Attorney, whose name appears to have been George Sterns, although Mr. Hamilton could not recall his name, but in his opinion the party who really defrauded him was Leamington and the others had just assisted him in the work. Mr. Hamilton states that he has never seen either Meade or Leamington since that time and that he has at no time been reimbursed in any manner whatsoever.

PENDING.

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In trial of this matter at St. Paul today, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald were found guilty of Conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer as covered in last indictment of September, 1935. Weaver and Sawyer were immediately sentenced by United States District Court Judge Nordbye to life imprisonment and execution deferred to January 31, 1936. Sentence as to Cassius McDonald was deferred to such latter date after being first set for February 1, 1936.

The Judge indicated to Mr. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, that he did this (which was on motion of the United States Attorney as is usual practice) in order to have some information available on date of sentence as to the mental condition of McDonald as his actions occasionally indicate he is possibly not just right mentally or possibly deficient in this respect.

In conference with the United States Attorney, this was discussed and he indicated that he wished for a report as to any thing the files may show as to McDonald in this respect. This will be covered at Chicago as to the files, that is, what is shown as to his past activities insofar as they reflect on his, McDonald's, ability to determine the difference between right and wrong. It was indicated to the United States Attorney that this is the observation of myself and Agent J. L. Brennan who has had the most recent contacts with McDonald; that he apparently has a keen mind but suffers from delusions of grandeur as is common to the average old time confidence man, but that he apparently is fully capable of differentiating between right and wrong and fully aware of the consequences of his illegal acts.

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Edward G. Brennan

The United States Attorney has requested certain inquiry at Detroit, his supposed most recent home; however, in the inquiry you should be careful not to disclose the purpose of your inquiry to the persons approached for the reason that they might be inclined to say he is crazy, to help him at this time.

With the above in mind, it is requested that you immediately make the following inquiry and have a report in the St. Paul Office not later than January 30, 1936: Ascertain the names of several people, business associates or servants, and employees, who have been in contact with McDonald during 1934-1935, and ascertain just what their relations have been, business, social or otherwise, going into detail in order that it can be determined if the actions of McDonald in such dealings, contacts, etc., have been the actions of a normal person fully capable of transacting his affairs with understanding and shrewdness, contrary to any actions which might indicate peculiarities or complex of other than a normal person fully capable of knowing and determining right and wrong as applied to his own actions.

It is appreciated that McDonald's mistaken ideas of grandeur and pose may mislead some and the interviews should be discreet, careful and poised in order that his friends and associates may not make themselves serving in the interests of McDonald. It is believed the length of the sentence of the court will depend upon his mental condition.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1936

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the news item appearing in the Indianapolis Times on January 15, 1936 concerning the Aurora, Missouri incident and in compliance with your penned comments relative to this news item, there is attached hereto a memorandum setting forth the complete facts concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM

Re: Brekid

On December 30, 1935 a 1935 Hudson coach, bearing motor #59987, was stored by two men at a garage at Aurora, Missouri. Subsequent investigation reflected that one of the men resembled the photograph of Alvin Karpis, a subject in the instant case, and the other the photograph of Percy Geary, Identification Order No. 1216.

A complete report relative to the investigation in this matter was submitted by Special Agent M. C. Spear, of the Kansas City Office, under date of January 16, 1936.

H. L. George, of Aurora, Missouri, connected with the State Highway Patrol, informed Special Agent Spear on January 7, 1936 at Springfield, Missouri, that on December 30, 1935 two individuals parked the instant car in the Seburn Motor Company garage at Aurora, Missouri. At the time it was parked in this garage it lacked a rear license plate, but did have a 1935 Illinois license in front. George related that he had exhibited to the proprietors of this garage photographs and that they identified the profile view of a photograph of Alvin Karpis as bearing a resemblance to one of the individuals who brought the car to the garage. The Missouri State Highway Patrol ascertained from the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau in Chicago that the car was stolen at that point on November 3, 1935 from the owner, one B. E. Jacques. This car was insured by the Fire Association of Philadelphia.

The two individuals who parked the car at Aurora had stated that they would return in ten days or two weeks and at that time get the car. These facts were telephonically related to the Kansas City Office of the Bureau and Agent Spear proceeded to Aurora, Missouri where the proprietors of the Seburn Motor Company were interviewed. Mr. Oliver Seburn stated that about 2:00 P.M. on December 30, 1935, an individual walked into his garage and made inquiries about storage. He was informed that the daily rate was \$.25 per day. He said he did not have his car with him, but would return shortly. Seburn described the individual. Approximately fifteen minutes after the inquiry had been made of Oliver Seburn, the 1935 Hudson coach was driven into the garage and was observed by Mr. Harry Seburn, a brother of Oliver Seburn. There were in this car two men, one of whom got out and waited at the garage entrance. This individual, according to Harry Seburn, fits the description of the person described by Oliver Seburn. The second individual, who then approached Harry Seburn, inquired about the weekly rate for storage, stating that he would probably leave the Hudson for a period of ten days or two weeks. Arrangements were

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completed to leave the car for a period of two weeks for the sum of \$1.50. No parking check was given for the car, inasmuch as the second individual stated that he would personally return for it. A description of the second individual was obtained from Harry Seburn.

Photographs of Bureau fugitives were exhibited to Oliver and Harry Seburn and they stated that the profile view of Alvin Karpis appearing on Identification Order No. 1218 was similar to the man who first made inquiries relative to storage. This was the individual who waited at the garage door while final arrangements were made. Harry Seburn said that there was some slight similarity between the photograph of Percy Geary and the man who parked the car. Oliver and Harry Seburn, at the request of Trooper George, put the distributor of the automobile out of commission and deflated the front tire. The garage is closed from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. A brief examination of the automobile after closing hours on January 9, 1936 was made by Agent Spear and an extensive examination of the car was deferred until January 10, 1936, due to the fact that the Agent had already held the proprietors beyond closing time.

The substance of this information was furnished by a teletype message from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau and the Chicago Office on January 10, 1936, and on this same date, Agent McNulty made a detailed examination of the automobile and the results of this examination are contained in Agent Spear's report. It should be noted that the instant automobile was left at the Seburn Motor Company garage, Aurora, Missouri, on December 30, 1935 and a minute examination of the car was not made until January 10, 1936, which examination disclosed information concerning the tires, the body, evidence of tampering with the license plates, the rear tire compartment lock and also disclosed information concerning the body of the car and tools and articles which were found therein. A Sinclair, Missouri road map on the back of which was printed with a hand stamp the following, "Fuszner Bros. 552 South Kirkwood Rd" was forwarded to the Technical Laboratory to be processed for latent fingerprints. No latent fingerprints were obtained from the automobile except two fragmentary prints which were discovered on the upper part of the steering wheel. These were forwarded to the Technical Laboratory, where it was ascertained that the fragmentary prints could not be searched. However, a palmar print was obtained from the Sinclair Road Map. There being no palmar prints of the subjects mentioned herein available in the Technical Laboratory, no identification could be made from this palmar print.

Pursuant to instructions, Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, and Special Agents W. John McNulty and B. L. McCormack began a surveillance in the Seburn Garage, Aurora, Missouri, on January 10, 1936, the garage being open only during the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Agent McNulty was dressed in a pair of overalls and worked in the garage under the pretext of an employee of the garage. This surveillance was maintained

by these Agents from January 10 to January 14, 1936 at 6:00 P.M. inclusive. As the car had been found to be stolen and the individuals who had left the same had indicated they would call for it within ten days or two weeks, which two weeks period expired January 15, 1936, it was thought that probably these individuals had abandoned the car and would not return for it. Accordingly, after Special Agent McNulty had discussed this matter by telephone with Special Agent in Charge Smith, the decision was made to withdraw the active surveillance by the Bureau Agents at Aurora and to effect arrangements whereby Messrs. Seburn at the garage would immediately notify State Highway Patrolman George, who is stationed at and resides at Aurora, Missouri, in the event of the reappearance of the men who had left the car there, in order that they might be taken into custody. Other local peace officers in Aurora, as well as peace officers in that vicinity of the State, were notified, in order that they might assist in the apprehension of these men, in the event they returned for the car after the surveillance was withdrawn by Bureau Agents on January 14, 1936.

On the following morning, January 15, 1936, a radio dispatch was heard by Mr. Smith, Kansas City, Missouri, emanating from the station of the Kansas City Star, W.D.A.F., Kansas City, Missouri, indicating that two men, one of whom was thought possibly to be Karpis, had called for a car at a garage at Aurora, Missouri, which had been left there previously and had escaped a trap laid for these men by officers. Inasmuch as Mr. Smith was ill, a telephone call was immediately placed by Agent Spear, who at the time was Acting Special Agent in Charge, to Special Agent W. John McNulty, at Springfield, Missouri. Prior to completing the call to Agent McNulty, a call was received from Mr. Tamm, of the Bureau, at which time he advised that press reports had just been received at the Bureau indicating that two men had escaped from a trap laid by State and Federal officers at Aurora, Missouri, it being thought that one of the men was Karpis, the escape having been accompanied by a gun battle between the men who escaped and the officers. Mr. Tamm requested that the Bureau be immediately furnished with complete information concerning this matter at the earliest possible moment. Upon obtaining information by telephone from Agent McNulty as to what happened, Mr. Spear immediately telephoned the Bureau and advised Mr. Thompson, who was in Mr. Tamm's office during his absence, of the substance of this information. Mr. Spear stated — this is what happened.

Agent McNulty immediately proceeded from Springfield, Missouri to Aurora, Missouri and en route met Agent V. W. Gillen, who accompanied him to Aurora. Special Agents McNulty and Gillen interviewed Harry and Oliver Seburn at their garage. Oliver stated that at about 7:45 A.M. on January 15, 1936, he had left the garage to go to a filling station which is located across the street from his garage and that he had not been at the garage when the Hudson coach was called for. Harry Seburn stated that about 7:50 A.M. a poorly dressed man walked into the garage and asked for the Hudson coach. This man, Harry Seburn disclosed, was the one whom he had

previously identified as having some resemblance to Alvin Karpis. He described this man as having on heavy work shoes, old black sweater, dark gray coat and hatless. He stated that this was the man who had first contacted his brother on December 30, 1935 and whom he had subsequently seen on that date. Further, that on seeing this man again, he, Harry, did not think the resemblance to Karpis was as great as he had previously believed. Harry Seburn told the individual believed to have resembled Alvin Karpis that the keys to the auto were in the possession of Trooper George, when as a matter of fact they were in the safe of the garage. This individual stated that he was going out for a shave and would return later for the auto. He said that he wanted to talk to Trooper George personally and inquired where the barber shops in Aurora were located. Harry Seburn observed this individual to proceed west on Olive Street to an automobile in which another man was seated whom he was unable to describe. This auto was a dark green 1931 Ford cabriolet bearing a license plate with white numerals on a black background. Harry Seburn was unable to determine the state or year of issue of this license plate, but stated that the numerals were 649597. The Ford is said to have had 2" white adhesive tape stuck to the canvas near the rear window where the canvas meets the frame of the car. This was probably used to keep out drafts. The men drove off in the direction of U. S. Missouri Highway #60. Harry Seburn stated that he immediately telephoned Trooper George and requested him to inform an Agent of the Kansas City Office. The 1931 Ford above mentioned had been parked in front of the Aurora Grocery on West Olive Street.

It was also determined from ~~Oliver~~ Seburn that an inquiry regarding storage had been made of one Lee Adams in Aurora about December 30, 1935 and Lee Adams was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Gillen. Upon interview, T. Lee Adams, 151 West Locust Street, Aurora, Missouri, stated that on or about December 30, 1935 a man came into his bowling alleys and barroom, located at 100 Madison Street, and inquired of Mr. Adams as to his garage located in the rear of his house. The man was more or less insistent upon renting this garage rather than taking a space in a local commercial garage and as a result of this, Mr. Adams told him to put his car in the garage if he could get it in. This unknown person was unable to use the garage at this time. A description of this unknown person was obtained from Mr. Adams. Pictures were exhibited of the subjects contained in the Pocket Identification Order Book and Adams stated that the unknown person resembled the photograph of Mahan and Richard Keller. Richard Keller, however, has been apprehended. According to Adams, the unknown person did not resemble the photograph of Karpis. From the information obtained, it is believed that this unknown person who attempted to rent this garage from Mr. Adams is the person who later stored the car at the Seburn Motor Company garage at Aurora, Missouri.

Special Agents Gillen and McNulty contacted Trooper George in his patrol car, which was parked opposite the Seburn garage on West Olive Street, and he advised that on receiving the information from Harry Seburn,

Kind copy to Licensor of 649597

he had notified all the nearby offices of the State Highway Patrol, in an effort to stop the 1931 Ford cabriolet and according to reports he had received, it appears that the auto was last seen between Pierce City and Wentworth, at about 8:30 A.M.

During the evening of January 15, 1936 Agent McNulty contacted Sergeant H. M. Sayers, temporarily in charge of Troop D, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, who advised that no additional information had been received of either the 1931 green Ford cabriolet or its occupants.

The above information relative to the incident at Aurora, Missouri on January 15, 1936 was furnished by conference teletype message to the Oklahoma City, Little Rock and St. Paul Offices of the Bureau. The information was also disseminated by State Highway Patrolman George to his highway patrol which was then sent to various stations of the highway patrol, in order that efforts could be made to locate the 1931 Ford cabriolet. The information of this incident was also furnished to Mr. Frank Stone, Assistant to the Superintendent of the Kansas State Highway Patrol at Topeka, Kansas.

Investigation is presently being conducted by the St. Louis Office of the Bureau to obtain all information in connection with the Sinclair Refining Company map which was found in the car and at the Kansas City Office in connection with the information contained herein. The New York City Office has also been furnished with the information contained herein, inasmuch as an investigation is being conducted by that office to determine the location of Percy Geary, who is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of John J. O'Connell.

INDIANAPOLIS TIMES
January 15, 1936

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 TRAP FAILS WHILE G-MEN EAT

Desperado and Aid Escape
Garage Ambuscade.

By United Press

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, and a companion escaped a trap set by Federal officers and highway patrolmen at a garage today.

The trap had been maintained since Dec. 30 when Karpis and his companion rented space to store their automobile.

The identification of Karpis at that time was made positive by Harry and Oliver Seburn, who operate the garage, and several attendants.

The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance at breakfast.

I want all facts in
this matter & if story
is untrue I may want
to write to head of WP
re the distortion & resultant
discrediting of law en-
forcement officers.

J. E. H.

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Wanted to
Direct

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 24, 1936

*George Bremer
ccs (1)*

Mr. John J. Farrell
United States Marshal
327 Federal Courts Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

BRKID

This office desires to interview Bryan
Bolton now confined in the Ramsey County Jail. I
believe it would be most advisable to have him inter-
viewed at this office for a few hours and request
that he be brought from the Ramsey County Jail for
that purpose.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago

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POST OFFICE BOX 818,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 24, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that a cover be maintained for a period of thirty days on all mail delivered to the family of Robert Venute at 525 North Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that tracings thereof be forwarded to this office marked for the attention of file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 818,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 24, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that a cover be maintained for a period of thirty days on all mail delivered to the family of Philip Newbold at 2240 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that tracings thereof be forwarded to this office marked for the attention of file No. 7-22.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 24, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of Special Agent Philip M. Breed, Atlanta, Georgia, dated January 14, 1936, submitted in the above entitled case.

You will note in this report that Leon Felix, alias H. G. Howard, was released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 29, 1935, at which time he gave as his home address 514 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California. You will further note that this address is in close proximity to the address of 512 South Hobart Avenue, at which place Charles J. Fitzgerald is presently residing.

Your attention is invited to the summary report submitted by Special Agent E. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, which contains certain information concerning William Elmer Meade. In this report it is stated that Meade was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 1922 charged with Mail Fraud, and his co-defendants in that case were William A. Shaw and H. G. Howard.

Concerning Shaw, there is submitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, January 14, 1936. It is requested that you conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 514 South Hobart Avenue to determine whether William Elmer Meade is residing in that vicinity. However, due to the close proximity of this address to that occupied by Charles J. Fitzgerald, it is believed that it would be inadvisable to interview Howard at this time if he is located at that address.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. CORNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Ed George Bremer

Post Office Box 612
Chicago, Illinois

January 23rd, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of January 18th, 1936, fifteen copies were made of the photograph of Milton Lett and these copies are being attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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George Oppenheimer

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 25, 1936.

Mr. W. Sanders Gramling
Assistant U. S. Attorney
Miami, Florida.

RE: BREKID

Dear Mr. Gramling:

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1936, transmitting certain communications relating to property reported to belong to the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., Miami, Florida.

You are advised that the records of this office indicate that this property was turned over to you by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson. Information to this effect is contained in the report of Agent Hanson dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, at page 47. There is no record that this property is in the possession of this office at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward J. Brennan

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ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.,
Miami, Florida.

December 30, 1935

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This will certify that the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., of Miami, Florida, is the rightful owner of the following property, to-wit:

- One 45 automatic Colts pistol
- One leather shoulder holster for above named gun

One nickel-plated round badge with the following inscription:
armored truck special police Miami, Fla.
with the seal of the State of Florida in the center.

One special police card issued by the City of Miami about January 7, 1935, to one Henry Randall.

The above named property was seized from one Henry Randall alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern, when arrested in Miami, Fla., and is now in custody of the Department of Justice, I understand.

ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.

By

/s/ M. H. Rolfe,
President.

/s/ T. L. Bush

/s/ E. A. Lindblom

Notary Public for the State of Florida at Large
My commission expires April 25, 1938.

(Notary Seal)

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

No. 4608-M Crim.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

v. :

HENRY RANDALL, et al. :

Defendants. :

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS
COUNTY OF DADE)

Hendry Randall, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is informed that agents of the United States Government have in their possession a certain firearm, holster and other articles taken from this affiant; that all of said property so taken is the property of M. H. Rolfe; and this affiant waives all claim to said property and requests that the same be returned to the said M. H. Rolfe.

/s/ Hendry Randall
Henry Randall
Duke Randall
Henry Stern

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of November, A.D. 1935.

/s/ J. Anon Abbott
Notary Public, State of Florida,
County of Dade.

My commission expires
9/19/37.

(Notary Seal)

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D.C.
October 21, 1935.

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W. Sanders Gramling, Esq.,
Assistant United States Attorney
Miami, Florida.

Re: United States v. Adams, et al.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated October 15 from the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., a copy of which I am enclosing herewith.

It will be noted that a claim is there made of ownership of a certain pistol and shoulder holster. I am of the opinion that such pistol and shoulder holster are not material for the trial of Duke Randall or any of the other defendants and further that in the event we should determine to use them for any purpose they could be properly subpoenaed by number and identified as well as if they remained in our custody. However, that may be I do not wish to pass upon such claim of ownership merely by reason of the letter referred to but would insist that the claimant file an affidavit of ownership and that they obtain from Duke Randall from whose possession the property was taken a full acquittance of any claim of ownership by him in such property. In the event these conditions should be complied with to your satisfaction I see no reason why the property might not be returned. However, unless such affidavit of ownership upon the part of the claimant and disclaimance of any claim of ownership upon the part of Randall should be delivered to you I do not believe we could safely relinquish our possession. Of course, in the event of delivery a complete receipt should be obtained.

Very truly yours,

(S) Walter L. Barlow
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.
P.O. Box 1028
Miami, Florida.

October 15, 1935.

Mr. Walter L. Barlow
Special Assistant to
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barlow:

There is a case now pending against one Duke Randall, charged with having in his possession unlawfully a machine gun here in the city of Miami. This man had in his possession at the time of his arrest here a 45 Cole automatic pistol, a shoulder holster, a Rolfe Armored Truck Service Inc. badge, and a special police card issued by the city of Miami. I was informed by the department of Justice agent here in charge of this case that the above mentioned articles, which belong to this company, would be returned in due time to me. The winter season is approaching and we need all our equipment as we employ more men in the winter season, of course, than in the summer.

I was talking to Saunders Gramling, assistant U.S. Attorney here, who is a personal friend of mine, and he advised me to write you regarding the return of the above mentioned articles. Will you please advise me if these can be released to me at an early date: Thanking you in advance for an early reply, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.

By M. H. Rolfe, Pres.

MRH:r

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota,
Jan. 25, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, Bureau file 7-576.

Examination of the files of the St. Paul Bureau Office with respect to WILLIAM EIMER MEAD reveals that on February 6, 1934, the Assistant Director, Mr. Harold Nathan, addressed a communication to the Kansas City Office relating to the confidence scheme perpetrated on one Martin Wunderlich, by the Subject.

Examination of files

The Kansas City Office submitted a memorandum of an interview with Wunderlich relating to this matter and on January 20, 1936, a summary report was submitted by Special Agent W. E. Hopton of the Kansas City Office. The St. Paul Office file contains no further information regarding Mead other than is contained in investigative reports from other offices.

Very truly yours,
C. W. Stein
C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Ed. George Bremer
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Special Agent in Charge
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated January 14, 1936, in which advice is requested of the office of origin as to whether an open interview should be had with William Shaw, associate of William Elmer Meade.

It is requested that your office take the appropriate steps to interview Shaw for any possible information that can be obtained from him concerning the present whereabouts of William Elmer Meade.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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JANUARY 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

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

The following quoted letter dated January 23, 1936,
was received from Assistant Chief of Police Foster Holvey, of
Fairbury, Nebraska:

"I have been informed by an informant that claims to know the
hideout of Alvin Karpis, and I am herewith giving this informa-
tion to you as the logical officer and my informant states that
he will give same information to any Federal Agent interviewing
him although he wishes information to be kept confidential.

"Alvin Karpis is supposed to be in hiding within a radius of
eight miles of McPherson, Kansas, and has been in hiding for
some time at this place.

"This information may be valueless and on the other hand it may
prove to be a very hot tip.

"Trusting that we may be of further service to your office, I
remain

It is requested that you immediately have an Agent con-
tact Mr. Holvey and through him his informant in an effort to
ascertain the exact whereabouts of the alleged hideout of Karpis.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 25, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter dated December 18, 1935, and reply from this office dated December 19, 1935, relative to a decoy letter forwarded by registered mail from Jacksonville to W. E. Mead, 1533 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, this letter bearing the return address of Jack Lentz, P.O. Box 4907, Jacksonville, Fla.

You are advised that on January 24, 1936, a notification was received by this office indicating that this letter had been returned undelivered.

The letter was obtained from the postal authorities, and is being forwarded herewith to you. It is noted that the envelope bears notations indicating that efforts to deliver the letter were unsuccessful.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith you will find photographic negatives of FRED HUNTER, and it is requested that you print fifty (50) photographs therefrom and forward them to the Cleveland office.

In printing these photographs it is suggested that a front and side view be printed as one picture in the form of a regular police photograph.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-25-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-21-36	REPORT MADE BY R. B. DONALDSON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="float: left; width: 10%; font-size: small;"> <p>READY P W</p> </div> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">C. O. Andrews, Allandale, Florida, unable to furnish any information indicating association between William Weaver and persons occupying his, Andrews', home last summer. This tenant, one John Francis Terry, was an ex-service man from Brooklyn, NY, receiving monthly pension, and present whereabouts not known. News boy at Port Orange, Florida, recalls delivering Jacksonville paper to Weaver last winter and conversed with him a number of times.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Bureau letter dated 1-17-36, addressed to C. O. Andrews, Box 478, Allandale, Florida, and report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 11-20-35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">AT ALLANDALE, FLORIDA:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Interview was had with Mr. C. O. Andrews, who resides on the River Road about 1/2 mile from the main highway, and due East of Allandale. Mr. Andrews spends his winters here with his sister, a Mrs. Rust. His home is at Haynes Falls, N.Y.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Mr. Andrews states that it has been his practice for a number of years past to spend the winter here, and upon going North in the Spring, he generally secures a tenant to occupy the house, and protect it during his absence. In return free rent is allowed. Last year, upon returning to New York, he made</p>			
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arrangements with one John Francis Terry, who was then residing in the village of Port Orange, Florida, for him to take care of the place during the summer. Terry was recommended by a local preacher, Rev. Fithian. He took up his residence in informant's home in April, 1935, and it was presumed he was going to stay there until November, 1935. However, Mr. Andrews states that Terry left without giving him any notice, and from the best inquiries made around the neighborhood, it seems that Terry left here shortly after the apprehension of William Weaver. He has no information to indicate that the apprehension of Weaver had any bearing on the departure of Terry, but did learn that Terry raised chickens, which was a business also indulged in by Weaver, and heard that Terry went to Weaver's place once or twice, but not very authoritatively.

Foremost, however, in the mind of informant is the fact that when Terry left here, he took some of the personal property of informant from the cottage, without due compensation, and said property had to be replaced. This loss seemed to be the uppermost thing in the mind of Mrs. Rust.

Mr. Andrews did not get a history of Terry upon engaging his services, except to learn that he was a World War Veteran, who claimed to have come from the North some where, and stated that he was receiving a monthly Government check for disability by reason of having been gassed.

Terry drove an old automobile, which was in only a fair state of repair, and the make of it is not known.

Mr. Andrews could not give any exact description of Terry, other than to state that he was maybe 5' 6", age somewhere in the neighborhood of 45 years, of medium complexion, and hair turning gray, apparently having been of a light color in years gone by. He stated his occupation as being a locksmith, and had the appearance of a typical Irishman.

Agent displayed to Mr. Andrews and his sister, Mrs. Rust, the handbook of photographs of outstanding fugitives being shown by the Bureau, but they were unable to select therefrom anyone who even resembled Mr. Terry.

In the Village of Port Orange, inquiry was made of Mrs. Alice Wells, Postmaster, regarding John Francis Terry. She stated that Mr. Terry had lived here about one year, and that he came here from Brooklyn, N.Y. for his health; that he was a World War Veteran, indicating that he had been gassed in the war and was suffering from the effects of same yet.

Mrs. Wells also states that Terry received a check monthly from the Government, and to the best of her recollection, it was mailed from Brooklyn, N.Y.

This lady is familiar with the appearance of William Weaver, and has furnished information heretofore in connection with this case, and she advises that it would be her conclusion that Terry had no connection whatever with William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton.

In the report of reference mentioned above, considerable investigation was made regarding newspapers received by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton while they resided at Harbor Oaks, Florida.

The Jacksonville Office in this connection has just received a letter from Adrian Dagley of Port Orange, Florida. Dagley is the boy who delivered daily, the Florida Times Union to the Weaver residence. In the letter he states that he has been unable to locate any exact records on the time he delivered this paper.

Dagley indicates that the paper was delivered by him from December 1st, 1934, until the following June, and also that he saw and talked to Weaver a number of times at this place.

The matter of using him as a witness will be given due consideration, and if he is called, a careful interview will again be had with him in the presence of the United States Attorney.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

January 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Under date of January 23, 1936, the Cincinnati Bureau Office forwarded to this Office a mail tracing received from the El Paso Bureau Office which tracing is the result of a mail cover being maintained on the mail of C. G. (Jack) Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, at Midland, Texas.

This tracing is addressed to Mr. Jack Camel (with picture of a camel drawn at right of surname), in care of the T. P. Oil Company, Midland, Texas, addressed first to Fort Worth, Texas, and postmarked Eldorado, Kansas, January 15, 1936, 3:30 P.M., with the return address of Tom Hadgen or Hodgen. It is requested that your Office conduct the necessary investigation to determine the identity of Tom Hadgen.

The El Paso Bureau Office is requested that in the future when mail tracings are received in connection with this case that the tracings be transmitted directly to the Office covering the point of origin of the letter mailed to C. G. Campbell in order that the investigation can be expedited in connection with all individuals who are corresponding with C. G. Campbell at Midland, Texas.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 518
Saint Paul, Minnesota
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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

0 BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936 regarding two men driving a 1935 model Pontiac Coupe, bearing unknown Minnesota license plates and a St. Paul, Minnesota, city license.

It will be recalled that the two individuals who were driving this car stated that they were the owners of the Prosser Motor Company, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Investigation both in Minneapolis and St. Paul has disclosed that there is no Prosser Motor Company or any company of a similar name. Also St. Paul has not issued a city license since 1922.

Further investigation will be made on January 27, 1936 to learn whether any car is registered under the name of Prosser in Minnesota, or whether a driver's license has been issued to any individual who cannot be otherwise identified.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
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Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

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On January 23, 1936, Special Agent G. E. Smith contacted

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in regard to the individuals who lived at the house of Edith Barry during the period she, Lou, resided there. Lou was very reluctant to discuss the matter and remarked [REDACTED] wanted to know too much. However, she did advise [REDACTED] the reason she was frightened and the reason that "Peaches" and she left Edith Barry's house was that they had found out the true identity of the two individuals who had lived at the house of Edith Barry, namely, Karpis and Campbell.

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Edward D. Bremer

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Upon receipt of this information, unless instructions to the contrary are received from you, Lou will be interrogated by Cleveland Bureau office agents.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1/24/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/24/36	REPORT MADE BY F. J. BLAKE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Reporting recent results of mail covers placed by Dallas Office at White Deer and Pampa, Texas.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, January 15, 1936.			
DETAILS: There is being transmitted with copies of this report to the Oklahoma City Office tracing of a letter addressed to Mrs. Mima Gibson, Pampa, Texas, Box 1675, postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 14, 1936, and bearing the address "M. E. Krester, 1107 Scandinavica Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma."			
There is also transmitted to the Oklahoma City Office tracing of a letter addressed to Eula Bee Campbell, Pampa, Texas, Box 1675, postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 18, 1936, 2:30 p. m., and bearing the return address of Evelyn Wood, Tulsa, Oklahoma.			
For possible investigation by the St. Louis Office, there is being transmitted with copies of this report tracing of a postcard addressed to Mrs. Mima Gibson, Pampa, Texas, Box ---, postmarked Toledo, Illinois, January 15, 1936, 11 a. m., and is quoted as follows:			
Toledo, Ill. 15, 1936			
"Just a few lines I am writing for Mother as she is sick and not able to write but think she was better last night night before she was & I was up almost all night. It was her bowie"			
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you now she gust dont eat smother and she
gets a little Bell she wont take her
Dr say they should have some one all the
time I just cant live all time and you know
they wont want me to go
children will must close ans Real Soon
Eva

she wont take her she wont take her sick.

On December 29, 1935, 1 p. m., there was mailed at Pampa, Texas
a letter addressed to Mrs. Helen Fuller, 508 Central, Cheyenne, Wyoming,
bearing the return address of Nick Gibson, Pampa, Texas. This letter
was received at the Pampa Post Office. A tracing there-
of is being furnished to the Denver Office.

There is also being transmitted to the Denver Office tracing
of a letter addressed to Miss Golda Gibson, Box 611, White Deer, Texas,
bearing the return address of 912 Lucas, Ft. Morgan, Colorado.
This tracing which was received at the Dallas Bureau Office January 17,
does not indicate the postmark on the letter.

The Denver Office is also being furnished tracing of a letter
addressed to Mrs. Golda Gibson, Box 611, White Deer, Texas, bearing the
return address of 912 Lucas, Ft. Morgan, Colorado. This tracing which was received at the Dallas
Bureau Office, does not indicate the postmark on the letter.

The Postmasters at White Deer and Pampa, Texas, have also furnished
the following:

Tracing of a letter addressed to Mr. Ralph Gibson, White Deer,
Texas, return address Pampa, Texas, R. R. 1, Box 37, no postmark being
indicated on the tracing; and

Tracing of a letter addressed to C. L. Grum, Borger, Texas,
postmarked Pampa, Texas, December 30, 1935, 1 p. m., return address
Eina Gibson, Box 1672, Pampa, Texas. On this tracing appears the
notation: "Unclaimed Retd. to sender."

These tracing are being retained in the files of the Dallas
Bureau Office for investigation by this office.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 25, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is hereby made to Bureau letters of January 6th and 7th, 1936 wherein I was advised that the firearms listed in letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau under date of September 4, 1935, were being forwarded to this office via American Railway Express; also the tan brief case referred to in said letter was being sent registered mail. Likewise, reference is made to Jacksonville Office letter to St. Paul dated December 30, 1935, advising ammunition taken from the Weaver residence was being forwarded to this office.

Please be advised that under Government Bill of Lading J-68266, the referred to ammunition, firearms and brief case are being returned to the Bureau today, via American Railway Express. Original and memorandum copy of Bill of Lading J-68266 are hereto attached.

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Very truly yours,

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C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward H. ...
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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 24, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated January 4, 1936, wherein it is stated that a telephone tap is to be placed on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill at Cleveland, Ohio.

It has been ascertained that James "Tip" O'Neill resides in Cleveland, Ohio at 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19, with one Marie Flynn, and there is in this apartment an unlisted telephone, Lakewood 6354M. The location is in a very nice apartment house district of Cleveland. A careful survey of the neighborhood was made for the purpose of locating a suitable apartment from which the tap could be run, however, the only available place which has been located is a furnished apartment about five blocks away, but which appears to be served from the same telephone circuit from which the telephone of O'Neill is served. This apartment will not be available until February 1, 1936, and in anticipation of using this apartment, a deposit has been made on it in order that it will be available on February 1, 1936.

With reference to the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, information has reached this office that it has been reopened and is operating in a quiet way, catering to an exclusive clientele. The general consensus of opinion is that the club will be operating openly in the not too distant future. However, this is problematical.

It has been ascertained that Art Hebebrand is maintaining a woman, Ruth Eager, at the Lake Shore Hotel and has been maintaining this woman since about November, 1935, and that for a period of approximately a year prior to that time he maintained a suite at the Lake Shore Hotel, where he apparently had affairs with other women. We are, at the present time, endeavoring to obtain all long distance telephone calls made from the apartments occupied by him at this hotel.

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Our confidential informant at the Harvard Club advises that it is his understanding that a definite contact has been made in Poland by Mitchell and Clarence Hebebrand, and that William F. Vergus is expected to return to Europe to join them in the very near future for the furtherance of their slot machine interests in Poland.

Very truly yours,

J. F. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir: **BREKID**

In connection with the trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, and Cassius McDonald, in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of Saint Paul, certain matters arose in connection with the testimony of Agents and their use of notes and reference to reports previously submitted which it is believed might be of value in the training of personnel of the Bureau, in order that Agents in the future when taking the stand to testify might be advised of what the possibilities and limitations are as to certain methods of cross-examination. With this idea in mind it is possible that the Bureau would care to furnish the following information to the various offices, together with copies of the decision enclosed herewith, for necessary instructions to Bureau personnel in their next monthly conference.

In the trial of this same case involving other subjects in May 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown when on the witness stand used his personal notes in connection with his testimony to refresh his recollection concerning an interview he had had with Subject McLaughlin, one of the money changers. Such use of his notes may or may not have been necessary. However, having used same on the witness stand to refresh his recollection, the defense attorney in cross-examination, requested and was allowed access to same in order to cross-examine him, and thereafter the defense submitted these notes to the jury as an exhibit in the case for the defense, and without objection by the

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United States Attorney they were allowed to be introduced in this manner. My observation as to this would be that if it is unnecessary for an Agent to refresh his recollection from his notes when actually on the stand, it is not believed that he should make reference to such notes, and if it is necessary for him to use his notes for this purpose greater care should be had in the preparation of such notes at the time they are originally made. 2

In connection with the testimony of Special Agent J. L. Madala in the prior trial in May 1935, Agent Madala testified on the stand from his own independent recollection without reference to any memoranda or reports. However, at the time he was subjected to cross-examination the defense attorney brought up the question as to whether he had submitted a report of his original interview with Ollie Berg, as to whom he was testifying, and when he advised he had done so and that he had since read his report subsequent to submission of such report and prior to his testimony in this case, the defense requested that he produce this report, which he declined to do, and subsequently in conference after adjournment of court that day and prior to the time the Judge had definitely passed upon the issue as to whether he had to produce such report, the United States Attorney, or Assistant United States Attorney, agreed and did furnish to the defense counsel the portions of the summary report submitted in this case to him covering the interview of Agent Madala with Defendant Ollie Berg. He did this without going into the legal phases as to the objectionable features of such practice, with the contention that to do otherwise would have created in the minds of the jurors the opinion that there was something in the report which we did not wish them to see, or something which was at variance with what the Agent had testified to.

The defense, after being given this opportunity to use the portions of the report in question, apparently made little use of same, for the reason that Agent Madala's testimony closely followed the written report. It is to be noted that the use of the portion of a summary report for this purpose might not always result so favorably, for the reason that at times frequently the summary report is a digest of the Agent's report in the

matter and does not cover in great detail the information as would be found in an investigative report.

In the testimony of the present trial of the Government witnesses, apparently having this same situation in mind as established by the previously indicated precedent, the defense attorney, Mr. Jerry Hoffman, representing William Weaver, in the cross-examination of Agent Suran, who had testified with reference to certain statements of William Weaver as are reflected in his report dated September 7, 1935 and as covered by the attached abstracts of such report enclosed herewith, questioned Agent Suran as to whether he had submitted a report, and he indicated that he had done so. He asked him if he had used this report to refresh his recollection, and Agent Suran admitted he had read his report as late as the night before his testimony on the date he was examined, and he, Agent Suran, testified that he was testifying as to what his recollection was in this matter and also upon what was contained in his report, which of course should have been answered to the effect that, if anything, he was testifying to his recollection and had only refreshed his recollection by reference to his report.

The defense attorney then requested that Agent Suran produce his report, and at that particular time he had the report in question in his pocket. Upon the request of the defense attorney the report was submitted to the court after Agent Suran had indicated a desire to confer with the United States Attorney. However, the Judge directed that he produce the report, and this being at the close of the day's session, the matter was left for decision the following morning.

Assistant United-States Attorney Heisey and United States Attorney Sullivan were advised by me that this report necessarily contained, in addition to the testimony as stated by Agent Suran, various confidential matters which would seriously affect the further investigation and operations of the Bureau in connection with this case looking toward the apprehension of the fugitives as yet unlocated, and that I personally, as speaking for the Bureau, would refuse that this report be produced, for the reason of the fact that the defense had no right legally or otherwise to have such report produced under the contentions indicated.

The United States Attorney indicated that possibly it would not be necessary, and had extracted from the report the portions referred to in Agent Suran's testimony covered in the attached extracts enclosed herewith, with the idea in mind of contending to the court that this is the only portion of the report which should be produced.

However, after suitable reference to the library, they located the decisions as to requests for Agents' reports being produced in court, and on the following morning this was cited to the court as a reason for not producing the report, this being the case of Lennon vs. United States, Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, June 8, 1927, No. 7497, as covered in the Federal Reporter, Second Series, Volume 20, September, 1927.

For the Bureau's consideration and possible reference to the various field offices, I am attaching hereto certain extracts from this decision which cover the question in issue as to whether an Agent would be required to produce his written reports under the contentions above cited, and which definitely indicates that such is not necessary particularly wherein he has not used same to refresh his memory on the witness stand, notwithstanding he may have read the reports frequently in the past and may have refreshed his recollection by such reading of the reported matter.

After referring to the above indicated decision, the Assistant United States Attorney still believed that it would be desirable to allow the defense to have these portions and to submit same to the jury. However, United States Attorney Sullivan advised that he did not believe it desirable to make this concession to the defense counsel, and as a result the confidential nature of the report was called to the attention of the Judge together with the decision indicated, and the Judge sustained the position that it was not necessary for this report to be produced in court.

There was also involved in this situation, at that time, the testimony of Agent Sullivan, who testified

as to certain statements of William Weaver as covered in the report of Agent Suran, and also the same situation arose as to the testimony of Special Agent R. D. Brown covering certain testimony by this Agent as to the statements of William Weaver as covered in his report of September 12, 1935 in the Brekid matter, as is covered by extracts taken from the last above referred to report attached hereto.

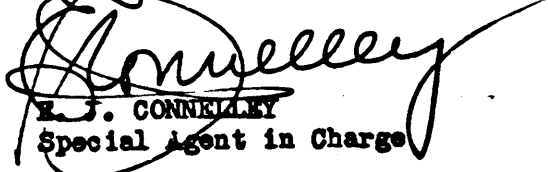
In connection with the introduction of certain secondary evidence to prove that the five and ten dollar bills found in Havana, Cuba, were the bills involved in the payment of the ransom for the return of Edward G. Bremer, and which bills themselves could not be produced for reason of the fact that they had been forwarded to the Treasury Department for mutilation and redemption, Agent McKee went on the stand and testified as to the fact that he had received in May 1935 instructions from the Bureau to advise the Federal Reserve Bank agency at Havana, Cuba, that they should forward these bills for mutilation and redemption inasmuch as we had completed our examination of same by listing the serial numbers appearing on such bills, this being the instructions received by Agent McKee in teletype from the Bureau in May 1935 to the Jacksonville Office that this action be taken.

The defense brought up the contention that the failure to produce these bills in court was a result of the direct action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, inasmuch as they had instructed that they be forwarded for mutilation and redemption rather than arranging for their retention and subsequent production in Federal Court here. Mr. L. L. Drill, former United States Attorney, Saint Paul, argued for the defense the contention indicated and cited various decisions which indicated in his opinion that we should not be allowed to produce this secondary evidence by the weight of decisions previously referred to, and which in substance indicated that in the absence of a showing that the person endeavoring to produce such secondary evidence had not fraudulently caused them to not be available, He did not believe we had a right to produce this secondary evidence as indicated.

The court, in its opinion as to this situation, very definitely advised Mr. Drill and the defense that there was no question in his mind but that these bills had been forwarded for mutilation and redemption in good faith, and that there was no question in his mind that nothing other than good faith was had by the Government in their action in connection with the handling of this ransom money; that, however, probably the Government might have exercised misjudgment in their method of handling same and for this reason he would deny the motion of the defense for the exclusion of such secondary evidence to prove this situation.

It is believed that in the future should a situation arise wherein the original ransom money is located and it is expected that the direct evidence of this ransom money and its proper identification are to be produced in court as evidence, some arrangement should be made to have this money maintained intact for production in this manner, and that we should not in any way advise except as against the mutilation and destruction of such money in order that we may maintain our position to this latter effect should such occur in the future as to any ransom money involved which we care to produce in the trial of a case.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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LENNON v. UNITED STATES.

Circuit Court of Appeals,
Eighth Circuit. June 8,
1927.

No. 7497.

1. Criminal law (Key) 741 (1) - Case must be submitted to jury where competent evidence is offered, which is sufficient, if believed, to sustain conviction.

Where proper and legal evidence has been offered by the prosecution which, if believed, is sufficient in law to show that defendant participated in the commission of an offense, and to sustain a conviction, it is the duty of the court to submit the cause to the jury.

2. Criminal law (Key) 622 (1) - Separate trial is discretionary with the court.

Granting of a separate trial rests in the sound discretion of the court.

3. Witnesses (Key) 256 - Only where witness refreshes memory while on stand may production and inspection of writing be demanded.

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Only when a witness uses a paper to refresh his memory while on the stand is there a right to demand its production and inspection..

4. Witnesses(Key) 344 (2) - Misconduct not resulting in conviction of crime is not subject for cross-examination.

Acts of misconduct, not resulting in conviction of crime, are not proper subject of cross-examination to impeach a witness.

5. Criminal law (Key) 423 (1) - Acts of each of defendants, jointly indicted for maintaining nuisance, in promotion of the business, are admissible against all (National Prohibition Act, tit.2, parag. 21 (Comp.St. parag.10138jj)).

Where defendants were jointly indicted for maintaining a nuisance, in violation of National Prohibition Act, tit.2, parag. 21 (Comp. St. parag.10138jj), acts of each in promotion of the business are binding on all, and may be shown, even in absence of any charge of conspiracy.

In Error to the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota, John B. Sanborn, Judge.

Criminal prosecution by the United States against A. L. Lennon. Judgment of conviction, and defendant brings error. Affirmed.

George R. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn. (Edward J. Callahan and John F. Dahl, both of Minneapolis, Minn., William J. Hughes, Jr., of Washington, D.C., and Joseph A. Kozlak and William B. Moverly, both of Minneapolis, Minn., on the brief), for plaintiff in error.

James A. Wharton, Asst. U.S. Atty., of St. Paul, Minn. (Lafayette French, Jr., U.S. Atty., of St. Paul, Minn., on the brief), for the United States.

Before WALTER H. SANBORN and BOOTH, Circuit Judges, and DAVIS, District Judge.

(5) III. It is urged that the court should have required the production of certain documents. When the witness Medbury was on the stand he was asked on cross-examination whether he had read his report before testifying. This is what the record reveals:

Q. Did you, before you went on the stand, read over your reports to refresh your recollection with reference to these matters?

Mr. Wharton: Objected to; too remote, no time mentioned, indefinite.

Q. Shortly before going on the stand?
The Court: He may answer.

A. I spent a lot of time studying the reports.

Q. You spent a lot of time studying the reports, preparatory to going on the stand here as a witness?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that was done shortly before going on as a witness, or was it way last summer? A. Last summer also.

Q. When did you last look at your reports, prior to going on the stand here to testify? A. Last night.

Q. And you studied the reports over carefully, did you?
A. Tried to; yes.

Q. Now, I ask the privilege of seeing the memoranda that witness admits he used for the purpose of refreshing his recollection from, though not in court.

Mr. Wharton: Same objection as before.

The Court: As I recollect it, he testified to that matter from his independent recollection, Mr. Dahl, and I do not believe the court has any right to require the witness to show his reports.

It will be observed that the witness did not use his reports while on the witness stand or in court. Reliance is placed upon the case of Morris v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 149 F. 123, 9 Ann. Cas. 558. In that case a witness while on the stand used, for the purpose of refreshing his memory, a paper which purported to be an affidavit made

by him and sworn to before a justice of the peace. The defendant was refused permission to inspect and examine the paper. This was held to be error, because it is a well-settled rule that the opposing party or counsel has the right, upon proper demand, to inspect and use, for purposes of cross-examination, any paper or memorandum which is used by a witness, while on the stand, for the purpose of refreshing his present recollection. This right is accorded, in order that he may ascertain whether the paper or memorandum used has any legitimate tendency to bring the fact in controversy to the mind of the witness, and in order that he may be in a position to cross-examine as to the testimony given and thereby to test the candor and integrity of the witness. *People v. Schepps*, 217 Mich. 406, 186 N.W. 508, 21 A.L.R. 658; *State v. Bacon*, 41 Vt. 526, 98 Am. Dec. 616; *Rutledge v. State*, 94 Tex. Cr. R. 231, 250 S.W. 698.

But in this case the situation was very different. The paper was not used while the witness was on the stand; it was not in court, but was read by the witness in his room, the day before the trial. Witnesses frequently refresh their memories before going into court, by referring to papers in their possession which are not taken into court; and where they rely on their recollection of the facts, as this witness did, it is not necessary that the writing be produced. It is only where the witness uses the paper to refresh his memory while on the stand that there exists a right to compel the production of the writing for inspection. *Wabash, etc., Canal v. Eledsoe*, 5 Ind. 133; *Davenport v. McKee*, 94 N.C. 330; *State v. Collins*, 15 S.C. 379, 40 Am.Rep. 697; *Hamilton v. Rice*, 15 Tex. 582; *Tibbetts v. Sternberg*, 66 Barb. (N.Y.) 201; *State v. Magers*, 36 Or. 38, 58 P. 892; 28 R.C.L. 596; 22 L.R.A. (N.S.) 706, 40 Cyc. 2463. The defendant has no just ground of complaint of the ruling of the court on this motion.

(4) IV. Another assignment of error is based upon the ruling of the court in excluding certain testimony. When one of the witnesses for the government was on the stand, he was asked in cross-examination whether, at a certain time, he registered at a hotel with a woman; whether, on another occasion, he had liquor in his possession and attempted to sell the same; and whether, at another time, he was intoxicated and disorderly. To this course of cross-examination the court sustained the objections of counsel for the government. The

purpose of the defendant was, of course, to impeach the witness and cast a doubt upon his credibility. Acts of misconduct, not resulting in conviction of a crime, are not the proper subject of cross-examination to impeach a witness. *Terzo v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 9 F. (2d) 357; *Conner v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 7 F. (2d) 515; *Glover v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 147 F. 426, 8 Ann. Cas. 1184. This court holds even a conviction of a misdemeanor may not be used to discredit a witness, unless the offense amounts to an infamous crime. *Hausener v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 4 F. (2d) 884. There is no substance in this assignment of error.

(5) V. Lastly, complaint is made of the action of the court in admitting certain exhibits in evidence. The government introduced the canceled checks which showed the disposition that was made of the money collected at the bar. Some of these checks were given to employees, and some to persons who furnished supplies to the drinking establishment; other of the checks were deposited to the credit of the building fund of the lodge. They indicated the extent of the business that was being operated. These checks were executed by the secretary of the lodge, who was one of the five defendants on trial. The part played by each of the defendants was a proper consideration in determining whether the several defendants were jointly maintaining a nuisance. If they were jointly engaged in the commission of an offense, the acts of each of the parties in the promotion of the undertaking was binding upon all the other defendants. The checks drawn by one of the parties to the joint charge in connection with the transactions under investigation was properly considered in the case. This is true, even in the absence of any charge of conspiracy. *St. Clair v. U.S.*, 154 U.S. 134, 14 S.Ct. 1002, 38 L.Ed. 936; *Gould v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 209 F. 730; *Blanton v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 213 F. 320, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 1238; *Chambers v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 237 F. 515; *Sprinkle v. U.S.* (C.C.A.) 141 F. 811.

There appears to be no substantial error in the record, and therefore the judgment is affirmed.

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Subject WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, by plane from Jacksonville, Florida on September 2, 1935, at which time they were immediately brought to the St. Paul Office where Subject WEAVER was questioned by Special Agent in Charge Connelley, Special Agents R. D. Brown, and R. C. Suran. Subsequently on September 3, 1935, Subject Weaver was turned over to the custody of the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota and remanded to the Ramsey County Jail in default of \$50,000 bond. * * *

Both Subjects WEAVER and EATON have been intermittently questioned by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan since they were apprehended by Bureau Agents at Harbor Oaks, Florida on September 1, 1935, and the questioning of these individuals continued by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran since their confinement in the Ramsey County Jail.

WILLIAM WEAVER advised Special Agent R. C. Suran that his true name is PHOENIX DONALD; that he was born at Little Rock, Ark., on Dec. 13, 1896 and that he at the present time has two sisters Mrs. Nellie Frazier, Mammoth Springs, Ark., and Mrs. W. T. Bowling, sister, Salem, Ark; that his parents are deceased. * * *

With few exceptions WEAVER without hesitancy admitted his association with various members of the KARPIS-BARKER mob. WEAVER stated that prior to his incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary he worked around the various oil fields in the vicinity of Sapulpa, Tulsa, and Drumright, Oklahoma, and that during this time he first met Subject HARRY CAMPBELL. He further admitted knowing FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS prior to the time he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. WEAVER would not discuss in detail how he first became acquainted with these individuals. He stated that of the entire gang he was best acquainted with DOC BARKER as he served time with him in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He also stated he served time with VOLNEY DAVIS in the same institution. * * *

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Photographs which were introduced into evidence in the previous trial held in St. Paul in this case were shown to WEAVER, namely Government exhibit #56, photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL; Government Exhibit #116, photograph of OLLIE BERG; Government Exhibit #55, photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON; Government Exhibit #57, photograph of HARRY SAWYER; Government Exhibit #52, photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS; Government Exhibit #59, photograph of FRED BARKER; Government Exhibit #53, photograph of RUSSELL GIBSON; Government Exhibit #60, photograph of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN; Government Exhibit #58, photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, and he admitted that he was acquainted with all these various individuals under those names.

He was also shown Government exhibit #112 and 117 of GEORGE GOETZ and he stated that he did not know this individual. However, subsequently WEAVER admitted to Special Agents Sullivan and Suran that he did know FRED GOETZ and to the best of his knowledge he first met GOETZ in St. Paul, Minnesota at HARRY SAWYER's saloon, and had seen him thereafter on several occasions at various night clubs. Prior to this admission WEAVER advised Special Agent Sullivan that it was his opinion that GOETZ had been killed by members of the Capone Syndicate at Cicero, Illinois, in March, 1934, because GOETZ had insisted on erecting a gas station contrary to the wishes of the Syndicate. Upon questioning he stated that he was absolutely certain that neither DOC BARKER nor WILLIAM J. HARRISON who are reported to have been with GOETZ a few minutes before his death, had anything to do with GOETZ's murder.

As to BYRON BOLTON, WEAVER insists that he never heard of this individual until he observed his name recently in connection with this case in the various newspapers. Efforts were made to secure the address at which WEAVER lived just prior and at the time BREMER was kidnaped in St. Paul on Jan. 17, 1934. WEAVER admitted that he was living in St. Paul, Minn., on the date Bremer was kidnaped but claimed that he could not recall the address. He was asked if it was on Avon Street, and he stated that it might have been but remarked "You fellows know so why ask me". * * *

WEAVER was further questioned concerning his residence at Grand Forest Beach near Sandusky, Ohio during the spring and summer of 1934. WEAVER stated that prior to the time that he and MYRTLE KATON rented a cottage at Grand Forest Beach they lived in an apartment at Toledo, Ohio, the address of which he did not know. He did state, however, that while living at Grand Forest Beach various members of the mob visited him, including JIMMIE WILSON, OLLIE BERG, SLIM GIBSON, HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER, but he refused to discuss details of these visits or the identity of the other members of the mob who were living at Grand Forest Beach, Toledo, and Cleveland, Ohio, at that time, merely remarking "You all know more about that than I do".

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WEAVER furnished further information that prior to the time Ed. G. Bremer was kidnaped in January, 1934, that two other mobs from Chicago came to St. Paul for the purpose of kidnaping Bremer and one mob went so far as to proceed to Bremer's home, in front of which they engaged in an argument among themselves as to whether to enter Bremer's home and take him out or wait until he left the house, and it was at this point the plan was abandoned. WEAVER stated that the leader of this mob is now dead and he was asked if the man was "Big Homer". He stated that he knew "Big Homer" and knew that Homer had a mob of his own in Chicago, Illinois; that he further knew Homer was dead, but he refused to state whether this was the individual to whom he referred, remarking that he would probably tell an Agent of the Bureau all about it at a subsequent date. WEAVER has made this latter remark on several occasions concerning the Bremer kidnaping, stating that the true facts of the kidnaping have not yet come to light. * * *

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* * * Weaver would generally sit quietly and give Agent no answer. However, Agent once remarked to Weaver that Mr. Bremer was extremely grateful to him for bandaging his wounded head and giving him kind words while at the hideout. Agent then asked Weaver if it were not true that he took Bremer's part when other members of the gang attempted to get rough with him. Weaver then smiled and stated, "Well, I am not saying I had anything to do with this kidnaping, but if I did have something to do with it that is true". Apparently Weaver was later sorry that he made this remark for Agent continued to question him in an attempt to develop further admissions from him and he would state, "Some day I may be in a position to tell you what actually happened", and further, "I don't think you fellows have all the facts in this case yet".

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the
Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, dated January 14, 1936,
wherein it is stated that certain reports had not been for-
warded from designated offices.

In order to complete the file in the Cleveland
office in this case, there is being attached to this letter
a copy of report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City,
dated March 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 24, 1936

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Mr. E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Referring to my letter dated January 22, 1936, addressed to you at Chicago, relative to one [redacted] who claimed that he could locate Alvin Karpis, please be advised that Special Agent M. G. Spear conferred with Messrs. P. E. Herrick and L. F. Cole of the Alcoholic Tax Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, this morning and they advised that [redacted] had not come to their office on January 23, 1936, as was contemplated and they had, as yet, been unable to locate him. Mr. Herrick and Mr. Cole both stated that they believed [redacted] would undoubtedly get in touch with them in the immediate future.

Any further developments concerning [redacted] will be referred to you promptly.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE 1-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-5 to 9-36	REPORT MADE BY J. T. McLAUGHLIN JU
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUG. HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236, FUG. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> Investigation Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada, reflect no information that Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell have been in that vicinity.			
REFERENCE: Letter of E. J. Connelley dated 12-26-35 and letter of Chicago office to St. Paul dated 1-5-36.			
DETAILS: This investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn and agent at LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. <p>Agents contacted Chief of Police David Mackey who advised that the only Peggy that had been on the line for any length of time was Peggy Roberts, alias Robinson, who recently was taken into custody by the Los Angeles police in connection with the death of her husband at Los Angeles, who is alleged to have died from an over-dose of narcotics. This particular Peggy was a confidential informer for Chief of Police Mackey and he advised that she did not own a LaSalle car to his knowledge, and that she had always furnished him information regarding activities on the line and that said information was in most instances reliable. He advised that she was a very tall blonde and that a complete description, as well as a picture of this individual, could be obtained, if necessary, from the Los Angeles Police Department. He further advised that there was a Peggy Frances on the line, but that she had no pimp, no automobile and has not been seen residing or living with any one and that she made her abode at the line where none of the pimps or men reside. According to Chief of Police Mackey</p>			
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these are the only Peggys, to his knowledge, that are prostitutes, who are now residing or were residing at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agents interviewed Homer Groves, Deputy Sheriff, who advised that the only Peggy he ever heard of was Peggy Roberts, or Robinson, whose husband died recently in Los Angeles; that at the present time at Las Vegas there were not many prostitutes or pimps; due to the fact that there were only approximately fifteen hundred employees at the Boulder Dam and most of them are married and live in Boulder City, and that there is no activity at the gambling places, and that since Chief of Police Mackey has been in office the city of Las Vegas has been unusually well policed.

From all indications and past experiences with the police officers and sheriff's men in Las Vegas, Chief of Police Mackey and Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves are reliable and have always worked well with agents from the Salt Lake City office. Deputy Sheriff Groves was advised that there was a rumor to the effect that possibly Karpis or Campbell might frequent Las Vegas, Nevada, and that it would be beneficial to him to keep a close look out on all new comers as well as any of the huts or tourist camps in the outlying district. Deputy Sheriff Groves advised that he would keep this matter very confidential and would keep a close look-out and would notify the Salt Lake City office in the event he received any information of importance.

The only LaSalle Coupe in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the present time is a late 1934 Model, yellow in color, bearing California license No. 5W259 (1935). This car was parked in the vicinity of the line, and after observing it for some time agents, accompanied by Chief of Police Mackey and Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves, located and interviewed the owner of this automobile, who was Walter Van Deusen. He produced certificate of ownership of this automobile and stated that he had purchased same from Scott Motors Company, Reno, Nevada, from Ray Root, now Sheriff of Washoe County, and an ex-salesman for Scott Motors Company. He stated that at one time he had worked at the Bank Club, Reno, Nevada, and later at the so-called State Line Club, Lake Tahoe, Nevada and California. The home occupied by Van Deusen was carefully scrutinized and the only persons residing there were his wife, himself and infant daughter. Van Deusen was informed that the government and police officers were looking for a stolen LaSalle Coupe and the only one in Las Vegas was his particular car, and that all they desired was an examination of same, which was permitted. This car bore motor No. 2102868.

The San Francisco office was communicated with by telegram on the date of January 6, 1936, and they advised on that date that 1934 LaSalle Coupe bearing 1935 California license 5W259, Motor No. 2102868, was registered in the name of W. Van Deusen, 1617 South Flower Street, Los Angeles; as legal owner the Standard Discount Corporation, 1035 South Broadway, Los Angeles, was given. They further advised that California operator's license was issued on April 11, 1935 to Walter Van Deusen, described as: age - 34, height - 5 ft. 8 in., weight - 125 pounds, eyes - blue, hair - brown.

A description of Van Deusen is as follows: age - 35; height - 5 feet 8 inches; weight - one hundred thirty-five pounds; eyes - blue; hair - brown; face - peaked; clean shaven; nationality - possibly German-Jew; occupation - gambler and floor manager during the day time at the Northern Club.

All tourist camps in Las Vegas and vicinity were canvassed and none of them reflect that anyone at any of these camps own or have a LaSalle Coupe of any model or description.

Agents, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Groves and Chief of Police Mackey, visited all night clubs and tourist camps in the vicinity of Las Vegas, Nevada, but found no evidence of Karpis or Campbell ever being in that vicinity.

At the Northern Club the writer interviewed Gene Hunter, who formerly resided in Reno, Nevada and worked at the Town House, and at one time worked at the Log Cabin at Lake Tahoe, Nevada and California. Hunter on a number of occasions has indirectly furnished information to Agent. He was questioned as to whether there were any "hot" ones in town. He stated that if there were any one "hot" outside of narcotic peddlers he did not know who they could be, as Las Vegas was not a safe place at the present time for anyone to hide out in. He said that Los Angeles, being a much larger place than Las Vegas, and gambling having recently opened up there, was a more desirable place for anyone wanted to hide out in.

AT RENO, NEVADA:

It will be recalled from previous reports submitted in this case that Alvin Karpis is known as one of the Burns boys in Reno, Nevada, associated with the Barker boys, who likewise used the same name.

Charles Rennie, Dave Speller, of the Town House, Detective Richard Heap, Police Department, George Hart and Mr. Rich at the Tavern, all knew Karpis as Burns while he was in Reno and was frequently seen in Reno and talked to by these individuals, with the exception of Detective Heap. These persons were contacted and they advised that they had no information regarding Karpis. This contact was made in a very discreet and off-hand manner and not as a direct inquiry, in order not to arouse suspicion in this vicinity.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37-

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 1-16-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-9 to 16-36	REPORT MADE BY M. C. SPEAR
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1935 Hudson Coach, motor number 59987, stored at Seburn Motor Company Garage, Aurora, Missouri, 12-30-35, by two men, one of whom said to resemble Alvin Karpis; Missouri State Highway Patrol subsequently learning that this car stolen from B. E. Jacques, Chicago, Illinois, 11-3-35. Men leaving car indicated would return for same in ten days to two weeks. Surveillance maintained by two Agents, Kansas City Office, working in garage from January 10 to 14, 1936, inclusive, when surveillance discontinued and arrangements made for local officers to be notified in event reappearance above mentioned two men. These two men appeared at garage about 7:50 A.M., 1-15-36 and upon being advised by garage owner that keys to car were in possession of Missouri State Highway Patrolman men disappeared and did not return. Garage men immediately notified Highway Patrolman at Aurora, Missouri, who took up chase but was unable to locate individuals in question, who escaped in 1931 Ford Cabriolet. Proprietors, Seburn Garage, indicate that since seeing individual first identified possibly as Karpis they did not think he resembled facial features in Karpis' photograph. Law enforcement officials notified to endeavor to locate and apprehend these men in above mentioned Ford car. Fragmentary latent prints obtained from Hudson car being forwarded Bureau.

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Conference teletype message from Kansas City Bureau Office to Bureau and Chicago Office dated 1-10-36;
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DETAILS:

For the information of the Bureau offices interested in the instant Bremer kidnaping case the following is being quoted from the report submitted by Special Agent W. John McNulty, of the Kansas City Office, dated January 10, 1936, under the caption "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, 1935 HUDSON COACH, MOTOR NUMBER 59987 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT":

" This investigation is predicated upon information received by the writer at Springfield, Missouri, from State Highway Patrolman H. L. George of Aurora, Missouri.

" Mr. George stated that on 12-30-35 two individuals parked a black 1935 Hudson Coach, 8 cylinders, Motor Number 59987, Serial Number 542860, in the Seburn Motor Company Garage at Aurora, Missouri. At the time it was parked in this garage it lacked a rear license plate, but bore on the front 1935 Illinois license 1-044-078. Trooper George said that he had exhibited to the proprietors of the Seburn Garage photographs, and that they had identified the profile view of the photograph of Alvin Karpis as bearing a resemblance to one of the two individuals who brought the car to the garage. Trooper George was not informed that the car had been left at the Seburn Garage until January 7, 1936. A telegram dispatched by the Missouri State Highway Patrol to the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau brought the information that instant automobile was stolen in Chicago, Illinois, on November 3, 1935 from the owner, one B. E. Jacques, street address unknown; and further that this car was insured with the Fire Association of Philadelphia.

" Inasmuch as the individuals who parked the car at Aurora had stated that they would return for the same in ten days or two weeks, arrangements had been made by the Missouri State Highway Patrol with the insurance company to leave the car for a period of about ten days at the garage in Aurora. Agent was informed that the speedometer reading on this automobile, as observed by Trooper George, was 7870.

" After telephonically contacting the Kansas City Bureau Office, Agent proceeded to Aurora, Missouri, where the proprietors of the Seburn Motor Company Garage were interviewed.

" Mr. Oliver Seburn stated that at about 2 P.M. on December 30, 1935, an individual walked into his garage and made inquiries about storage. He was informed that the daily rate was 25¢ per day. He said he did not have his car with him, but would return shortly. Oliver Seburn describes this individual as follows:

Age	About 33
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Color not noticed
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium with brownish tinge
Peculiarities	Clean shaven, no glasses. Wide through cheek bones, small chin, small drooping mouth.
Dress	Had on gray checked overcoat, dark suit and dark hat.

Oliver Seburn stated that after inquiry had been made concerning storage he returned to work at the rear of the garage.

" Mr. Harry Seburn said that about fifteen minutes after the inquiry had been made of his brother, the 1935 Hudson Coach was driven into the garage. There were two men in the car as it drove up, one of whom got out and waited at the garage entrance. This individual, Harry Seburn says, fits the description given above by his brother Oliver. The second individual, who then approached Harry Seburn, inquired what the weekly rate for storage would be, stating that they would probably leave their Hudson there for ten days or two weeks. He was informed that the car could be parked there for two weeks for the sum of \$1.50. The second man agreed to this rate and stated that he did not wish a parking check for the car, as he would personally return for it. The best description that Harry Seburn could furnish of this second man is as follows:

Age	About 30
Height	6'
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Slender
Face	Ruddy
	Wore glasses
Dress	Well dressed, in brown overcoat.

" Photographs of Bureau fugitives were exhibited to Oliver and Harry Seburn, and they stated that the profile view of Alvin Karpis, appearing on Identification Order #1218 was similar to the man who first made inquiries relative to day storage, and who waited at the garage door while final arrangements were made. Harry Seburn said that there was some slight similarity between the photograph of Percy Geary, #9 in the booklet of pocket identification orders, and

the man who parked the car.

Oliver and Harry Seburn said that at the request of Trooper George, they had put the distributor of the automobile out of commission and deflated the right front tire. The garage is closed from 6 P.M. until 7 A.M.

Agent made a brief examination of the automobile after closing hours on 1-9-36 and noted that the car was a 1935 black Hudson Coach, Motor Number 59987. The front Illinois license plate, as noted by Trooper George, was 1-044-078 - 1935. On observing this license plate it was noted that an attempt had been made to remove it from the bracket. An examination of the rear license plate bracket revealed indications that a license plate had recently been removed. The lock on the rear tire compartment had been tampered with, and the cylinder of the lock removed. Exhaustive examination of the car was deferred until January 10, 1936, due to the fact that Agent had already held the proprietors beyond closing time.

The substance of this information was furnished by teletype from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau and the Chicago Office on January 10, 1936.

On January 10, 1936, Agent McNulty made a detailed examination of the automobile recovered in instant case. It was ascertained that the four tires on which the car was standing were Goodyear All-Weather Tread. Their serial numbers are as follows:

Right front:	A56235367KT
Left front:	A53692367KT
Right rear:	B24541467KT
Left rear:	A59338367KT

The spare tire, which is in the rear compartment of the car, and has never been off the spare wheel, bore the following serial number:

F15267267CT.

An examination of the right side of the car (side across from the driver's side) revealed a dent on the rear fender just above the running board. Examination of the back of the car, in addition to the removal of the cylinder of the rear tire compartment lock

mentioned in the previous report herein quoted, disclosed that the rear license plate bracket was badly twisted, probably caused by the removal of the rear license plate, which was missing at the time of the recovery of the car.

The left front fender had two large dents, one on the top and side of the fender opposite the headlight, and one on the front of the fender near the front bumper.

The rear tire compartment, in addition to the spare tire and wheel, contained the following items: screw driver, socket wrench, hammer, jack, monkey wrench, pliers, and five small individual chains. All of the tools had a new appearance; the chains, however, had evidently recently been used, as they were rusty and somewhat caked with mud.

An examination of the rear seat and floor disclosed that there were six burned paper matches in the right ash tray, which is at the side of the right rear window. Under the rear seat were found: one burned paper match, one empty manila paper bag, and one torn contest slip issued by the Hudson Automobile Company. The crank for the automobile was found lying on the floor in front of the rear seat.

Under the left front seat (driver's seat) was found an eight inch screw driver and a wrench, the latter being manufactured by the Crescent Tool Company of Jamestown, New York.

An examination of the front compartment (opposite the seat next to the driver's seat) revealed a whisk broom which had been considerable use, a rubber band, a rag, and a three-way ratchet screw driver. In this compartment was also found a Sinclair Missouri road map, on the back of which was printed with a hand stamp the following: "Fuszner Bros. 332 South Kirkwood Rd." This map appeared to have had some usage, and inasmuch as it had been handled only by Trooper H. L. George of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the garage proprietors, Oliver and Harry Seburn, it is being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory to be processed for latent fingerprints. The fingerprints of the above mentioned individuals were secured for elimination purposes and are being forwarded to the Bureau, together with the map.

It may here be noted that instant automobile was left at Seburn's Garage, Aurora, Missouri, on December 30, 1935. The examination of the same did not take place until January 10, 1936.

An examination of the automobile for latent fingerprints was unsuccessful, except that two fragmentary prints were discovered on the upper part of the steering wheel. On being questioned the Seburns and Trooper George stated that they did not recall having handled this part of the steering wheel when they examined the car.

The above mentioned prints were lifted and are also being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory.

It may be noted, as mentioned in the report quoted in the body of this report of Agent McNulty dated January 10, 1936, that the proprietors of the garage stated that one of the two individuals who stored the car resembled the profile of Alvin Karpis. Harry Seburn stated that the second individual who made the final arrangements with him in some degree resembled the photograph of Percy Geary, which is number 9 in the pocket identification order booklet. The Bureau is being requested to compare the "lifts" and any fingerprints that may be developed on the map which are not eliminated by comparison with the prints of Trooper George and the Seburns, with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and Percy Geary. It is being requested that a check of the latent impressions be made against the single fingerprint file.

The speedometer on the car registered 7872 miles. The trip reading was 93.4. The reading on the water gauge disclosed that the radiator was slightly more than half full; and the gasoline tank was filled to five-eighths of capacity.

Pursuant to instructions of Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, Special Agents W. John McNulty and D. L. McCormack began a surveillance in the Seburn Garage, Aurora, Missouri, on January 10, 1936, the garage being open only during the hours from 7:00 A.M. to 6 P.M. Agent McNulty was dressed in a pair of overalls, working in the garage under the pretext of an employee of the garage.

This surveillance was maintained by these Agents from January 10 to January 14, 1936, at 6 P.M., inclusive. As the car had been found to be a stolen car and the individuals who had left the same had indicated they would call for it within ten days to two weeks, which two weeks period expired on January 13, 1936, it was thought that probably these individuals had abandoned the car and would not return for the same. Accordingly, after Special Agent McNulty had discussed this matter by telephone with Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, the decision was made to withdraw the active surveillance by the Bureau Agents at Aurora, Missouri, and to effect arrangements whereby Messrs. Seburn at the garage would immediately notify State Highway Patrolman George, who is stationed at and resides at Aurora, Missouri, in the event of the reappearance of the men who had left the car there, in order that they might be taken into custody. Other local peace officers at Aurora, Missouri, as well as peace officers in that vicinity of the state, were notified in order that they might assist in the apprehension of these men in the event they returned for this car after the surveillance was withdrawn by Bureau Agents on January 14, 1936.

The following morning, January 15, 1936, a radio dispatch was heard by Special Agent in Charge Smith, at Kansas City, emanating from the station of the Kansas City Star - W.D.A.F., Kansas City, Missouri - indicating that two men, one of whom was thought possibly to be Karpis, had called for a car at a garage at Aurora, Missouri, which had been left there previously, and had escaped a trap laid for these men by officers. A telephone call was immediately placed by the writer, who at the time was Acting Special Agent in Charge in the absence of Special Agent in Charge Smith due to illness, to Resident Agent W. John McNulty at Springfield, Missouri. Prior to completing the call to Agent McNulty a call was received from Mr. E. A. Tamm, of the Bureau, at which time he advised that press reports had just been received at the Bureau indicating that two men had escaped from a trap laid by state and federal officers at Aurora, Missouri, it being thought one of the men was Karpis, the escape having been accompanied by a gun battle between the men who escaped and the officers. Mr. Tamm was advised that the Kansas City Office was checking this matter immediately and would furnish the substance of the information to the Bureau at the earliest possible moment. Upon obtaining the information by telephone from Agent McNulty as to what had happened the same was furnished by the writer immediately, by telephone, to Mr. Thompson, at the Bureau, who, Agent was advised, was in Mr. Tamm's office during his absence. The substance of the information furnished the Bureau was a summarization of that information which is reported hereinafter by Special Agent W. John McNulty.

Upon receipt of the telephone call by Special Agent McNulty from the writer Agent McNulty had obtained information as to what had happened at Aurora, Missouri, by telephoning Messrs. Harry and Oliver Seburn, at Aurora, Missouri, from Springfield, Missouri. Immediately after concluding the telephone conversation and furnishing the information to the Kansas City Office, Agent McNulty proceeded from Springfield, Missouri to Aurora, Missouri, and enroute there met Agent V. W. Gillen, who accompanied him on the following investigation at Aurora, Missouri.

Special Agents McNulty and Gillen interviewed Harry and Oliver Seburn at their garage at Aurora, Missouri. Oliver Seburn stated that at about 7:45 A.M. on January 15, 1936, he had left the garage to go to a filling station which is located across the Street (West Olive) from his garage, and that he had not been at the garage when the Hudson Coach was called for.

Harry Seburn advised that about 7:50 A.M. a poorly dressed man walked into the garage and asked for the Hudson Coach -- this man, he stated, was the one whom he had previously identified as having some resemblance to Alvin Karpis. He described this man as having on heavy work shoes, old black sweater, dark gray coat, and hatless. He further stated that this was the man who had first contacted his brother on December 30, 1935, and whom he had subse-

quently seen on that day. He further described this man as follows:

Age	About 33
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150
Hair	Dark, parted in middle
Build	Slender
Complexion	Tan
Peculiarities	Wide through upper part of face, small chin and mouth.

On seeing this man again Harry Seburn stated that he now did not think that the resemblance to Karpis was as great as he had previously believed.

Harry Seburn informed the above individual that the keys to the auto were in the possession of Trooper George (they were in fact in the garage safe) and the man stated that he was going out for a shave and would return later for the auto. He said he wanted to talk with Trooper George personally and inquired where the barber shops in Aurora were located.

When this man left the garage Harry Seburn observed him go west on Olive Street to an automobile in which another man was seated whom he was unable to describe. The auto was a dark green 1931 Ford Cabriolet which had a license plate with white numerals on a black background. While Harry Seburn was unable to make out the state or year of issue the numerals on the license plate were 619597. The Ford is also said to have had 2" white adhesive tape stuck to the canvas near the rear window where the canvas meets the frame of this car, probably to keep out drafts. The men drove off in the direction of U. S. Missouri Highway 60. Harry Seburn states that he immediately telephoned Trooper George and requested him to inform the Agent. The 1931 Ford above mentioned had been parked in front of the Aurora Grocery on West Olive Street.

Oliver Seburn stated that he had learned that inquiry regarding storage had been made of one Lee Adams in Aurora about December 30, 1935, and Lee Adams was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Gillen.

T. Lee Adams, 131 West Locust Street, Aurora, Missouri, was interviewed at his combined pool hall, bowling alleys and bar-room at 100 Madison Street. He stated that on or about December 30, 1935, a man came into his place and said that he noticed Mr. Adams had a garage at his house and wondered if it were for rent. The man was more or less insistent about renting it rather than taking space at a local commercial garage, so Mr. Adams told him to put

his car in the garage if he could get it past the rubbish, etc. Soon the man returned and said the garage was too small for his lengthy Hudson. He, the unknown man, explained that the car was too heavy for general travel about the country and that he was going to use his friend's lighter car.

Mr. Adams described this person as follows:

Age	About 30
Height	5' 10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Unknown, but believed dark.
Beard	A day old and dark, heavy, the type which looks dark after a shave.
Scars	None observed.
Speech	Moderate, nothing noticeable about it; hence believed to be native of this part of the country.
Dress	Well dressed - Blue overcoat, dark Fedora hat, dark business suit.
Stance	Fairly erect, not noticed to stoop.

Agent Gillen exhibited pictures in the Pocket Identification Order Book and Mr. Adams stated that the unknown man looked more like Number 2 - Mahan, and number 5 - Richard Keller (canceled), than any of the others. He did not think he looked like Karpis at all, nor that he looked enough like Mahan or Keller to be either of them.

Mr. Adams presumed that the man had been to his home and that his wife had sent him to the pool hall but he had not spoken to his wife about it. Agents McNulty and Gillen sought to interview Mrs. Adams but she was not available.

Special Agents Gillen and McNulty contacted Trooper George in his patrol car, which was situated opposite the Seburn Garage on West Olive Street, and he had advised that on receiving the information from Harry Seburn he had notified all the nearby offices of the State Highway Patrol in an effort to stop the 1931 Ford Cabriolet, but that no news had been received in the matter other than that an auto thought to be the same had been seen between Pierce City and Wentworth at about 8:30 A.M.

During the evening of January 15, 1936, Agent McNulty contacted Sgt. H. M. Sayers, temporarily in charge of Troop D, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, who advised that no additional information had been received of either the 1931 Green Ford Cabriolet or its occupants. Sgt. Sayers will immediately notify Agent McNulty of any developments in this matter.

In addition to the above information relative to the incident at Aurora, Missouri, on January 15, 1936, being furnished to the Bureau by telephone, the same was furnished by conference teletype message to the Oklahoma City, Little Rock and St. Paul offices, it being noted that a teletype message had been previously received that date, January 15, 1936, from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at St. Paul, inquiring relative to the details of the Aurora incident. The information had immediately been furnished by State Highway Patrolman George to his Highway Patrol, which was then disseminated among the various stations of the Highway Patrol in order that efforts could be made to locate the 1931 Ford Cabriolet and the men therein could be taken into custody. This information was also furnished by the writer to Mr. Frank Stone, Assistant to the Superintendent of the Kansas State Highway Patrol at Topeka, Kansas, with the request that same be furnished to his men as it appeared the car was heading towards Kansas.

At the time Agent McNulty advised the writer of the information which he had received by telephone at Springfield from the Eeburn Brothers Garage of Aurora, Missouri, the license number on the 1931 Ford Cabriolet in which the two men escaped was not known. By reference to the information set out hereinabove it is noted that as a matter of fact the license number was 649597 and although the state which issued the plate was not known, Messrs. Seburn stated that the plate bore white numerals on a black background.

Based on information appearing in Bureau Bulletin Number 58, dated November 6, 1934, relative to the color schemes of 1935 automobile license plates, telegrams were dispatched to the Salt Lake City, Milwaukee and Nashville Bureau Offices requesting them, respectively, to ascertain whether a Utah, Wisconsin or Tennessee license plate number 649597 had been issued for the year 1935, and, if so, to ascertain the details relative to the registration of those plates and whether the same had been reported stolen. It is noted that those three states are the only ones listed in the above mentioned Bureau Bulletin which have the color scheme indicated above. Telegraphic replies were received from those offices indicating that the Utah license numbers for 1935 did not exceed two hundred thousand; that the Wisconsin license numbers for 1935 ran only to six hundred thirteen thousand; further indicating that the Wisconsin license plates for 1936 only ran to sixty thousand; that at no time had a Tennessee license plate of that number been issued.

In view of the fact Special Agent V. W. Gillen advised by telephone that the individuals who had seen the license plate on this 1931 Ford Cabriolet had stated that the same appeared rather narrow and long, and the further fact that Agent Gillen advised he had seen a 1936 Illinois license plate that date, January 15, 1936, which plate appeared to have white numerals on black background, a telegram was dispatched to the Chicago Office on January 15, 1936,

requesting that office to ascertain through the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, whether 1936 Illinois license plates were white numerals on black background, and, if so, to advise this office relative to the registration record of 1936 Illinois plates of the above number and whether the same had been reported stolen, giving the details. A telegraphic reply was received from the Chicago office indicating that 1936 Illinois license plates consisted of black background with white numerals, and further advised that the St. Louis office had been requested to check the appropriate license plates.

A telephone call was received during the night of January 15, 1936 from Special Agent Bush, of the St. Louis Office, at which time he informed that he had had contact with the Automobile Registration Office at Springfield, Illinois, and had learned that to date there had been no Illinois license issued in the six hundred thousand series for the year 1936. He advised, however, that 1935 Illinois license plates number 619597 had been issued to Robert B. Janes, 1125 Holley Court, Oak Park, Illinois, for a LaSalle Coupe, Motor Number 218834. However, in connection with the information relative to 1935 plates it is noted that their color scheme is not white numerals on a black background, it appearing that the color scheme in that state for that year was marine blue on pearl gray.

Telephonic communication was had by the writer with Mr. A. H. Bazal of the Sinclair Refining Company, located at 1907 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in an endeavor to ascertain the location of the Sinclair Refining Station which had issued a road map mentioned hereinabove bearing the printing from a hand stamp of the following: "Fuszner, 332 South Kirkwood Road". Mr. Bazal advised that although he had no record reflecting the information he thought that possibly that filling station was either in St. Louis, Missouri, or in a suburb Kirkwood, Missouri, and that if contact was had with Mr. H. F. Nelson, Assistant Manager of the Sinclair Refining Company at 13th and Gratiot Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, it could be determined definitely whether this filling station of the Sinclair Refining Company was located at St. Louis or Kirkwood, Missouri.

Information relative to the above is also being reported by the Kansas City office in its file captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, 1935 HUDSON COACH, MOTOR NUMBER 59987 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", in which Kansas City is the office of origin, it appearing that the two unknown men who left this Hudson Coach very probably violated the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

A copy of this report is being furnished the New York City Office in view of the mention hereinabove relative to Percy Geary, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1216, New York City being the office of origin in the case involving this individual.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ST. LOUIS BUREAU OFFICE will contact Mr. H. F. Nelson, Assistant Manager of the Sinclair Refining Company, 13th and Gratiot Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, in an endeavor to ascertain whether the Sinclair Refining Company may have a filling station operated by "Fuszner Brothers, 332 South Kirkwood Road", at St. Louis, Missouri or Kirkwood, Missouri, or at any other point in the territory covered by the St. Louis district of the Sinclair Refining Company.

In the event no such filling station can be located it is suggested that an appropriate lead be set out for the Chicago Office to endeavor to locate such a station, as it is believed that there is a Kirkwood Road in Chicago, Illinois.

In submitting reports relative to this lead either by the St. Louis or Chicago offices, copies of the same should be furnished the Kansas City Office for its file entitled "Unknown Subjects, 1935 Hudson Coach, Motor Number 59987 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act".

THE KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE will make appropriate investigation upon receipt of any information relative to the location of the 1931 Ford Cabriolet mentioned hereinabove, or the two men who appeared in the same at Aurora, Missouri, one of whom was identified as possibly being Subject Alvin Karpis.

P E N D I N G.

TWO FLEE POLICE TRAP.

Aurora, Mo., Garage Man Believes
One Is Karpis.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—A trap set here December 30 by Missouri state highway patrolmen and federal officers for Alvin Karpis and an unidentified companion failed to catch its victims early today when two men, believed to be those sought, escaped after returning to get a car which they had left in storage.

December 30, two men, one of whom has been identified since by Harry Seburn and Oliver Seburn, owners of a motor company, as Alvin Karpis drove into the motor company in a Hudson sedan bearing an Illinois license and after storing the car, said they would return for it later.

They walked away from the garage. Upon investigation of the license plates, it was learned the car had been stolen in Chicago about November 3. Officers then started a daily vigil at the garage, awaiting the return of the two men.

This morning at 8:30 o'clock when Harry Seburn was the only one in the place, the two returned. The unidentified man entered and asked for the keys to the car. When Seburn told him a state patrolman had them, the man ran to the car outside and the two drove away. Seburn summoned a state patrolman who lives here and the call went out for all officers surrounding Aurora to be on the lookout for two men in a Ford cabriolet.

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KARPIS SCARE STIRS AURORA

Two Men, One Resembling
Gangster, Escape Net
Spread by Officers

Special to The Leader and Press

AURORA, Jan. 15—Excitement over reports that one of the two men who slipped through a trap set by federal and state officers at a garage here was Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, had subsided by noon today.

Harry Seburn, garageman, who at first said one of the visitors had resembled Karpis, later declared he "didn't hardly believe it was Karpis, but it was a man about his size."

Machine Found Stolen

Harvey George, state highway patrolman stationed here, said there is "no foundation for reports that the man was Karpis."

The trap was set for the pair after they brought a car to Seburn's garage here December 30 for storage. Highway patrolmen checked the machine, found it had been stolen in Illinois, and issued a hold order for it.

Later Harry Seburn and his brother, Oliver, told federal officers that one of the men "looked like" a picture of Karpis.

The pair returned here at 8 o'clock this morning and "wanted to know if their car was still here," Harry Seburn said.

Driving Green Coupe

"I told them it was, but that Mr. George, the patrolman, had the keys and they'd have to see him about it," Seburn said. "They said they were going on up in town, but they left in the direction of highway 60, which is south of here."

Seburn said he notified George immediately. George notified patrol officers at Springfield and officers were instructed to watch all roads for the two men, who were driving a green Ford convertible coupe, 1931 model, with the rear window covered with white adhesive tape.

ALVIN KARPIS AND PAL ESCAPE TRAP SET IN AURORA, MO.

But Officers Are Believed Hot on Trail of Elusive Desperado.

By United Press.

AURORA, MO., Jan. 15.—Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, and a companion escaped a trap set by federal officers and highway patrolmen at a garage here Wednesday.

The trap set for the desperado had been maintained by a corps of federal agents and highway patrolmen since December 30, when Karpis and his companion rented space in a garage in which to store their motor car.

The identification of Karpis at that time was made positive by Harry and Oliver Seburn, who operate the garage, and several attendants who were there when the two men drove the machine in.

The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance during breakfast. However, federal agents and several highway patrolmen immediately took up the trail and were believed to be less than five minutes behind the desperado.

"The car stopped in front of the garage about 8:30 o'clock," Harry Seburn, who was alone, said, "and one of the men got out. The man who stayed in the car resembled Karpis. The man who came into the garage I am positive was the same one who rented the space from me and my brother last December.

"He asked me for the keys to the machine saying he wanted to take it out. I said that the man who had the keys was eating breakfast and that I would get them. Apparently he became suspicious for he turned and ran to the car and they drove rapidly away toward the west. I ran to the restaurant and notified officers."

Southwestern Missouri immediately was blanketed with radio broadcasts as county officials and highway patrolmen took up the chase and barricaded certain roads.

Officers said that Karpis and his

pal might head towards the corner of the state and escape into either Kansas, Oklahoma or Arkansas. They were driving a 1931 Ford coupe.

Local officers said the two men tried to rent a private garage December 30 and in failing to do so stored the machine in the Seburn garage. They explained the car belonged to "a friend in Chicago." Officers became suspicious and notified highway patrolmen who in turn notified federal agents.

ANOTHER KARPIS FALSE ALARM.

**Police Net at Aurora, Mo., Caused
by Mistake in Identification.**

(By the Associated Press.)

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—Another Alvin Karpis "scare," second in three weeks, sent Missouri officers scurrying on a fruitless hunt today for the nation's public enemy No. 1.

The accused kidnaper-bank robber and killer who succeeded "Baby Face" Nelson in the role of the country's most sought fugitive, was the object of an elaborate police net set at Aurora, where a garage operator said a customer resembled Karpis. Highway patrolmen later said definitely the man seen was not the notorious outlaw.

Three weeks ago, Missouri officers spread a similar net over highways because a Kansas City prisoner, Homer Fanning, said Karpis had been with him and had eluded police scout cars in an early morning chase. After a 2-day hunt by police, Fanning admitted his story was not true.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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PHONE BREKID FOLLOWING WITNESSES TESTIFIED TODAY -
NICHOLAS RODRIGUEZ, C F ELSNER, JOSEPH GARRIDO, J H ZALACAIN,
JOSE FEIJOO, E DOMINGUEZ, H C GRAZER AND AGENT MCKEE COVERING
HANDLING RANSOM MONEY IN HAVANA

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- Mr. Tracy
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 PHONE, BREKID. CROSS EXAMINATION OF AGENTS SULLIVAN, SURAN
 AND BROWN COMPLETED. AGENT OLSON AND SAC CONNELLEY TESTIFIED
 RE ARREST OF ~~THE~~ SAWYER AND ADMISSIONS OF SAWYER. AGENT BRENNAN
 ALSO TESTIFIED RE ADMISSIONS OF SAWYER. W E PIKE INTRODUCED TWELVE
 OF THE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS FOUND ON KATE AND FRED BARKER.
 BRYAN BOLTON TESTIFIED RE ACTIVITIES AND CONVERSATIONS OF GANG.
 SIMON CINOTTO TESTIFIED RE GOETZ DEPOSITING ALLEGED RANSOM MONEY
 IN CINOTTOS SHED. GOVERNMENT NEEDS ONLY TO INTRODUCE WITNESSES
 FROM THE TREASURY RE DESTRUCTION OF RANSOM MONEY FOUND IN CUBA
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 WILL REST MONDAY. DEFENSE INDICATES THEIR CASE WILL BE BRIEF

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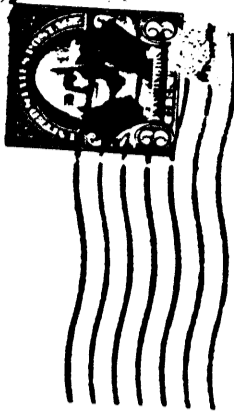
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Not long ago I read in the paper that Mrs Alvin Karpis was getting a divorce from her husband. Shortly afterward news was published of a man being taken in Arizona I believe who claimed to be traveling with Alvin Karpis. He stated that Karpis had had his face lifted. The thought has occurred to me that perhaps Mrs Karpis may find a new friend & marry again the same man with a new face.

No doubt this that has been considered if not I submit it sincerely in the hope that these people will be caught.
Very truly,
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Washington D.C.

January 24, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Trenton, N.J.

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:

~~John [unclear]~~

Subj. C. H. [unclear]

(CC-Bu. Office, [unclear])
 COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 (CC-Bu. Office, Cincinnati, [unclear])
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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Los Angeles, California
January 23, 1936

S.A.C. E. J. Connelley
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: **REED**
L. A. File 7-42

There is transmitted herewith a copy of an air mail letter received by C. J. Fitzgerald, 1234 1/2th Street, Robert Blvd., Los Angeles, California, on January 22, 1936. The letter contained no return address, but is postmarked Los Angeles, California, January 22, 1936.

CA - George D. Bremer

This letter was taken from the mail by Special Agent V. C. [redacted] in the [redacted] office. It was not possible to ascertain the name of the sender of the envelope through the [redacted] office. The name of Special Agent [redacted] is [redacted] in the [redacted] office.

Several [redacted] were contacted with the Post Office Inspector here, and officials of [redacted] were contacted in searching the mail [redacted] for information regarding this particular letter.

The Post Office Inspector has been contacted and [redacted] to keep watch for mail addressed by Fitzgerald to the [redacted] departments.

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90001
JAN 23 1936

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Clegg	✓
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Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
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Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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PHONE. EXPECT PROCEED CHICAGO TOMORROW WITH AGENTS MADALA AND SULLIVAN UPON COMPLETION INQUIRY DOLORES DELANEY AND WYNONA BURDETTE. SAC HANSON DEPARTING EIGHT FORTY FIVE PM ENROUTE LOSANGELES LOWER ~~ONE~~ FIVE CAR THIRTY NINE C AND N RAILWAY TRAIN TWENTY ONE AND FROM OMAHA BY UNION PACIFIC NUMBER SEVEN ARRIVING LOS ANGELES EIGHT THIRTY AM SUNDAY

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503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah
January 25, 1936

JEM:MRB
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E.J. Connelley
Chicago, Illinois

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter dated December 14, 1935, please be advised that I have taken this matter up with Special Agent J.T. McLaughlin and he states that he knows J.E. Stratton by reputation and met him once personally; that further, Stratton is now under indictment for the alleged violation of the Statutes of the United States relative to the use and purchase of narcotics and that from all indications that the case against him will be dismissed due to the fact that the use of narcotics by this individual is in most instances under the directions of a registered physician. In connection with the case now pending against him in the U.S. District Court of Nevada, referred to above, agent McLaughlin advises that Stratton has furnished information over a period of six or seven months regarding various persons involved with him in the case and other information regarding himself, which has been proven false.

Agent McLaughlin further advises that he recalls the time Stratton arrived in Reno, Nevada and that former Chief of Police J.M. Kirkley of Reno, kept a close watch on his activities and that agent McLaughlin accompanied Chief Kirkley on a number of occasions observing the activities of this individual and found out that this man was a promoter and also an habitual user of narcotics, but was considered otherwise harmless.

In regard to interviewing Frank Cochran of the Air Service Garage at the present time, please be advised that he is now incarcerated in the U.S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington and it is expected that he will be released some time during February, 1936. Inasmuch as agent McLaughlin has had frequent conferences with Cochran and knows him, it is probably desirable to wait until Cochran is released from the Penitentiary and returns to Reno before he is interviewed.

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Agent McLaughlin advises that when Cochran was interviewed on a number of occasions in the presence of agent V.E. Grim, he identified certain pictures of the Karpis-Barker group as being customers of his and that at that time he was pressed for information regarding them but could not furnish any great amount. However, due to the fact that he did not furnish complete information at that time in regard to his activities with Lester K. Gillis, it is possible that he withheld some information regarding Karpis and the other members involved in the Brekid

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case and might now disclose some additional information regarding these individuals.

It is accordingly being suggested to you that the interview with Cochran be postponed until he returns to Reno and if no communication is received to the contrary, I am instructing agent McLaughlin to interview him at the most practical time after his return to his home in Reno.

Very truly yours,

W.A. MOHR
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau
San Francisco
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Cleveland
New York

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah
January 23, 1936

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

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RE: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, directing that a summary of the information contained in the files of each field office regarding William Elmer Mead, be compiled and furnished to all interested offices.

The files in the Salt Lake City office have been reviewed and all the information pertaining to William Elmer Mead was set forth in summary report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, with one exception, which will be set forth hereinbelow. In order to avoid duplication of the facts as set forth in agent Suran's report, the Salt Lake City office does not deem it advisable to prepare a summary report in this matter. The exception was in investigation conducted by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, set forth in his report dated January 14, 1936.

This report sets forth investigation requested by the New York office in report of Special Agent J.B. Dickerson, dated 12-31-35, relative to the location of William A. Shaw, alias Brady, who was indicted with Mead in Jacksonville, Florida in 1922 on a swindle charge; that William A. Shaw pleaded guilty on April 2, 1934 at Jacksonville and was discharged; that at the present time is probably in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Investigation at Salt Lake City, Utah, developed that William Shaw with wife and mother-in-law, operated Stratford Hotel, Salt Lake City in 1931 and 1932 and are presently managing the Broadway Hotel, Salt Lake City; that Shaw's reputation is that of being a contact man for confidence men over the country and absolutely uncooperative.

The report is held pending with an undeveloped lead directed to the Cincinnati office requesting that the Salt Lake City office be advised whether or not they deem it advisable to contact Shaw personally relative to his associations with Mead, inasmuch as the reference report on which

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the investigation is based, only asks for the location of Shaw.

Very truly yours,



W.A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge

CC:All Field Offices

cc Connolly - Chicago

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
January 25, 1936.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Time - 11:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Butts, Assistant General Agent of the Department, telephoned me and said that he had before him a reimbursement voucher from the Department of State containing a number of items, one of which reads as follows: "A long distance telephone call to San Isegro (phonetic), U. S. Immigration Office, San Isegro, reporting for the information of the Department of Justice officials a rumor that Alvin Karpis, a fugitive from justice from the United States, was in the vicinity of Ansanata (phonetic). The Consulate had been previously asked by officials of the Los Angeles Office to report such rumors and other information of interest to the Justice Department."

Mr. Butts wanted to know if the Los Angeles Office referred to in this quotation was the Bureau's Los Angeles Office, and if in fact the Bureau had requested such action of the State Department.

I told Mr. Butts that at the moment I did not know; that, however, I would be glad to check the matter and call him back.

Respectfully,
EAT
E. A. TAMM.

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James J. Tamm
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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **9-50**

REPORT MADE AT Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-27-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19, 21, 22/36	REPORT MADE BY G. A. NICHOLSON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mail carrier at Kings Mountain, N. C. does not recognize any writing on tracings. States Mackie family known to him for 2 years and seem like hard working honest people. Neighbors state Mackie family are of N. C. origin; know nothing of relatives in Texas. Family has had no visitors except persons known to neighbors. Mrs. J. B. Mackie questioned under pretext, states she has no relatives in Texas. H. S. Mackie, brother of J. B. Mackie, Gastonia, N. C. states family has distant relatives in Texas.

REFERENCE:

Report of W. A. Collier, Jr., dated at Charlotte, N. C., January 10, 1936.

DETAILS:

At Grover, North Carolina

Mr. A. F. Collins, rural mail carrier on Route One, Kings Mountain, N. C., delivers mail to the Mackie family and states that he has known them for about two years, although he knows nothing of their family connections; that they do not send out or receive very much mail and he cannot remember whether or not they have ever sent mail to Texas; and that he knows very little about their private life except that they seem to be hard working, honest people of average intelligence. He did not recognize any writing on the tracings.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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At Mountain View, North Carolina.

Mr. L. F. Ritch, Superintendent of the Mutual Cotton Mill, Number 2, Mountain View, N. C., stated that he had been employed there for the past two years and that he had known Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackie since that time. He stated that as far as he knew the Mackie family were honest and of average intelligence, and that to his knowledge they had kept the store for the mill hands for about six or seven years. He further stated that he had not noticed any strangers visiting with the Mackies in the vicinity except those whom he knew to be relatives of the Mackies from Gastonia, N. C., and that he thought that the Mackie family originated in or around Granite Falls, N. C.

Mr. T. J. Gray, bookkeeper for the past two years for the Mutual Cotton Mill, Number 2, Mountain View, N. C., gave substantially the same information that Mr. Ritch gave and stated that he did not think that the Mackies had any relatives outside the state of North Carolina, although he did not know them intimately.

Mrs. J. B. Mackie was interviewed under pretext as

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[REDACTED] Mr. Mackie was out hunting and could not be contacted. Mrs. Mackie stated that although she would like to claim relatives in Texas [REDACTED] she did not have any relatives whatsoever in Texas nor had her husband, so far as she knew, or any place outside the State of North Carolina.

At Gastonia, North Carolina.

Mr. H. S. Mackie, who is a buyer for the Gastonia Cotton Mill, was interviewed under the same pretext as above, and informed agent that there were some Mackies some place in Texas who were distant relatives of his but that they were another branch of the family about whom he knew very little. He stated that Jonas Mackie, Newton, N. C., would probably know more about them. He further stated that neither he nor his brother, J. B. Mackie, had ever corresponded with the Texas relatives and that he knew nothing concerning them.

Investigation in this matter at Newton, N. C. will be held in abeyance pending the desire and advice of the office of origin.

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Law Offices
WIDEMAN, WARDLAW & CALDWELL
1401-12 Harvey Building
West Palm Beach, Florida

January 14, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On November 18, 1936 I received your permission to address the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, Florida, on the general work of the Bureau and, accordingly, on November 20th I made such address.

Several days ago I received an invitation to address the Rotary Club of West Palm Beach on the general work of the Bureau and presuming upon your previous permission, I today spoke on this subject at the Rotary Club meeting. I trust that this meets with your approval.

Though under the impression that I had acknowledged receipt of your letter dated November 18, enclosing a chart of the Flagle Case, I now find that I neglected so to do. Will you please accept my apology for this oversight and my belated thanks for the letter and enclosure.

While in Miami the other day I picked up a rumor to the effect that Mrs. Joe Adams, whose husband I understand is charged with harboring Alvin Karpis, received a present for Christmas 1934, a silver cocktail set and serving tray from Karpis. This tray and set is rumored to be sterling silver and the tray supposedly bears the initials of Mrs. Adams. Likely you are already advised of this rumor and know whether or not it contains any truth. I mention it thinking that perhaps, if true, it might aid in proving that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams knew the identity of Karpis at the time he was staying in the hotel in Miami managed by this couple.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Harry W. Stewart, Jr.

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Mr. Harry W. Stewart, Jr.,
c/o Wideman, Wardlaw and Caldwell,
1401-12 Harvey Building,
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated January 14, 1936, advising of the addresses which you delivered before the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club of West Palm Beach. I deeply appreciate your continued interest in this Bureau in addressing these organizations.

I also desire to express my appreciation for the information which you furnished regarding the alleged silver cocktail set which Alvin Karpis supposedly gave Mrs. Joe Adams as a Christmas present in 1934.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC-Jacksonville, Fla.

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Edward J. Boyle

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BREKID. EXPEDITE REPORT RE KNOXVILLE INVESTIGATION OF INFORMATION
SUPPLIED BY EDDIE NICHOLS.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, JACKSONVILLE.

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BREKID. BUREAU IN RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FROM PD, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA TO
EFFECT BERNARD BUDICK PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY ON CHARGE OF IMPERSONATING
AN OFFICER. REFER TO LETTER FROM NEWYORK OFFICE TO YOUR OFFICE DATED
APRIL 27, 1934 AND REPORT OF AGENT MAIR DATED JACKSONVILLE MAY 15, 1934
IN BREKID FILE, INFORMATION TO EFFECT BUDICK IS FRIEND OF BERNARD
PHILLIPS AND WAS IN CONTACT WITH HIM IN NEWYORKCITY SEPTEMBER 1932.
INTERVIEW BUDICK AND ASCERTAIN FACTS RELATIVE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH FRANK
MAE AND PHILLIPS AT NEWYORKCITY. PD, PALM BEACH ADVISED OF CRIMINAL
RECORD OF BUDICK.

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- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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Per *[Signature]* R

Post Office Drawer "V", Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri,
January 27, 1936.

Mr. J. B. Moran,
2039 Wirthrop Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of Special Agent
T. B. Ferguson of this office, I am returning herewith two finger-
print cards containing your fingerprints, which were procured by
Agent Ferguson on November 7, 1935.

You will recall that on that occasion, Agent Fergu-
son gave you a written receipt for these fingerprint cards, therefore,
it is requested that this receipt be returned to the St. Louis Office
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A self-addressed envelope,
which requires no postage is being transmitted herewith for your convenience
in replying.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: MURKIN

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this office with a supply of the most recent photographs of subject ALVIN KARPIS, at as early a date as possible.

Very truly yours,

LJB

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

- CC - Bureau
- E. J. Connelley
- Cincinnati
- St. Paul

Edwin H. G. O'Brien

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

January 27, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

It is respectfully requested that this office be
furnished with twenty-five (25) copies of Identification Order
No. 1218 - ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE.

Very truly yours,
J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

EJB

~~Special Agt
Chicago~~

~~Dear Sir:~~

~~Office of
ALVIN KARPIS~~

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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January 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: REXID

Please refer to report of Special Agent E. J. Ryan,
Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936, containing an undeveloped
lead for your office to endeavor to locate LILLIAN POOLE at 30 East
Forest Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Lillian Poole has been located and is presently resid-
ing at Toledo, Ohio, therefore, you may disregard the above referred
to lead.

Very truly yours,

EV/LB

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward J. Ryan

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PHONE. BREKID. JURY FIVE PM TODAY RETURNED VERDICT OF GUILTY AS
 TO ALL SUBJECTS ON TRIAL, ^{Wm}WEAVER, ^{James}MCDONALD., AND ^{Henry}SAWYER. JUDGE
 NORDBYE U S DISTRICT COURT, STPAUL, IMMEDIATELY SENTENCED SAWYER
 AND WEAVER TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND DEFERRED SENTENCE AS TO
 MCDONALD TO FEBRUARY ONE, NINETTEN THIRTY SIX, LATER GRANTING
 STAY OF EXECUTION AS TO ALL TO JANUARY THIRTY FIRST, NINETTEN
 THIRTY SIX. THE JUDGE DESIRES AND US ATTORNEY SULLIVAN REQUESTS
 CERTAIN INQUIRY AT DETROIT AS TO MENTAL CAPACITY MCDONALD WHICH
 I HAVE REQUESTED IN LETTER TO DETROIT TONIGHT.

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BOLTON, DOLORES DELANEY AND WYNONA BURDETTE HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED
 AT LENGTH AND INTERVIEW TO BE CONTINUED BY AGENTS MADALA AND SULLIVAN
 UNTIL SUNDAY. THEY ARE GIVING DETAILS WHICH MAY ASSIST IN FURTHER
 INQUIRY AND ACTION AT STPAUL, TOLEDO AND CLEVELAND AND ~~THE~~ THE
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Post Office Box 815
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 27, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

BANKID

Reference is made to your letter of
January 23, 1936, and reply of the St. Paul Office
dated January 25, 1936, wherein the latter office
advised that the Prosser Motor Company was unknown
in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

A further search in Minneapolis and St.
Paul has failed to disclose any person by the name
of Prosser who may have been the occupants of the
Pontiac Coupe. Check of automobile registrations
and drivers' license in Minnesota failed to disclose
any Prossers which could not be identified as being
other than the individuals mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 25, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Bureau dated December 19, 1935, (7-576) wherein the Little Rock Office was requested to prepare a summary report of all information appearing in the files in this case pertaining to William Elmer Mead, with aliases.

This is to advise that a review of the files of this case in the Little Rock Office reveals that no investigative activity has been conducted with reference to Mead in the State of Arkansas and the only information appearing in the files as to this subject has been submitted by the Bureau and auxiliary offices.

In view of the above, no summary report is being submitted by this office, and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the interested offices.

Very truly yours,

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CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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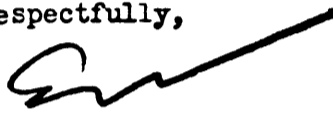
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at St. Paul, he advised that he was through out there and would return to Chicago tonight, arriving in Chicago in the morning. I asked Mr. Connelley to call me after he gets acclimated in Chicago again so that we might discuss the setup at Cleveland, and also the one in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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FBI OFFICE NO. 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with the possible trial of Myrtle Eaton in Florida with reference to an indictment charging the harboring of William Weaver, interview with her indicates that her first husband was one FRED ROWLES; that she was born March 14, 1902 and that when seventeen years of age she was married to Rowles at Des Moines, Iowa; that in 1919 she started living with Doc Eaton, with whom she continued to live until he was sent to the penitentiary in Minnesota, and thereafter she again lived with him in 1931 when he was released. About 1932 she was living at 865 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, and first started her intimate association with William Weaver.

It is requested that immediate effort be made to determine the marital status between Myrtle Eaton and Fred Rowles, particularly as to whether she was ever divorced from this individual, and with this idea in mind it is suggested that the necessary court records be examined, and thereafter possibly Fred Rowles located and interviewed, in order that this information may be available for the presentation of this case in Florida.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 612
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: KID

Reference is made to your letter of January 25, 1936, in this matter, as to confiscated Ford Sedan, Motor No. 12-1120702, which apparently was purchased by Harry Campbell under the name of Summers in Florida, subsequently confiscated by the Bureau, and thereafter returned by your office to George C. Campbell, 218 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It is noted that it is proposed that possibly there should be a transfer effected from the Bureau to George C. Campbell, based upon our registration of this automobile for official use in the State of Florida, as to which in my opinion I believe to be an undesirable action, for reason that we have no assurance as to what channels this car may eventually go into, and there is no way of knowing at this time what possibilities might arise in the future to embarrass us by reason of the fact that tracing of the car might indicate prior Bureau ownership of the automobile, which would be referred to incorrectly in the future.

It is believed that the father, George C. Campbell, succeeded to no better right or title of ownership in this car than is indicated by the record showing the purchase by subject Harry Campbell, and if the father cares to register this car he should predicate same upon the title reflected in the party who originally purchased same, without reference to the fact that the Bureau had this car registered for tags in the State of Florida, and which as previously above indicated, in my opinion should not be used as the basis for title or ownership of the car by any other person.

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Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In re: BANKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 14, 1936 addressed to me at St. Paul in the above entitled matter. In connection with the above matter, a copy of a letter from Harry Campbell, located at Midland, Texas, in connection with the above matter, it is requested that all offices indicated make suitable investigation to determine who the people referred to are, and that definite investigation be made to determine whether there is any possibility of locating Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis through inquiry, confidentially and discreetly carried on as to the individuals referred to.

In the future it is suggested that based upon the information contained in the copies of the reports in this case available to you, and the information appearing on the identification order, that any and all messages received in the above matter on the mail of the brother be suitably referred immediately to all offices in which investigation is being conducted. It is believed that considerable progress may be effected, by referring these messages to the appropriate offices for the necessary consideration, and that the necessary investigation be carried on in any and all offices indicated.

In connection with your prior inquiry at Midland, Texas it is believed that this warrants further definite suitable consideration and active aggressive investigative action, in order that by discreet careful planning we may locate Harry Campbell through this brother, as it is apparent that he is in touch with his relatives at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The investigation as to this brother should be continuously and actively carried on until such time as Harry Campbell is apprehended.

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The attention of the Oklahoma City office is being called to the fact that the relatives of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma, are apparently are availing themselves of the situation wherein letters are mailed by means of the railway mail box office, which is a common practice.

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The possibility of any check of such mail if it were to go through the Tulsa, Oklahoma Post Office. With this in mind consideration should be given to checking the movements and activities of any and all relatives of Harry Campbell, and to see that no letter going to Tulsa, Oklahoma, by either direct or indirect means, will come to Tulsa, Oklahoma, by any means, but by the usual practice of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Post Office. If this latter situation is the case, arrangements should be immediately made to have this mail examined for the purpose above stated.

The El Paso and Dallas offices, in connection with their check of the mail of the relatives of this fugitive, should also give consideration to the possible use by these relatives of the railway mail service, rather than allowing same to go through the regular Post Office.

Tracing No. 1 enclosed with the letter of the El Paso Office is being forwarded herewith to the Dallas office, and tracing No. 2 is being forwarded herewith to the San Antonio office. Tracings No. 3 and 4 are being forwarded herewith to the Oklahoma City office for their information.

Very truly yours,

E. J. SCHMIDT,

Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 618
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

In re: BREXID

Reference is made to your letter of January 22, 1936 as to the services offered by one [redacted] to act as a confidential informant to locate Alvin Karpis, for which he requests \$10,000.00, and who was referred to you by Mr. L. F. Cole of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Kansas City.

We have no prior information as to this individual as far as I can learn from the file in this matter at Chicago, except that it is noted in report of Agent Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated August 6, 1934, page 8, copies of which were furnished your office, that reference is made to one [redacted] a "hot bond" dealer, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who indicated to a certain extent that he would act as an informant, and also indicated a somewhat similar attitude as is reflected by the [redacted] you have had contact with.

For the information of the Oklahoma City office, to which copy of this letter is being forwarded, this party [redacted] is described as being about [redacted]

[redacted] it is possible that Agent Hansen can supply a description of the person he contacted under the name of [redacted] at Tulsa, in order to determine whether or not these individuals are one and the same.

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In connection with the dealings of the [redacted] office with this party [redacted] it appears that he is an informant who should be given definitely to understand that in connection with any services he renders, we will dictate the necessary arrangements as to [redacted] 1936 believed he is an opportunist, endeavoring to effect an offer of a large reward in hopes that he might develop information looking to the location of subject Karpis.

Very truly yours,

ONE [redacted]

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
CC Okla. City (Person. & Conf) Special Agent in Charge.
Bureau " "
St. Louis " "
St. Paul " " Cincinnati

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

For the information of the file in this matter, there is returned herewith to you copy of letter of the Los Angeles office dated January 10, 1936, addressed to the Director, which was forwarded to me at St. Paul, for the completion of your file, together with the enclosures indicated, namely picture of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and specimens of the handwriting of Fitzgerald and Imogene Robertson, one copy of this already being available in the files of the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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**U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 28, 1936**

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of December 19, 1935 and the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran of the Chicago Office, dated January 6, 1936 with reference to the compilation of data concerning William Elmer Mead, with aliases, please be advised that the records of the Oklahoma City Office have been checked, attention, of course, being given to all of his aliases as contained in the letter and report referred to, and nothing has been found with respect to him that is not contained in the instant case.

In view of the foregoing, it does not appear necessary to prepare any summary report concerning this angle of the case.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc All Field Offices,
and Connelley, Chicago.

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

January 29, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 20, 1936, making inquiry concerning Mr. Fay M. Thomas, who recently assumed the management of the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

For your information, Mr. Thomas opened the Cavalier Hotel at Virginia Beach, Virginia some few years ago. This Hotel is one of the leading Hotels in Virginia, particularly on the eastern seaboard and is patronized principally by a high class clientele from New York and Boston. After leaving the Cavalier Hotel, Mr. Thomas assumed the management of the Elliott Hotel in Suffolk, Virginia. He then took over the management of the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. Later, he took over the management of the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia and of the Patrick Henry Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. Thomas then assumed the management of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton, Virginia, later, going to the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

The above mentioned Hotels are all leading and prominent Hotels.

Mr. Charles Gay, Manager of the Lafayette Hotel, this city, who is personally known to Special Agent F. M. Hickey, advised that he has known Mr. Thomas personally for a number of years. He stated that Mr. Thomas is reliable and could be contacted for any information of a confidential nature.

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Special Agent F. M. Hickey also communicated with Colonel G. B. Berland, Director, Public Safety, Norfolk, Virginia, which City is located near Virginia Beach. Colonel Berland advised that he knows Mr. Thomas personally and that he is considered a very reliable and

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dependable man and that in his opinion, Mr. Thomas could be approached for any information of a confidential nature.

Mr. Thomas is a relative of General J. Leslie Kincaid, formerly Adjutant General of the State of New York. He is now President of the American Hotels Corporation.

I believe that you will find Mr. Thomas cooperative and should you desire to contact him on an exceptionally confidential inquiry in connection with instant investigation that he would be only too willing to render every assistance.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letters of January 14, 1936, both of which enclosed copies of the log maintained as to the tap on the telephone of WILLIAM FERGUS at Cleveland, Ohio.

In this connection the various parties who have contacted William Fergus, such as Mr. Cane at Cherry 6043, "Needle" Mitchell, the party in Room 617 Carter Hotel, et al, these persons should be the subject of the necessary intensive investigation in order that we may be intimately advised as to the addresses, locations, business activities and connections of any and all parties who may come in contact with William Fergus, and who may be remotely connected with him, particularly as to his association with Arthur Heberbrand and James Patton. All of these parties should be definitely identified, and the possibility eliminated of their being a contact for the subjects we are endeavoring to locate, or the intermediary through which the subjects we are endeavoring to apprehend may contact either with Heberbrand and Patton or any other persons.

These checks as to the individuals referred to should be carefully worked out in order that nothing may be done which would arouse the suspicions of the persons in question, as due to the activities as against the Harvard Club there, these individuals will undoubtedly be more or less apprehensive at this time.

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Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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

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Dear Sir:

FEB 10 1936 In re: BREKID

Reference is made to my telephone conversation of January 17, 1936 from the St. Paul office advising as to the fact that Thomas J. Shaw, arrested at Akron, Ohio, had been identified as one and the same as Milton Lett, through his criminal record.

The first information referred to us by the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland indicated that they themselves had written to the Bureau asking for the criminal record of Thomas J. Shaw, based upon a copy of the fingerprints that had been obtained by them from the Akron Police Department, to which a reply was received indicating that Shaw had no prior criminal record. However, subsequently the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland changed his story as to how he had been advised that no criminal record was available, and indicated that apparently when he obtained the record from the Akron Police he had asked them as to a further criminal record as to Thomas J. Shaw, and the Akron Police advised that upon forwarding his prints on October 19, 1935 they had received a reply from the Bureau to the effect that he had no prior record. Subsequently as indicated in my telephone conversation, when the Cleveland office, upon my instructions, requested that a wanted notice be placed as against the record of Shaw, based upon his Akron, Ohio arrest apparently the Bureau located his complete criminal record, as is reflected in Bureau letter of January 13, 1936, file 7-576, and having assembled his complete criminal record, same was thereafter forwarded to the Akron, Ohio Police Department. Immediately the Akron Police Department received this criminal record, it being our impression that possibly the wanted notice was also included thereon, but which by subsequent inquiry of the Akron Police Department was proved to be erroneous, they called the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland, advising them of the latest information as to the record of Shaw, and the information that he was one and the same as Milton Lett. Acting immediately on such information the Post Office Inspectors endeavored in both Ohio and Oklahoma to cause the arrest of Milton Lett for their purposes.

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In this connection in telephone communication to the Oklahoma City office I requested that they endeavor to locate Milton Lett possibly under the pretext that we wished to confer with him as to his possible confidential services in locating Harry Campbell, and thereafter they should arrange to get out of him any possible information which would indicate the location of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, particularly as it is believed he might know the location in Cleveland, Ohio or that vicinity of these subjects. As yet the Oklahoma City office has not advised me as to whether they have located Milton Lett and I presume they have been unable to do so. While it is realized that Milton Lett was undoubtedly under arrest on November 6 and 7, 1935 and could not have taken part in the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery, the fact remains that the Post Office Inspectors claim the positive identification of him as Shaw in the buying of the automobile used in this robbery, at Cleveland, Ohio on October 25, 1935. It is possible that the arrests of Milton Lett might have been self-serving in order that he might have a definite alibi at the time this robbery occurred, he apparently having been arrested November 6, 1935 at Coffeyville, and later turned over on November 7th to Yates Center, Kansas, although apparently immediately thereafter released.

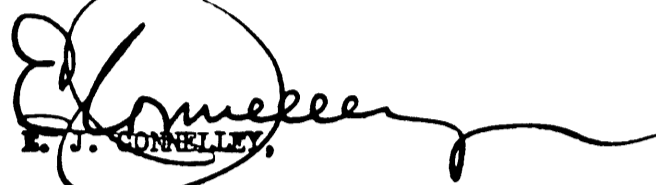
The most recent activities of Milton Lett known to us is his employment at the Harvard Club from about April to September, 1935 as furnished by our confidential informant at Cleveland, and it is very possible that as has previously been reported, Campbell contacted Lett and left fifty dollars with Mark Whinnery in Oklahoma in April, 1935, who thereafter took Lett to the vicinity of Cleveland where he obtained employment at the Harvard Club. It is noted that apparently about the time Lett disappeared from Cleveland and later appeared in Oklahoma and after which he was arrested as previously above referred to, this represents approximately the same time as Harry Campbell is alleged to have possibly again visited with his mother and father at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With this situation in mind it is believed that the surveillance being maintained of the home of the father and mother of Campbell at Tulsa should be continued for the present time, until the situation has been definitely worked out and all possibilities eliminated as to Lett and Campbell both in Oklahoma and Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the Oklahoma City office with the request that they furnish me with copies of the log

maintained as to this particular surveillance, or a report covering any and all possible developments to date.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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January 27, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Rosen, I am transmitting herewith six copies of the criminal record as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Thomas J. Shaw, alias Carl Baker, alias Milton Lett, Police Department, Akron, Ohio, #26337, #FBI-1008739.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder
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SUMMARY REPORT

In accordance with the request contained in Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, that a summary report containing all information concerning William Elmer Mead, with aliases, available from investigation in the Charlotte office territory be prepared for all offices, a review of the Charlotte files reveals that no information concerning Mead exists except that contained in the BREMER file, which information is as follows:

As reflected in the report of Special Agent Paul H. Plunkett, dated at Boston, Mass., August 28, 1935, G. Arthur Hastings, 87 Robbins Road, Arlington, Mass. had contacted William Elmer Mead through his casual acquaintance with Joseph Peter Bowling and E. M. "Jack" Lentz of Savannah, Ga., at Charleston, S. C., about March 27, 1935.

The report of Special Agent A. E. Lockie dated at Charlotte, N. C., September 10, 1935, reflects that Joseph Peter Bowling, aliases: James Dexter, James P. Donohue, James P. Proper, Joe Bowling, was arrested at Charleston, S. C., on the night of March 28, 1935, for investigation, and released when formal charges were not placed against him; that Bowling was a professed card shark; that he is not a resident of Charleston, S. C.; and the record of his arrest as above set out is the only information obtained in Charleston concerning him.

Investigation at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, S. C. failed to result in a discovery of Bowling's having been registered at that hotel in 1935, although he was reputedly stopping at the Francis Marion Hotel when he was arrested.

The report of Special Agent Robert S. Hendon, dated at Atlanta, Ga., October 9, 1935, reflects that Joseph Peter Bowling and E. M. "Jack" Lentz were closely interviewed concerning their chance meeting with William Elmer Mead and G. Arthur Hastings at Charleston, S. C., about March 27, 1935, and they denied knowing any of Mead's associates or being possessed of any information concerning

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his present whereabouts, contending that their meeting with him in Charleston was accidental.

The report of Special Agent L. V. Chesser, dated at Charlotte, N. C., October 23, 1935, reflects that P. O. Mead, 332 Eager Street, Charleston, S. C., is a reputable business man and has no connection with William Elmer Mead, as was thought possible as shown in the report of Special Agent Robert C. Hendon, Atlanta, Ga., above referred to. Further investigation at Charleston, S. C. revealed that the P. O. Mead family above set out is the only Mead family in that city.

The report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett, dated at Boston, Mass., July 20, 1935, reflects that William E. Mead, as C. E. Carter, was arrested by the Northampton Police, Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935, and that among his effects was discovered a "Conoco Passport", number 705768, Season 1935-36, issued by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colo. to C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S. C. Subsequent investigation, as reflected by the report of Special Agent A. E. Gore, dated at Denver, Colo., July 30, 1935, developed that C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S. C., on April 5, 1935, requested road maps of Mexico for himself and four friends, the names of whom were unavailable.

The report of Special Agent A. B. Leckie, dated at Charlotte, N. C., August 14, 1935, reflects that investigation at Charleston, S. C., showed that C. E. Charles had been registered at the Charleston Hotel on May 15, 1935, registering from Savannah, and remaining through May 18th. Further investigation at Charleston failed to reflect any information concerning C. E. Charles.

The records of the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S. C., did reflect that on April 28, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. William Mead registered at that hotel from Schenectady, New York, being there for only one night.

The signatures of C. E. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. William Mead, as appearing on the register of the Charleston Hotel were traced and have been forwarded to the office of origin for comparison with the known handwriting of William Elmer Mead.

The photograph of William Elmer Mead was freely exhibited to various witnesses at Charleston, S. C. in all investigations conducted there without effecting an identification.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-11

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REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/25/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/21-23/36	REPORT MADE BY J. E. LAWLER
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: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Esther Bixler and sister Mrs. I. F. Callihan located at Falconer, New York. Unable to ascertain standing and reputation. Mail cover placed. All telephone calls traced to persons of good reputation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney, Pittsburgh, Penna., dated 1/3/36; report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/9/36; Cleveland Bureau office letter dated 1/22/36.			
DETAILS: <u>At Jamestown, New York</u> The 1934 City Directory of Jamestown, N. Y. revealed the name of Esther Bixler, maid, 97 Forest Avenue, no residence address given. In the street listing of the same directory, it appeared that Dr. R. B. Barone was listed as residing at 97 Forest Avenue. Of the five Sutton names appearing in the directory, none appeared as having a wife by the name of Pearl. Thomas Clark, Superintendent of Mail, Jamestown Post Office, stated upon interview that Miss Esther Bixler was unknown to him; that she had no forwarding address from 97 Forest Avenue; that there was no Sutton listed whose wife's maiden name was Pearl. Mr. Clark further stated that to his knowledge, Dr. Barone bore an excellent reputation in the community. Chief of Police C. F. Sandburg, Jamestown Police Department, stated upon interview that Dr. Barone had a very excellent reputation in the community and could be trusted and relied upon.			
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Miss E. C. Clark, Secretary to Dr. Barone, 97 Forest Avenue, stated upon interview that Dr. Barone was presently out of the city and would not return for some two weeks. Miss Clark advised the writer that there was employed sometime ago a young lady by the name of Esther Bixler as a maid in the residence of Dr. Barone; that Miss Bixler was employed before the time of her (Miss Clark's) employment, but that she understood Miss Bixler had been discharged by Mrs. Barone, and that she was presently living with her sister at Falconer, New York. The exact date she did not know, and was unable to ascertain from other employees of Dr. Barone's household.

Mr. John Wright, Superintendent of the Jamestown Telephone Company, stated upon interview that telephone number 44151 was listed for the Anderson Restaurant and Bakery, 7 E. Main Street, Falconer, New York; that the phone had been connected since July, 1935; that he personally knew the two Anderson boys who ran the Restaurant, and that they had good reputations and were reliable people in that community.

At Falconer, New York

Mr. Leon Rider, Postmaster, stated upon interview that he did not know the Bixler girl, but that there were two individuals in that community by the name of Esther and Pearl Sutton; that this was a maiden name, and that neither of them were married. Mr. Rider further stated that the two Anderson boys of the Anderson Restaurant and Bakery, bore an excellent reputation in the community and were very reliable and substantial citizens.

Miss Edna R. Lyons, General Delivery Clerk, stated upon interview that she did not know anyone by the name of Bixler in the community, and a search through the city directory by her for the name of Bixler, revealed there was no one presently at Falconer by that name.

Mr. Theodore, Postal Carrier, stated upon interview that to his knowledge there was an Esther Bixler living at 121 Elmwood Avenue, Falconer, N. Y., with her married sister Mrs. L. A. Callihan. Search of the two directories of Falconer, N.Y. indicated that the maiden name of Mrs. L. A. Callihan was Pearl M.; that Mr. Callihan was a mechanic.

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Elmer Hall, Police Officer, stated upon interview that he did not know anyone in the community by the name of Esther Bixler; that as far as he knew the Callihans bore a good reputation in the community; that they were more or less unknown and that the exact length of their stay in Falconer was not known to him.

Chief of Police W. M. Paplow stated upon interview that Esther Bixler was unknown to him and that L. E. Callihan bore a good reputation in the community.

Inasmuch as the reputation and standing of Esther Bixler and Mrs. L. E. Callihan were unknown, a mail cover was effected with the Postmaster, Leon Rider, and a letter of confirmation of this mail cover is being sent to him.

At Westfield, New York

Chief of Police Andrew Tolletson, who was ascertained to be a reliable officer at the Buffalo Bureau office, stated upon interview that Miss Bessie McDonald, 57 Elm Street, was a lifetime resident of Westfield and bore an excellent reputation; that she was about 48 years old, and that she was performing secretarial work at the Welch Grape Juice Company. The writer wishes to state that Miss Bessie McDonald was indicated in the report of E. J. Dowd as having received one of the telephone calls listed in his report.

Mr. F. E. Richardson, Assistant Postmaster, stated upon interview that he had known Miss Bessie McDonald all her life; that she had been working for some 35 years at the Welch Grape Juice Company; that she was approximately 50 years old, and that her father was a superintendent of the Welch Plant before his death.

At Franklinville, New York

Mr. J. J. McClorey, Postmaster, stated upon interview that James Pierce, 15 Chestnut Avenue, was an attorney and a lifetime resident of Franklinville; that he was single, and bore an excellent reputation in the community, and was presently their County Attorney. The writer

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wishes to note that Mr. James Pierce was one of the recipients of a phone call as set out in the report of E. J. Dowd.

At Buffalo, New York

Mr. P. W. Helffenstein, Superintendent, N.Y. State Telephone Company, Room 1300, 40 Church Street, stated after a search of his records that: Delaware 8435 was listed in the name of Marvin B. Morrison, 84 Delham Street, and that the phone was connected Jan. 4, 1934; Garfield 8940 was listed in the name of the Cornwell Quality Tool Co., 62 Landon Street, and that there was a separate listing at this number in the name of Gust C. Hoff; that the phone was connected Oct. 15, 1926; University 8424 was listed in the name of Dr. Herman F. May, 59 Greenfield Street, and that the phone was connected in December, 1921. That all of the above listed subscribers had paid their bills regularly, and there was nothing against them at the Telephone Company.

The 1935 City Directory indicates that Marvin B. Morrison is Treasurer of the Morrison Railway Supply Company; that he is married and that his present address is 84 Delham Street; that Gust C. Hoff was a salesman, and that his present address is 62 Landon Street; that Herman F. May is a physician at 59 Bryant Street, and that his residence is at 59 Greenfield Street.

Assistant U.S. Attorney J. S. Cariero stated upon interview that Dr. May is one of the outstanding physicians of Buffalo, New York; that he bears an excellent reputation, and is the U.S. Attorney, George L. Grobe's, private physician. The names of Hoff and Morrison were unknown to him.

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A letter from the Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio, dated Jan. 22, 1936, indicated that the long distance telephone calls

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set out in the report of E. J. Dowd dated Jan. 9, 1936, made by Murray Cook from his home and place of business, The Swallows, Ashtabula, Ohio, should not be checked by the auxiliary offices, in view of which the other calls set out in the reference report are not being checked.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BUFFALO OFFICE at Falconer, N.Y. will report the mail cover placed on the mail of Miss Esther Bixler and Mrs. L. A. Callihan at 121 Elmwood Avenue.

P E N D I N G

P.O. Box #84
Buffalo, New York

January 27, 1936

Mr. Leon Rider
Postmaster
Falconer, New York

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm the oral agreement between you and a representative of this office placing a mail cover on the mail of Miss Esther Dixler and Mrs. L. A. Galligan, owners of the mail addressed to 121 Niagara Avenue, Falconer, New York.

It is requested that you advise this office if you have any mail cover to forward to the Buffalo office.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SACRETT
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 27, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto receipt covering
transfer of one Buick Car to the U.S. Marshal.

You will recall that this was the car
in the Karpis Case. It has been deleted from our inventory.

Very truly yours,

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

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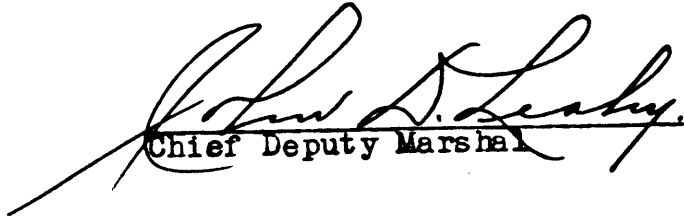
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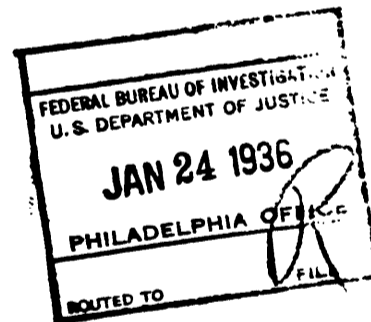
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Philadelphia, Pa.
January 22, 1936

Received from the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, United States Department of
Justice, Philadelphia, Pa., one Buick Sedan,
Motor #42949155, Serial #2783525, in accord-
ance with an order issued by the United States
District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
Court #M-575, dated January 20, 1936.


Chief Deputy Marshal

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524 40th St. ^{Fla}
West Palm Beach
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Mr. Edgar Hoover FEB 6 1936
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Dear Sir: Reference is made
to my letter of 20th inst. in
which I requested contact with
one of your men in the
Y. M. C. A. of P. E. No. 1. ^{Chicago} ^{Ill.}
No answer has been received from you
& your man has asked my
attention in this matter.
However I will enlighten you
with another man is still

see and has been since
Dec 10th and how long
before that I can't tell.
This is no doubt contrary
to what you think.
Immediately upon ^{the} recognition
of Alvin I went to P.H. Co.
and saw Statton Thompson
and took him over the
field he promised his ^{address}
and gave me his telephone
no. Several times afterwards
I called him and he was out
and one time failed to materialize
after he rec'd my message.
On another occasion I
printed out a man badly

wanted and he took this
man out of hearing distance
and after a few minutes talk
with him let him go free
although he admitted that this
man had all qualifications
and ear marks, such as eyes,
hair teeth all out, looks had
right but that he was 2 inches
taller than himself not 5 ft 10 1/2
inches as he himself was that
bright Detective Thompson is
is bigger than myself my
height is 5 ft 7 inches. This
is a matter of the city in which
to get the Detective's work
in him one hour afterwards
I was not certain if they did
in fact but I was not in that.

I don't know just how much
longer Karpis will be kept
but confidentially between us
two he could be here until
he was able to grow whiskers
and then they could find
him. understandingly between
us I don't trust them and
another thing, it would take
up too much space on paper
to go into details on this subject.
Your office would of first
been notified of this upon
first detection of Karpis but
I was hot on his trail and after
quick returns. but Alvin has
the instincts of 2 devils.
W.H. Kelly - W.H. Kelly

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529 40th St.
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Jan 27/36

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

Dear Sir: Reference is made to my letter of 20th inst. in which I requested contact with one of your G Men in the apprehending of P. B. No. 1, Alvin Karpis. So far however no answer has been received from you or no G Man has asked my cooperation in this matter. However I will enlighten you on this matter. Alvin is still here and has been since Dec 10th and how long before that I can't tell. This is no doubt contrary to what you think. Immediately upon the recognition of Alvin I went to P. B. No. 1 and saw Detective Thompson and took him over the field. He promised his support and gave me his telephone no. several times afterwards I called him and he was out and one time failed to materialize after he rec'd my message. On another occasion I pointed out a man badly wanted and he took this man out of hearing distant and after a few minutes talk with him let him go free although he admitted that this man had all qualifications and ear marks, such as eyes, hair, teeth all out, looks and weight but that he was 2 inches taller than himself not 5 ft 10 1/8 inches as he himself was that height. Detective Thompson is not higher than myself my height is 5 ft 8 inches. This criminal left the city immediately but another Detective was looking for him one hour afterwards. I am not certain if they picked him up, I lost \$250.00 on that. I don't know just how much longer Karpis will be here but confidentially between us two he could be here until he was able to grow whiskers before these cops could find him. Understandly between us I don't trust them and another thing it would take up too much space on paper to go into details on this subject. Your office would of first been notified of this upon first detection of Karpis but I was hot on his trail and expected quick returns, but Alvin has the instincts of 2 devils.

Respectfully,

/s/ J. F. Gates

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February 4, 1936

Mr. J. P. Gates,
529 40th Street,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Dear Sir:

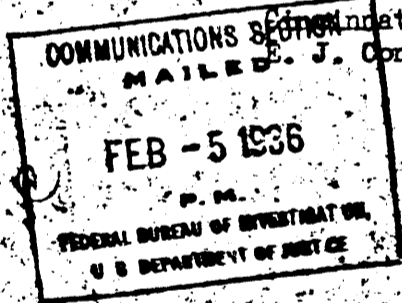
I am in receipt of your letter dated January 27, 1936, which refers to a letter which you addressed to me under date of January 20, 1936, pertaining to the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Please be advised that I wrote you on January 27, 1936, concerning this matter, and informed you that I have instructed Mr. E. S. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Florida, to have an agent call upon you with reference to your communication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Jacksonville (with copies of incoming letter)
St. Paul (with copy of incoming letter)
St. Paul (with copy of incoming letter)
E. J. Connelley - Chicago (with copy of incoming letter)



Post Office Box 1270
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 27, 1936

LB:VC

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 21, 1936, requesting that you be advised why Agent S. E. Dennis of this office did not receive training in the use of firearms, other than pistol, and scientific equipment for the month of December, 1935.

Please be advised that during the month of December, Special Agent Dennis was engaged on a surveillance assignment in connection with the Brigid case, which precluded his receiving the training.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Handwritten notes:
Dennis
Brigid

Post Office Box 212
Chicago Illinois

January 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: MEAD

Dear Sir:

In connection with investigation which has been conducted for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of William Eimer Mead, it is desired that all officers contact the confidence and bunco squads of police departments in all cities in their respective districts of 20,000 or more population, furnishing photographs of Mead if same are not already in possession of the various police departments, and requesting that investigations be made through leading hotels and other places frequented by confidence men in order to hasten the location of this individual. It is especially suggested that investigations be made in places where winter horse racing is being conducted.

Each office is referred to the "Personal and Confidential" letter from the Bureau under date of December 19, 1935, which contains descriptive and other data as to Mead, and states why his apprehension is desired.

Very truly yours,

E. J. DONNELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 618
Chicago Illinois

January 29, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

As requested in your letter of January 27, 1936, you will find attached hereto one dozen photographs of Alvin Karpis. This is the most recent photograph of Karpis available, and is Tulsa Police Department #8008, taken June 10, 1935. The police number which originally appeared on this picture has been eliminated in order that it might serve better for identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

CHARGE

January 28, 1936

R. A. ALT
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG
OMAHA NEBRASKA

PLEASE IMMEDIATELY FURNISH INFORMATION REQUESTED BY LETTER JANUARY
FOURTH AS TO CHARLES J. FITZGERALD ALSO EXPEDITE INQUIRY OF
ELMER STONE

CONNELLY

Report to Bureau

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Post Office Box 213
Chicago Illinois

January 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: MURKID

Dear Sir:

The Chicago office is in receipt of a mail tracing from the post office, Chicago, Illinois, of a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Newbold, 2240 North Franklin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, postmarked at Topeka, Kansas, 5 p.m., January 7, 1936. The letter was sent to the address of Sarah Newbold, 225 Jefferson Street, Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. F. Y. Newbold are the brother-in-law and sister of John Buryle, and apparently Sarah Newbold is some relative of Mr. F. Y. Newbold.

It is requested that you conduct the appropriate investigation at Topeka, Kansas, in order that the Bureau will be fully apprised of all the relatives and contacts of the Newbold family.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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JANUARY 28, 1936

Edward J. Brennan

J. N. KEITH
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ROOM 1408, 570 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

BREKID WILL NOT NEED SERVICES J N JONES AT CHICAGO FOR THE PRESENT
EXPECTED CONNECTION MYSELF STOP WILL NEED HIM CLEVELAND FEBRUARY FIRST

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JANUARY 28, 1938

G. W. STEIN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
222 UPTOWN STATION & FEDERAL COURTS BLDG.,
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

BREKID WHEIN WILL SULLIVAN MADALA PROCKED CHICAGO

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POST OFFICE BOX 512
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 29, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the trial of Harry Sawyer and others at St. Paul January 8 to 24, 1936, resulting in the conviction of Sawyer, Weaver and McDonald, Sawyer when on the witness stand in his own defense indicated, notwithstanding his previous denial to me, that he was in Florida at Miami in September, 1934, together with Willie Harrison; that he and Willie Harrison left Miami, and Sawyer proceeded to Detroit, Michigan in September, and registered at the Lenox Hotel. He did not advise the name he used there at that time, but he was using the name of JAMES in Miami.

It is requested that the records of the Lenox Hotel be examined to determine whether he stopped at this hotel. This inquiry should be discreet and careful, and if Sawyer did stop at such hotel it would be advisable to determine just what the character of the place is, for the possibility that other subjects may have in the past stopped at this establishment, or might use same as a stopping place in the future.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge

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

January 28, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, Omaha, Nebraska January 22, 1936, in which reference is made to the criminal record of Harry Sawyer, and in which it is indicated that as Harry Sandlovich on December 23, 1914 he entered a plea of guilty in the County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska to the charge of burglary with explosives, and was placed on probation for three years, and discharged therefrom on September 22, 1917.

Jan 28 1936

At the time Harry Sawyer testified at the trial of the above indicated case on January 21, 1936 at St. Paul, in his cross examination United States Attorney Sullivan asked him as to whether or not he had ever been convicted of a felony, as is the usual impeachment proceeding in connection with witnesses under these circumstances, and first Harry Sawyer replied that he refused to answer, on the advice of his attorney. The Court then asked the defense counsel as to whether they had so instructed their client and Eugene O'Sullivan, attorney, Omaha, Nebraska, one of the counsels for Harry Sawyer advised immediately that he had not advised him to that effect, but that he had instructed him to say no. In subsequent explanation of the position of attorney O'Sullivan he submitted to the Court and the United States Attorney the contention that this party, having entered a plea of guilty and thereafter being placed immediately on probation without having entered upon an actual sentence under such plea of guilty, had therefore never been convicted of a felony, under what was apparently some local practice at Omaha, Nebraska.

Some research just immediately to the Government considering placing this situation in evidence in rebuttal at the close of the defense proceedings, indicated some decisions showing inability of the prosecution to introduce any such evidence as to prior conviction, most

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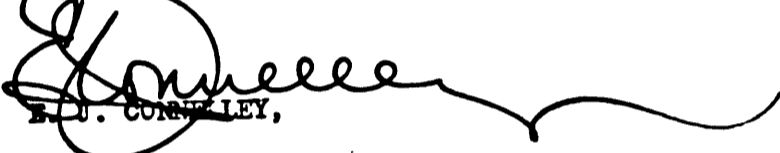
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of which however, had to do with the remoteness of the original conviction with the present conviction, rather than the situation as above referred to, to the effect that the party had not been convicted of a felony inasmuch as he had never entered into or served any part of a sentence in connection with his plea of guilty in question.

For the information of the various offices, in efforts to present such evidence in the future in trials of cases, it is suggested that the Omaha office, to which copy of this letter is being sent, confer with the United States Attorney in that district as to what may be the situation in a case as covered by Harry Sawyer, and particularly as to what would be the situation as to Sawyer having answered no, in reply to the question as to whether he had been convicted of a felony, under all the circumstances indicated by the record as obtained from the County District Court at Lincoln, Nebraska. This is desired in order that the possibility of charging Harry Sawyer with perjury under the circumstances could be considered. However it is to be noted that Sawyer is now under a life sentence in connection with this case and probably will not be prosecuted, but the information is nevertheless desired for future reference in cases of a similar nature.

Very truly yours,


E.J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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620 First National Bank Building,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 26, 1936, quoting a letter dated January 15, 1936, received by your office from Assistant Chief of Police Foster Halvey, of Fairbury, Nebraska, to the effect that an informant had advised Mr. Halvey that Karpis is supposed to be in hiding within a radius of eight miles of Fairbury, Kansas, at which place he has been for some time.

Please be advised that immediately upon receipt of your letter, I assigned Special Agent J. B. Gulbertson to contact Foster Halvey at Fairbury, Nebraska. Mr. Halvey informed Agent Gulbertson that his informant is Cecil Leon Lindsey, 517 D Street, Fairbury. Lindsey is about twenty-seven years of age, has lived at Fairbury all his life and his occupation is sign painter. Locally, his reputation is apparently good. He has no criminal record.

Upon contact, Lindsey advised Agent Gulbertson that about two weeks ago, in a local saloon, the Blue Moon, now closed, a man who claimed his name was Johnston approached him and offered to buy a drink, which offer was accepted. A few days later, while Lindsey was painting a sign, Johnston came along and again asked Lindsey to have a drink and some eats. Lindsey replied that he had to finish his job first. After this, he, with Johnston, again went to the Blue Moon saloon. Johnston then inquired how Lindsey started in as being a sign painter. Lindsey informed him that he had studied art in Chicago in 1929 and 1930, and in Chicago lived at 1049 Oakdale Avenue, and later resided at 12 West Elm Street. Lindsey informed Johnston that while at the first address in Chicago he went on several parties with young people and during several of these parties he was invited to join some of the younger folks in holdups, which he refused. Then Johnston said that he formerly was engaged in the slot machine racket in Chicago and inquired of Lindsey why he hadn't joined up with the young folks in holdups. Lindsey replied by saying that he did not want to be a hunted man like Karpis, then Johnston said that Karpis is presently located within eight miles of Fairbury, Kansas, where he has a blonde " moll", who is working as a waitress on the north side of Fairbury.

Lindsey is positive that Johnston made aforementioned statement with reference to Karpis, but stated that at the time Johnston made these statements he was under the influence of drink; in fact, considerably under the influence.

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