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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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P. O. Box #1505  
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May 8, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Buffalo, New York.

RE: BREKID

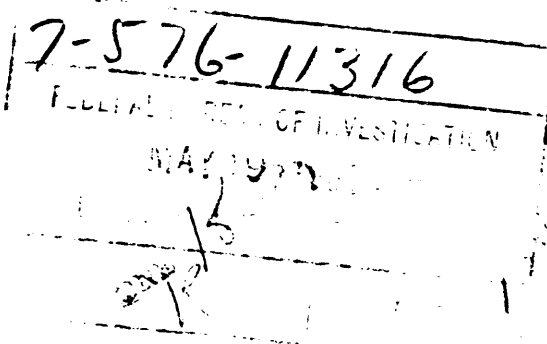
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype message transmitted by the Buffalo Office May 7, 1936, requesting forthwith tracing of a rifle found in the possession of Karpis, and further described as a Savage lever action model #909, calibre 250-3000, and serial number 304421, shipped by the Savage Arms Company, Utica, New York, April 19, 1928 to McKill-Hunter, Pittsburgh, succeeded by the J. A. Williams Company.

LEROY L. WILLIAMS, President, J. A. Williams Company, wholesale hardware dealers, 401 Amberson Street, formerly located at 115-7th Street, Pittsburgh, stated that in the year 1932 his company absorbed, by purchase, all of the merchandise, and took over the records of the McKill-Hunter Company, wholesale hardware dealers, 35-36 Terminal Way, Pittsburgh, and had destroyed all records of the latter company except ledger accounts, and had retained no descriptive records of firearms neither had they maintained a register of firearms subsequently sold, and may have been included in the purchase of mentioned merchandise.

ROBERT F. HUNTER, President of the firm of McKill-Hunter, telephonically communicated with, at his home, 37 South Euclid Avenue, Bellevue, Pittsburgh, confirmed the information of Mr. Williams with reference to the sale of merchandise and turn over of records of the McKill-Hunter Company, with the additional advice that his company, wholesale distributors of firearms, kept no register in the receipt or disposition of same, and was doubtful whether in the sale of merchandise to the Williams Company, any Savage or other rifles were included.

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The State of Pennsylvania Firearms Act, effective June 11, 1931, according to GEORGE F. P. LANGHEIT, Assistant District Attorney, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, did not require wholesale dealers in firearms to maintain a register in the disposition of same.

Very truly yours,

JCR/AMM

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CC - Bureau ✓  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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2303 Ohio Ave  
Cincinnati Ohio  
May 7 ---1936

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John Edgar Hoover Director  
Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington D. C .

Dear sir I am mailing you a copy of the letter i mailed to the Cleveland office. I think iam intitled to the reward ,And i want you to know how i got in the case, and just how i handled it, and i think you will agree that i am intitled to the reward.  
yours truly.

W.D. Hollister  
2303 Ohio Ave  
Cincinnati Ohio

*W.D. Hollister*

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2303 Ohio Ave

Cincinnati Ohio  
May 7 1936

Federal Office

1448 Standard Bld  
Cleveland Ohio

Gentelman

About three weeks past ther was a notis in the paper offering a reward for , Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, I remberd of seeing Harry Campbell in Toledo the last part of last march in a resturant And over heard aa Convercation that maid me suspios and when reading the notis in the paper , iwent to room 426 Custom Hous @ Post Office and met the head man and told him the above story ;He gave me a pietur and a Discription of both men @ last saturday May 3 ; i went to toledo ohio , And about II p m . i saw Harry Campbell on cherry st with a woman , i did not wanto call the police ,and idid not know of a federa office ther,

later on in the evening i got a rumer he was on his way to youngstown thinking he was on his way to his birth town;i desided to take the tre and when i got in Cleveland i called Prospect 2456 which is located @ 1448 Standard Bld , about 10 am Sunday morning, Ther was a man anserec the Telephone , i told him the above story , and told him i was going To Youngstown ohio . He wanted me to stop in the office in the after and i told him i would if i got back .

i did not get back in oleveland so i did not get to the office.

Iwould like to hear from you in regards to this matter , as i have worked harde on this case and i think i am intiteled to the reward.

and oblige

W . D . Hollister  
2303 Ohio Ave  
Cincinnati Ohio

*W. D. Hollister*

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May 20, 1936

Mr. W. E. Hollister,  
2805 Ohio Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 7, 1936, with which you inclosed a letter also dated May 7, 1936, directed by you to the "Federal Office, 1449 Standard Bld., Cleveland, Ohio". It is noted in your letter to me you state that you feel you are entitled to the reward which was offered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for information furnished to a representative of this Bureau which resulted in the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

This will inform you that this Bureau sincerely appreciates the interest which prompted you in furnishing information to the Cleveland Office. I must advise you, however, that the apprehension of Harry Campbell resulted solely by virtue of information obtained by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the course of their investigations.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
Cleveland

St. Paul COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago

(Copy of letters of 5-7-36)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

May 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my code wire of May 7, 1936, please be advised that a wire was received from the New Orleans office, advising that Karpis when arrested possessed a Savage rifle lever action, model 99, calibre 250-3000, serial 304431.

The Savage Arms Company of Utica, New York advises that in April 1935 said gun was shipped to the Buell Hunter Company of Pittsburgh, which is now out of business, but that said company was succeeded by J. A. Williams Company, 115 - 7th Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It is respectfully requested that every effort be made to trace the person to whom said gun was sold.

Very truly yours,

B. E. BACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
Chicago  
New Orleans  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1936.

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Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 9:28 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned SAC MacFarland at the Cleveland Office and told him to make arrangements to keep the office open all night. Also to make arrangements to have a Bureau automobile over at Toledo to meet you, driven by an Agent who knows how to get in touch with Mr. Connelley.

Mr. MacFarland said the automobile is already on its way over to Toledo, and the office will be kept open all night.

Time - 9:30 P.M.

I contacted Special Agent in Charge Shivers at the Pittsburgh Office, and told him to make arrangements to keep his office open all night with a couple of Agents on duty in the event you desire anything when you come through there.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

Edw. G. Bremer

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May 1, 1936.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Time - 8:30  
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With reference to the apprehension of Karpis at New Orleans, I telephoned the Oklahoma City Office and instructed that especial attention be given to the plant near Harry Campbell's home at Tulsa, Oklahoma during the next few days. I pointed out that as soon as the news of Karpis' capture gets out, Campbell will probably start running, and he is likely to come into his home at Tulsa, in which event we want to be prepared.

I was assured that this matter would be taken care of.

Time - 8:30  
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I telephoned SAC MacFarland at the Cleveland Office with reference to the Campbell angle of this matter, and told him that they should concentrate on every possibility we have with regard to Campbell at once, since as soon as he hears the news about the apprehension of Karpis, he will probably start to run and run fast, and we want to get him as he goes out of there if possible.

Mr. MacFarland said he would get all of his men on their toes in this situation, and see that everything is done to get Campbell if possible.

Time -

Mr. MacFarland telephoned me back, and said they have a lead on the three machine guns which were used in the Garrettsville train robbery by the subjects of this case, and he was wondering if they should go ahead and take the guns. I told him that if these guns can be taken without any publicity, it should be done, and the guns taken up the office and held for a few days until the Garrettsville case breaks. He said that the guns are being held by the brother of Fred Hunter, taken into custody in New Orleans with Karpis, and are unregistered. This brother will be taken into custody at the time we get the guns.

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Respectfully,

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Kansas City, Missouri, May 7, 1936

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

BREKID MARTIN WUNDERLICH AT FALLS HOTEL GREAT FALLS MONTANA LAST  
NIGHT IF NOT THERE NOW MAY GO TO AGUSTA OR JORDAN MONTANA ON CONSTRUCTION  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

The following is a resume of the situation at New Orleans today: Hunter has made several signed statements concerning the movements of Karpis and himself, but he denies any knowledge of Campbell's present location, adding that he would not inform the Bureau if he knew where Campbell was. Hunter has admitted knowledge of Karpis' identity, and a statement has been obtained from him which will be sufficient for prosecution upon harboring charges. Hunter has indicated his willingness to enter a plea of guilty to those charges.

A secret complaint has been filed in New Orleans today against Hunter, charging harboring, and the warrant has been placed in the hands of SAC Magee for service. We will hold Hunter as long as is necessary before serving the warrant and arraigning him. The United States Attorney has agreed to a bond of \$200,000 on Hunter.

Agent McIntire is questioning Connie Morris, correct name Hamm, who was taken into custody with Hunter and Karpis, and expects to obtain some information from her, it being noted that at the time of a telephonic conversation with McIntire he advised he was obtaining details concerning a visit to the Goldstein woman's hotel of two individuals described as "Ray" and "Tommy", and who we are attempting to identify. The questioning of Connie Morris is being expedited as much as possible in an effort to release her today. It may be noted that she was sick this morning and we could not question her.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

For record purposes, please be informed that the releases (short and long) were furnished to Mr. Lee of the Washington Herald, Mr. Gilmore of the United Press, Mr. Erickson of the Universal Service, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Pinkerton of the Associated Press, Mr. McCauley of the Central News, Mr. Glenn of the Trans-radio, Mr. Wood of the New York Times, Mr. Nichols of the Washington Post, Mr. Rex Collier of the Washington Star and each of these individuals was advised that the only information available which was not included in the release was that the Director personally supervised the raid and it was the Director who took Karpis into custody and that no shots were fired.

I endeavored to get in touch with Mr. Waldrop. However, he sent a messenger down for his release, and upon ascertaining that Mr. Carroll could not be reached, Mr. Morgan of the night desk (Universal News Service) was furnished with the release.

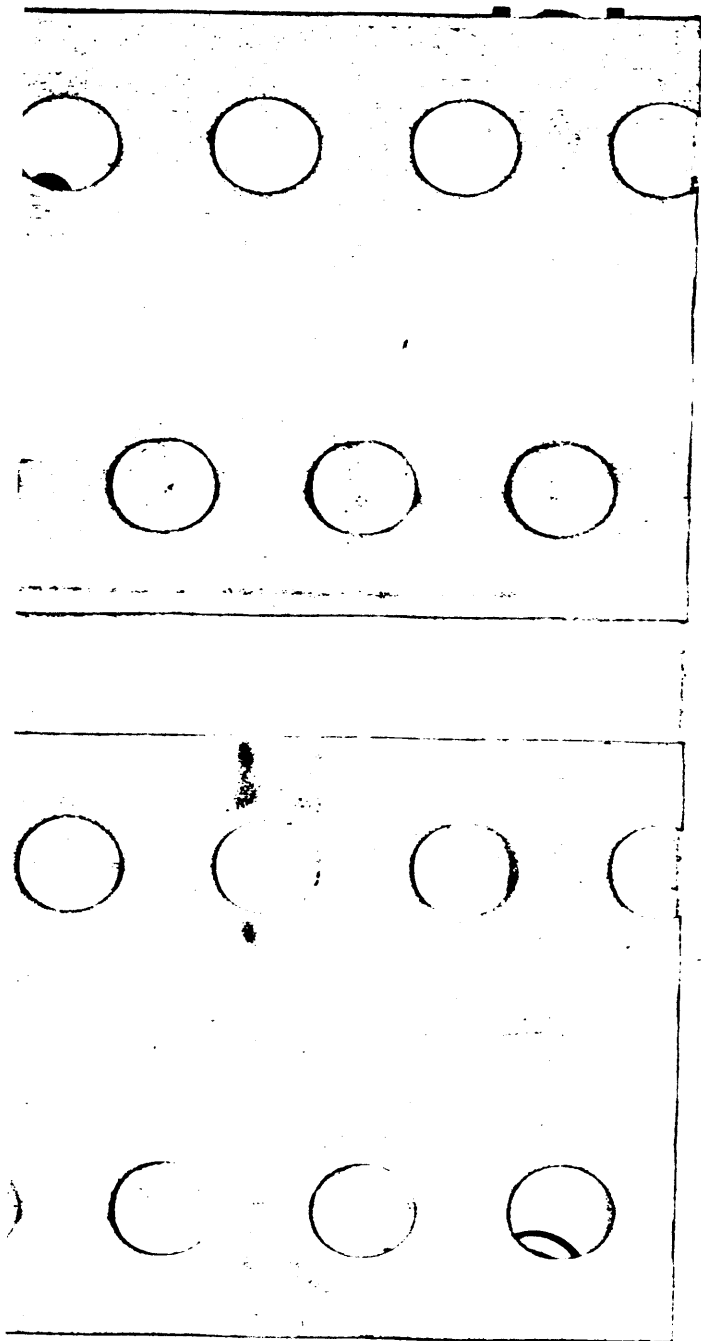
Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

May 4 1936.

Time 11:14

Name Judge Heffernan of Federal  
Communications Commission

Referred to

Details:

Stated that he is from Youngstown, Ohio; that he noticed in the papers that a man named Zetzer at Port Clinton, Ohio, stated that he unwittingly assisted Karpis at one time without knowing who he was; that Judge Heffernan while Judge of the Criminal Court at Youngstown came into contact with a man named John Zetzer, who was a go-between for stolen car thieves and Judge Heffernan believes the two men might be identical. It was suggested that he might wish to give this information to Mr. Tamm, and was referred there. cek

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

By reference from your office, Judge Heffernan, the Federal Communications Commission called and advised that from newspaper accounts he had noted that John Zetzer of Clinton, Ohio, had been implicated in some manner in the Karpis case. Judge Heffernan stated that he had been on the Bench in Youngstown, Ohio for six years and that he recalled Zetzer having appeared before him at one time or another. It was Judge Heffernan's present recollection that Zetzer was a small-time criminal with a mechanical quirk and that if investigation was conducted in Youngstown, information would be developed indicating that Zetzer is probably the contact of a number of criminals.

I thanked Judge Heffernan for his courtesy in affording the Bureau the benefit of his views.

We have previously checked on Zetzer and are fully acquainted with his background and associations with Karpis.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/7/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/9,23,25/36	REPORT MADE BY: J. B. DICKERSON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1236, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  No information received from Inspector McDermott or Captain Kenny, N.Y.P.D. relative to subjects contacting Louis Buckhalter or "Lucky" Luciano. Information received that Karpis was supposed to be at 281 Grand Street, N.Y.C. on 4/9/36 at 6 P.M. Investigation failed to locate Karpis at this address.  - P -			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated 3/25/36. Teletype from E.J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., to New York City, dated 4/24/36.			
DETAILS:  Inspector MICHAEL J. McDERMOTT, New York Police Department, assigned to the police station at 68th Street, West of Broadway, New York City, was interviewed with reference to information that he had received relative to the activities of LOUIS BUCKHALTER. He advised that BUCKHALTER is presently living at 25 Central Park West, New York City, and that he, McDERMOTT, has two detectives assigned to watch the movements of BUCKHALTER, and that these men had not noticed BUCKHALTER contacting anybody who resembled KARPIS or CAMPBELL.  Captain KENNY of the 2nd Detective Division, New York Police Department, 118 Clinton Street, New York City, telephonically advised that CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO was at the present time being confined in jail in New York City awaiting trial on certain State charges. Agent will keep in contact with Captain KENNY with reference to LUCIANO'S release from jail on bond. However, since subject KARPIS			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: MAR 26 1936 P. Whitley	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-11325	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAY 11 1936
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 St. Paul 2 New York 2 Cleveland 2 Chicago 1 Little Rock		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAY 9 1936 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: FILE	CHECKED OFF: MAY 13 1936 JACKETED:

has been apprehended, it is not known whether the office of origin desires the New York Office to attempt to watch the activities of BUCKHALTER and LUCIANO through the Police Department as possible contacts for subject CAMPBELL.

Mr. E. J. Connelley, by teletype from Chicago dated April 24, 1936, requested the New York Office to ascertain at the American Kennel Club what Scotch terrier dogs had been sold by JAMES O'REILLEY, Sheriff, Toledo, Ohio, during the past year. Mr. P. B. RICE, Secretary of the American Kennel Club, 221 4th Avenue, New York City, after searching through the records of the Club, advised that the records reflect that JAMES O'REILLEY did not have any dogs registered in his name in 1935, and that there is no record of JAMES O'REILLEY having sold any dogs during 1935; that in 1936, O'REILLEY purchased ten dogs and had them registered; that all of these dogs were female Scotch fox terriers and docker spaniels. There is no record at the Club of O'REILLEY'S having sold any dogs during 1936. A summary of the above information as secured from Mr. RICE was furnished to Mr. Connelley at Cleveland, Ohio, by telegram on April 25, 1936.

On April 9, 1936, an individual communicated telephonically with Miss R. Krische, switchboard operator in the New York Office, and advised that if the Bureau desired to apprehend subject KARPIS, he would be at the Republican Club, 281 Grand Street, New York City, at 6 P.M. on that date. Agent remained in the vicinity of 281 Grand Street, New York City, from approximately 5:45 P.M. until 6:45 P.M. on April 9, 1936, but did not see anyone who resembled KARPIS. It might be mentioned here that 281 Grand Street is located in a Jewish section of the city and is a five story building. On the first floor are located LETTIERI BROS., Dealers in Bedspreads, Linens and Draperies. On the second floor is located the Lincoln League Regular Republican Club. The three upper floors of this building appear to be vacant.

The weather was rather warm on this date, and the large window on the second floor occupied by the Republican Club was open, so that the activities in the clubroom could be observed by any person standing across the street and looking into the clubroom. It appeared that the club was having a meeting on that night, and agent observed various members of the club going in and none of them resembled subject KARPIS. It also appeared that the meeting was a regular meeting of the club, and no undue activity was noticed. Agent did not deem it advisable to interview any members of the club on this occasion, due to the fact that at the time the various political clubs in New York City were getting publicity because



the clubrooms were alleged to be used by women as gambling places, and after the women had lost large sums of money, they were forced into prostitution in order to get money to pay their gambling debts. It is thought that the person furnishing the information over the telephone with regard to KARPIS was either trying to scare the members of the club by having some Federal officer make inquiry at the club or trying to place the Bureau in an embarrassing position.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE. The New York Office wishes to be advised as to whether it is desired that the New York Office cover the lead set out in the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated April 19, 1936, with reference to investigation concerning the identity of Mr. H. G. PERRY, 71 Fifth Avenue, New York City. It is noted that PERRY is supposed to have made a trip by plane from Little Rock to New York City on September 21, 1935.

The New York Office is in receipt of a letter from the Chicago Office, dated May 1, 1936, requesting that a mail cover be placed on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN POST, 1375 East 18th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. and to conduct appropriate investigation in regard to their activities. Due to the apprehension of KARPIS, the New York Office wishes to be advised if this investigation should be conducted.

- PENDING -

ADDENDUM: Since the dictation of this report, information has been received of the apprehension of subject CAMPBELL. The New York Office is presently having the records of the American Kennel Club checked, as requested by teletype from the Cleveland Office dated May 1, 1936, for names and addresses of persons in Toledo, Ohio, owning Scotch terriers. This investigation will be completed in the very near future. The New York file in this case will be reviewed in order to ascertain if there are any outstanding leads presently in the New York Office territory other than those mentioned above.

The investigation pertaining to the location of WILLIAM ELMER MEAD is carried by the New York Office under the title of "WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases, I.O. 1354, Endeavor to Locate", New York file 62-5690, and investigation pertaining to Mead is kept separate and apart from investigation as to the other subjects of the BREKID case.

JSD:EL  
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607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

May 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 31, 1936, in which you requested that pictures of Louis Buchalter and Charles "Lucky" Luciano be forwarded to the Bureau and to the Chicago, St. Paul, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Little Rock field offices.

One copy of the photograph of Luciano and one of Buchalter are being forwarded herewith to the above mentioned offices. If further copies are desired in this matter, the same will be furnished by the New York Office upon request. At the time these photographs were prepared, the New York Office was short of photographic supplies and was unable to make additional copies.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

enc. 2

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W A RORER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
503-A U S COURT HOUSE & P O BUILDING  
SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

*Edw. J. Hoover*

BREKID RE FRANKIE POSTER NO SUCH LICENSE NUMBER AS NINE ONE DASH FOUR SIX  
NEW YORK STATE LICENSE TAGS CARRY LETTERS OF ALPHABET AS WELL AS NUMBERS  
LICENSE NUMBER SHOULD BE PROCEEDED BY LETTER OR LETTER SHOULD APPEAR FOLLOWING  
FIRST SERIES OF NUMBERS

WHITLEY

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

*Edw. J. Bremer*  
BREKID RE FRANKIE FOSTER JACK VOGEL UNKNOWN TO POLICE NO SUCH NUMBER AS NEWYORK  
91-46  
LICENSE NINETY ONE DASH FORTY SIX PLEASE OBTAIN CORRECT NUMBER IN ORDER TO  
IDENTIFY OWNER OF CAR INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT BROOKLYN ADDRESS

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

May 6, 1936.

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

BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed copies of log of the  
telephone tap on J. B. Dayanport, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, for April 29 to May 3, 1936, inclusive.

This tap was discontinued on May 3, 1936.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STERN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAB:rw

Cc Bureau (Encl.)  
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Telephone Tap Log maintained by Special Agent C. W. Dunker and P. C. Dunne at 4128 Chicago Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota on the telephone of John B. Dav-  
enport.

April 29, 1936.

Re: Brekid

b7c

10:45 Am In. Florence Strickland (?) called Blanche [REDACTED] -CWD  
2:15 PM Out. Blanche called Ray [REDACTED] -PCD  
2:22 PM Out. Belle called [REDACTED] -PCD  
4:15 PM Out. Berdella called Art [REDACTED] -CWD  
4:17 PM Out. Berdella called [REDACTED] -CWD  
4:50 PM In. A man called Bal e Borne [REDACTED] -CWD  
5:22 PM In. A lady called Berdell [REDACTED] -CWD  
5:25 PM Out. Berdella called [REDACTED] -CWD  
8:40 PM Out. Jack called the bar [REDACTED] -CWD

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Telephone Tap Log maintained by Special Agent C. W. Dunker at 4128 Chicago Ave.  
So., Minneapolis, Minnesota on the telephone of John B. Davenport.

April 30, 1936

Re: Brekid. b7c

10:10 AM Out. Berdella called Bernice [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

10:50 AM Out. Berdella called Olga [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1:30 PM Out. Blanche called Berdella [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

10:10 PM Out. Blanche called the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b7c

Telephone Tap Log maintained by Special Agent C. W. Dunker at 4128 Chicago Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota on the telephone of John B. Davenport.

May 1, 1936.

Re: Brekid

8:30 AM Out. Berdella called Art [REDACTED]

11:12 AM Out. Blanche call [REDACTED]

11:50 AM In. A lady called for Anna Sagel (2) but had the wrong number.

1:00 PM In. Belle Borne called Berdella [REDACTED]

1:22 PM Out. Berdella called Alice Herman [REDACTED]

3:30 PM In. Belle Borne called Blanche [REDACTED]

3:45 PM Out. Berdella called Art [REDACTED]

5:10 PM Out. Blanche called Jack [REDACTED]



Telephone Tap Log maintained by Special Agent C. W. Dunker at 4128 Chicago Ave.  
So., Minneapolis, Minnesota on the telephone of John B. Davenport.

May 2, 1936

Re: Brekid

b7c

9:55 AM Out. Jack called Art [REDACTED]

12:22 PM Out. Berdella called Art [REDACTED]

1:55 PM Out. Berdella called Art [REDACTED]

4:00 PM Out. Berdella called Art [REDACTED]

4:04 PM Out. Berdella called Bernice [REDACTED]

5:55 PM In. Jack called Blanche [REDACTED]

6:50 PM In. Jimmy called Art [REDACTED]

7:17 PM In. Mrs. Larson called Blanche [REDACTED]

9:12 PM In. A man called Art [REDACTED]

11:55 PM Out. Blanche called Jack [REDACTED]

Telephone Tap Log maintained by Special Agent C. W. Dunker at  
4128 Chicago Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minnesota on the telephone of  
John B. Davenport.

Re: Brekid

May 3, 1936

b7c

1:40 p.m. Out Blanche called "B" [REDACTED]  
1:41 p.m. Out Blanche called May Watson [REDACTED]  
1:43 p.m. Out Blanche called Jean Harris [REDACTED]  
1:45 p.m. Out Leona called Berdella [REDACTED]  
2:30 p.m. In Sue Smith called Blanche [REDACTED]  
10:30 p.m. In Jack called for Blanche who was out.  
10:45 p.m. Out Blanche called Jack [REDACTED]  
10:02 p.m. Out Blanche called [REDACTED]  
11:45 p.m. Out Blanche called for Jean Harris who was out.

END OF TAP

DEK:cv.  
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FBI NEW ORLEANS 5-5-36 6-00 PM TN

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREXID AGENT MCINTYRE ADVISES TODAY INTERROGATION  
HUNTER SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS STATEMENTS SECURED BY AGENTS  
BUCHANAN AND TOLLETT STOP NO ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS STOP  
HUNTER WILL BE ARRAIGNED DURING SIXTH INSTANT HARBORING  
TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND BOND STOP USA HERE ADVISES WILL DIRECT  
COMMUNICATION ATTORNEY GENERAL REQUESTING ADVICE CONCERNING  
HARBORING AND MAIL ROBBERY PROSECUTION

WAGEE

END

CC-  
Bureau  
E J. Connelley, Cleveland  
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MAY 6, 1936

Mr. J. B. Riddle  
Postmaster  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter dated April 25, 1936, relative to mail tracings on various addresses at Wichita, Kansas.

It is desired that a cover be placed on all first class mail, including Special Delivery, for a period of thirty days on the following addresses in Wichita, Kansas:

117 Lulu  
1455 Fancy  
150 Lulu  
217 North Meade  
510 1/2 East Douglas  
427 South Washington  
1003 North Hydraulic.

It will be greatly appreciated if in forwarding tracings to this office you will refer to our file 7-37.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WEH:os  
cc - Bureau  
RE: BREKID

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JEH:RLM

May 7, 1936.

Time-3:32 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Harry Campbell.

Mr. Connelley telephoned from St. Paul and I instructed him to release the plane there. Mr. Connelley stated that about seven of the Agents in Cleveland will leave there tonight and return to their respective headquarters. I told Mr. Connelley to pursue the harboring charges in the Cleveland area.

I told Mr. Connelley that a release had been obtained from Sam Coker; that Coker will be returned to McAlester, Oklahoma this evening; that the girl will be released this evening after further interrogation. I told Mr. Connelley that the Oklahoma authorities wanted Coker and that I thought it would be best to let them have him since he has about eighteen years to serve.

Mr. Connelley stated that Campbell was very friendly on the trip and that some information may be obtained from him.

I advised Mr. Connelley that he could proceed to Chicago or Cincinnati or Cleveland for a brief period of rest. Mr. Connelley stated that he may leave St. Paul tonight for Chicago. I told Mr. Connelley that after resting up for several days I wanted him to come to Washington to talk over several matters.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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7-576

May 8, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Information has been received to the effect  
that subject Harry Campbell, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, Index No. 5972, was located at  
Toledo, Ohio on May 7, 1936.  
Kindly cancel wanted notice in FBI Law Enforcement  
Bulletin.

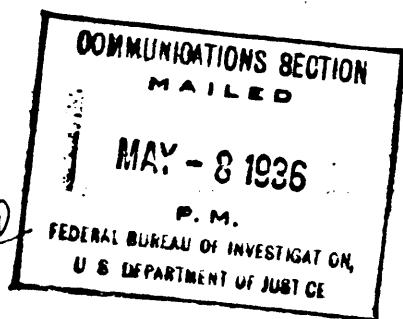
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*Boyd*  
*AW*

WAS

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1936.

Time - 11:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned SAC MacFarland at the Cleveland Office and told him you desire to obtain from Agent Wynn a signed statement to be sent in today air mail, special delivery, about his contact at the Mercy Hospital the other night with a couple of Post Office Inspectors when he asked what information they had, and they told him to go out and get the information himself.

Mr. MacFarland said he is familiar with this incident, and will get this statement at once, sending it to the Bureau air mail, special delivery.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Tracy	.....
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Harry Campbell  
Adm. Office

Edward G. Bremer

Samuel J. May

MacFarland

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RBN:MFS

May 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 5, 1936 (7-576), which relates to request for 6000 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  manila envelopes, franked. It is noted that the Bureau advises that 6,000 number ten, white franked envelopes were being forwarded to this office, and indicated its desire that reward circulars on Harry Campbell be forwarded in this latter sized envelope.

Please be advised that the reward circulars on Campbell and Karpis, and the wanted circular for Mahan, had been distributed by the Jacksonville Office prior to the apprehension of these fugitives. The circulars on Mahan were received during the same time that reward circulars for Karpis and Campbell were received, and it was consequently deemed desirable to include all three in the same envelopes. This was done, and the supply of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  manila envelopes in this office was entirely depleted. It is accordingly requested that the Bureau forward to this office, as soon as possible a supply of this latter sized envelope.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Division of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 6, 1936

DB:VC  
7-36

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently Special Agents H. T. Arterberry, W. L. Buchanan, and I spent several days at Paris, Texas and vicinity in connection with efforts to locate the hideout maintained in that vicinity by Alvin Karpis. It was in this vicinity that the relatives of Grace Goldstein, whose correct name is Jewell Grayson, were located and it was at the home of Leonard Grayson that Karpis spent some time months ago and where the large black Great Dane dog was found.

Mr. J. S. Sharp, a large plantation owner of Paris, one of the leading citizens in that community, and President of the North Texas Cotton Growers Association, was contacted and gave us valuable aid and assistance and cooperation. Leonard Grayson lives on a farm adjoining the properties of Mr. Sharp.

Mr. James Caviness, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Paris, Texas and one of the leading citizens in that community, was first contacted and furnished us the name of Mr. Sharp. As will be noted, Mr. Caviness rendered us very valuable aid and assistance.

It has occurred to me that perhaps you may desire to address a letter to each of these gentlemen, expressing to them your thanks for the assistance they rendered Agents Arterberry, Buchanan, and me in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

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

cc Dallas

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May 15, 1936

Mr. J. S. Sharp,  
President,  
North Texas Cotton Growers Association,  
Paris, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge  
of the Oklahoma City Office of this Bureau has called  
to my attention the very valuable assistance which  
you rendered him and other Special Agents of this  
Bureau during the course of a recent investigation in  
the vicinity of Paris, Texas.

I was sincerely gratified to learn of the  
splendid cooperation and assistance so rendered by you  
and I am taking this opportunity to advise you of my  
feeling in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

cc-Oklahoma City

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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607 United States Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, New York.

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May 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of May 5, 1936,  
(File 7-576), in the above-entitled case.

In reply thereto, please be advised that a conference  
was had yesterday at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company,  
60 Hudson Street, New York, New York, where, from Mr. Herbert T. Staub  
of the Legal Division, the following information was obtained:

Prior to the visit of Agent O'Donnell, Mr. Staub ex-  
plained that Mr. Willever, the company's Vice President, had referred  
the situation involving the receipt by him of the subpoena calling for  
the production of the desired records at Miami, Florida, on May 25,  
1936, to the Legal Division for advice. Mr. Staub explained that Mr.  
Willever had been disabused of his first interpretation of the subpoena,  
whereby he had thought that it would be necessary for him to personally  
respond to same. As a result, Mr. Willever has instructed Mr. George  
W. Carey, Manager of the Western Union Cablegram Company of Havana,  
Cuba, to produce all the documents set out in the subpoena addressed  
to him, Willever, at the time and place specified therein, with the  
further instructions that the party so presenting them will be fully  
qualified to introduce them in evidence in the manner indicated in  
your letter.

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Letter to the Director

May 8, 1936.

Concerning the concluding paragraph of your instant letter, please be advised that Mr. James Egan, Docket Clerk, United States Marshal's Office, Southern District of New York, was interviewed by Special Agent Going of this office at which time Mr. Egan advised that his records reflect personal service of subpoenas in this case as having been made upon Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gray in Room 401, Wellington Hotel, Seventh Avenue and Fifty-Fifth Street, New York, New York, on May 4, 1936, by Deputy Marshal W. P. Sears.

This record was further verbally verified and confirmed by Mr. Sears.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY, JR.

Special Agent in Charge.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago  
Saint Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Jacksonville

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HOOVER'S COMM. DIVISION  
1 SEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED  
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Do you really mean  
this all who aided  
all will be fixed.  
Well then why are  
the Lanzettis allowed  
to do what they do  
and get away  
without it 77-576-11337  
I'll give you some  
facts. true ones  
if you report show  
them to <sup>him</sup> anyone.  
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I dont want to be  
killed.  
Lanzetta 117 156

1. Dr. Sanzetti is  
helping Harry Campbell  
now.

He was when he and  
Alvin were in Atlantic  
City to

Sanzetti had a place  
in 6600 Atlantic Ave.  
with his mother Margate  
what he gets away with!  
Just because he leads  
the gang,  
he knows the girls to.

Sanzetti rented a place  
had a Camden lawyer do it  
in Jersey for Campbell  
last summer before last

2. It said you can  
do nothing to him tho.

Is that right?

he keeps a police girl  
from 3rd + South St.  
he raped her when she  
was 14. in Walnut park plaza.  
out 63 + Walnut St.

3<sup>rd</sup> yrs. ago. now she white  
slaves for him. This happened  
4 yrs. ago. her name is Helen.  
and he does jobs to. she drives  
his ford car on jobs.

he heads the white  
slave ring in so. phila.

Ignatious and Leo  
and John Annato  
killed Gabriel a



3. clothing labor m.  
Cause he squealed on  
there coal racket a  
woman was running  
and he told they  
(Jes + pills) lead the  
counterfit money.  
Mrs. Gangie sells it  
for them.

Jes has opium brought  
here.

They got lot of his stuff  
in Baltimore on the Dollar  
line.

He now sells it, his  
wife helps him,  
he is running sporting houses  
now in Miami Florida  
+ sell dope there to.



4. <sup>11/2</sup> ~~his~~ brother  
puts bombs in taprooms  
that he can't shake down  
he last place was at  
10 th. Wolf st. So Phila.  
he made that bomb.  
he is a killer to  
how bout what he did  
to pete Ford.

That kid pins lives  
with was a good friend  
of Ford. (There a lead)  
shes a bad actor now.

hope head to.  
Farnato helped them to  
kill him to.

he bad. he fired  
(doc) the shot.

5: "pick up on"  
where Cas Gonzetti  
takes his mother this  
summer and there you  
can catch Campbell  
maybe you will get  
\*Dago Frank, someone  
else who Pius protects  
dago has a lot of  
money. he gives Pius lots.  
don't let none of your  
men see this,  
and you will catch  
up with these  
Gonzettis.  
don't trust no one  
to see these facts,  
they're all of  
them

6/1  
Vignations Longeti  
a druggist  
Broad and federal  
St. not so long ago  
cause he would  
not see him and  
a feller named  
Sonic, dope, no  
more. and Theo.  
needed that dope, bad.  
for a job, he had to  
do in Florida.  
So. has 5 (kids) girls from  
So. Phila is h-houses.  
there people are  
looking for  
them now.

7.1  
I ~~try~~ brag that.  
Pius did the first  
kidnap job in  
O'hla. and got  
away with it. - Why?

That's why Pius has  
such a sweet head

Why? Did he get  
away with it. ? ?

He tried to kidnap Judge  
McDermott. but got the man  
across the st. and across  
and killed him. Made funny  
marks on his face.  
Remember that well  
Pius has  
men

8. I did that. Joe  
Papers said he was  
a min a mite and  
that they did it.  
So how do you like  
it. down as they  
please.

Why dont you stop them  
now. ???

I no you can,  
keep your good work  
up and run them all  
in jail or chair  
stop them. for god

Your friend.  
Show no one you  
get them yourself.



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7-576-11337



BUY U.S. BOND  
ASK YOU



MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER.  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON

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U. S. Department of Justice

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Cleveland, Ohio

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

May 9, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith are two sets of photographs of the residences of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker, at Toledo, Ohio.

These photographs were taken by Special Agent J. M. Jones of the Chicago Bureau office.

Efforts will be made to secure clearer pictures of the residences of Coker and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #709  
Portland, Oregon

May 6, 1936

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Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	✓

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a cartoon appearing in the Portland, Oregon, "Journal" as of May 4, which was drawn by Mr. Howard Fisher, the "Journal" cartoonist. The Bureau's records will show that Mr. Fisher has drawn other cartoons pertaining to the Bureau and an original of one such cartoon was obtained from Mr. Fisher and forwarded to the Director.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears  
Special Agent in Charge

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Portland, Ore. Journal  
May 4, 1936  
Mr. B. E. Irvine, Editor

## Caught Fast



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May 12, 1936.

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Mr. B. P. Irvine,  
Editor,  
Portland Journal,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Irvine:

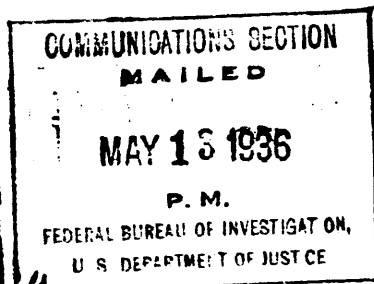
My attention has been called to the cartoon  
entitled "Caught Fast" relative to this Bureau's recent  
capture of Alvin Karpis, which appeared in the May 4, 1936,  
issue of the Portland Journal.

I wanted you to know how much I appreciated this  
cartoon.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. C. C. C. Portland  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

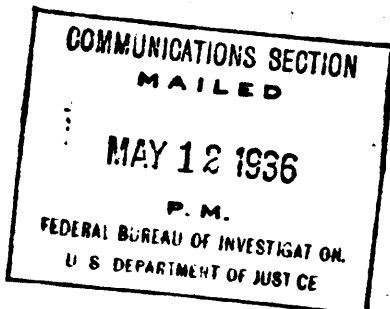
Reference is made to your letter of May 6, 1936,  
with which you enclosed a cartoon entitled "Caught Fast"  
by Howard Fisher, which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue  
of the Portland Journal.

It is desired that you make a discreet effort to  
obtain the original of this cartoon for inclusion in the  
collection of outstanding cartoons on crime which is  
maintained in my reception room.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*Mr. Clegg*  
*6/11*  
*10:00*

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May 5, 1936.

Time-9:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Presentation of Bremer Case over  
National Broadcasting Company.

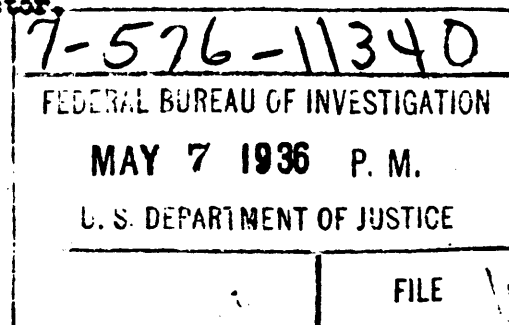
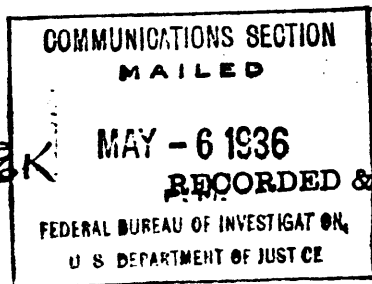
With reference to the above, Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that the matter of continuity has been under discussion; that the National Broadcasting Company is dubious about going ahead with this presentation due to the fact that Karpis has not been brought to trial; that they think a trial by radio may be prejudicial. I told Mr. Suydam that I would not collaborate in this matter unless they obtained someone who is experienced in handling the Bremer case. Mr. Suydam stated that he understood that Mr. Courtney Ryley Cooper was working on the matter in New York City and I stated that Mr. Cooper was not working on the matter; that Mr. Lundell had asked Mr. Cooper for permission to use his book, Ten Thousand Public Enemies, which was granted. I explained to Mr. Suydam the difficulty which would be experienced by a continuity writer who was not familiar with the case.

I told Mr. Suydam that the American Bar Association properly criticized the Lindbergh case. I stated that in the Bremer case, Karpis has not been tried as yet and to go on the air and tell the story of Karpis' guilt may bring criticism by the American Bar Association upon the Attorney General. I further stated that I thought the Attorney General should decide whether or not this should be done. I further stated that since Karpis has been captured, I thought the publicity should be brought to a close and our time devoted to more important matters.

Mr. Suydam stated that Mr. Smith and Mr. Lundell of the National Broadcasting Company were in his office and inquired if he could bring them around to meet me. I told Mr. Suydam that I would be glad to meet these gentlemen.

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.

May 4, 1936

EAT:CSH

11:14 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called SAC Magee at New Orleans asking about the teletype summary which he was going to send in last night concerning the developments down there. He stated he thought he had furnished the Bureau with information concerning the developments there and that he was "all in" and had to get some sleep. I requested that a teletype be sent in immediately, furnishing all developments since yesterday morning. I also requested that a teletype be sent in this afternoon furnishing today's developments.

Magee stated that Agent McIntire had not arrived yet. I advised that he was due there at 7:40 on an Eastern Airlines plane, and requested that he check to see what had happened to delay him.

Magee stated Hunter is still being questioned, and that three statements had been obtained from him, which are being sent to the Bureau via air mail at noon today. These statements contain information concerning Hunter's travels with Karpis, and admit that Hunter knew who Karpis was. They also contain information concerning Connie Morris and the Goldstein woman. I advised that we do not desire the United States Attorney to get copies of these statements, and he stated they would be maintained in the personal and confidential file of the New Orleans Office. Magee stated a complaint charging Hunter with harboring Karpis would be filed today and that the United States Attorney will turn the warrant over to him, Magee, to hold as long as we want to.

I advised that we are very anxious to let the woman Connie Morris go, but that I did want McIntire to question her, and again requested that he check to see when he would arrive.

11:25 A.M. - Mr. Magee called and advised that Mr. McIntire had arrived at the airport at 9:35 and that it will take an hour for him to come in from the airport. I requested that he have McIntire call me after he has talked to Connie Morris, letting me know what he thinks of releasing her.

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3:10 P.M. - I talked with Mr. McIntire at New Orleans, asking him for any developments. He stated he had just started to talk to Connie Morris about 15 minutes ago; that she has been sleeping all morning and has been

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pretty sick. McIntire stated that Connie Morris had mentioned that two men came to the Battery Hotel, one named "Ray" and the other "Tommy", and McIntire stated he had just received a copy of a letter from the Cleveland Office in which the informant mentions the name "Tommy". McIntire stated he will try to develop all the information he can relative to this matter, but that nothing has been secured from this girl so far. I asked whether he thought she could be released tonight, and he stated this would depend on how the interview progressed, and that he would keep me advised of developments.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 8, 1936.

Mr. H.S. Fitzpatrick,  
Assistant Supt. of Mails,  
Post Office,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention: Mr. Thomas A. McElwee

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

Confirming telephone conversation of this date between Mr. McElwee and Special Agent A. Schroeder of this office may I advise you on May 7th your department picked up approximately fifteen sacks of mail matter from this office.

These sacks contained reward circulars for the apprehension of William Mahan and Harry Campbell, and as you know these individuals were apprehended on May 7th. In view of this fact I thought it would save you people considerable trouble if these circulars were not mailed inasmuch as there is no need for them at the present time.

Accordingly, whichever plan suits your procedure better, may I suggest that you either destroy these letters or return them to this office in order that we may destroy them.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,

AS:AG.  
cc: Bureau

R.E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WARDEN

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
U. S. NORTHEASTERN PENITENTIARY  
LEWISBURG, PA.

May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am transmitting herewith a letter  
written by Archie Negleman, our No. 4022. The  
proper routine would probably be to send it to  
the Philadelphia office, but in order to save  
time I am sending it to you for your personal  
attention.

Very truly yours,

(S) H. C. Hill

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Please find attached hereto a copy of a communication dated May 8, 1936, which is self explanatory, received by the writer from Safety Director Eliot Ness of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Ness called me on the telephone today to relate that the papers in Cleveland are coming out with headlines indicating that Cleveland is packed with "G" men presumably following up possible harboring cases in this city. In reply to this query as to whether I knew that such was so, I indicated to him that I had no knowledge relative thereto. I also acknowledged receipt of his letter in the telephone conversation and advised him that in accordance with his suggestion to me that I would refer his letter to you.

Copies of the papers will be secured and immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

A reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer called me on the telephone today and inquired as to how many politicians were arrested today, to which inquiry I replied that I had no comment.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Adv. G. E. Egan  
Cleveland District Police Dept.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Letter to  
Chief  
9/2/36

Handwritten initials and marks

# CITY OF CLEVELAND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

ELIOT NESS  
DIRECTOR

May 8, 1936

Mr. Joseph P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. MacFarland:

In recent newspaper items describing the capture of Karpis, certain statements appear indicating that certain politicians and police in the City of Cleveland were active in attempts to thwart the successful capture of Karpis by Government agents.

As you know, as Safety Director, I have the power to discharge or to penalize individuals in the Department found guilty of violation of the rules and it occurs to me that even though the evidence available may not be sufficient for a trial, that it might be sufficient to indicate collusion and wrong practice.

If you can furnish me with evidence, provided it will not be used in a criminal proceeding, I will be duly grateful.

Very truly yours,

*Eliot Ness*  
Director of Public Safety

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Mr. H. C. Hill,  
Warden,  
United States Northeastern Penitentiary,  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 9, 1936, with which you inclosed a letter dated May 8, 1936, directed to you by Archie Negleman, your No. 4022.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest, I am

**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

(Copies of letters 5-8 and 5-9-36)

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Mr. Eliot Ness,  
Director of Public Safety,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Ness:

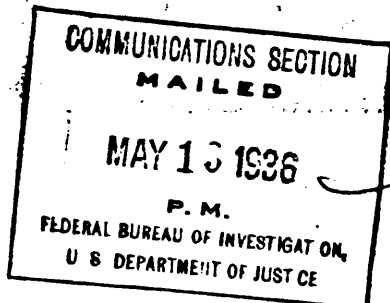
Special Agent in Charge MacFarland of this Bureau's Cleveland Office has forwarded to me your communication of May 8, 1936. I have carefully noted the contents thereof. You may rest assured that should I be in possession at any time of any information which I believe should be turned over to you for administrative reasons, I shall be very glad indeed to transmit said data to you.

With assurances of my desire to cooperate in every possible way in matters of mutual law enforcement interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.

May 6, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, at Cleveland, Ohio, telephoned the writer and advised that he had conferred with the Director with relation to those individuals who should be permitted to interview Subject Hunter at the Federal Jail. Mr. Connelley informed that no local police or state officers from any state should be permitted to interview Hunter as he was a federal prisoner. He advised that no state or police officer should be permitted to be present when the Post Office Inspectors interviewed Hunter.

Mr. Connelley advised that no shyster lawyer should be permitted to go in through the guise of representing Subject Hunter and secure information which might be sold to the newspapers.

Mr. Connelley advised that Special Agent W. L. Buchanan was to be present at all times when Post Office Inspectors interviewed Subject Hunter. He advised that the writer, accompanied by Agent Buchanan, should interview the Superintendent of the Federal Jail and request that only Post Office Inspectors be permitted to interview or confer with Subject Fred Hunter, and that at all times Agent Buchanan must be present. Mr. Connelley advised that the writer was to inform Mr. Amrine, the Superintendent of the Federal Jail, that Bureau representatives would not encroach upon his functions as custodian of Hunter while he, Mr. Amrine, was operating this federal institution.

Mr. Connelley instructed that this matter was to be presented to Mr. Amrine in the nature of an order and not a request, and that if any difficulty arose over this arrangement, that the Bureau was to be informed immediately.

Agent Buchanan accompanied the writer and a conference was had with Mr. Amrine, Superintendent of the Federal Jail, who was presented the subject matter in the form prescribed by Mr. Connelley. Mr. Amrine appeared very cooperative, and will inform the New Orleans Bureau Office when the Post Office Inspectors put in their appearance at the Federal Jail to interview Hunter. Agent Buchanan is in readiness to proceed to the Federal Jail and be present at any and all interviews had by Postal Inspectors only with Hunter.

Mr. Amrine advised that under his rules and regulations, no attorneys are permitted to interview prisoners unless request comes from the individual incarcerated. In the instant case, he will advise this office immediately in

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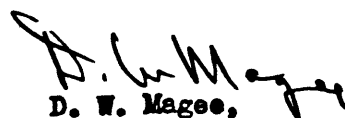
event any attorney endeavors to question Hunter. He advised that he would not deny Hunter the privilege of an attorney if he desired one, but would carefully arrange to notify the New Orleans Bureau Office prior to any actual interview.

The writer telephonically advised Mr. Connelley, and advised the Bureau by teletype, of a telephone call emanating from Topeka, Kansas, inquiring for one J. F. Cordrey, a Post Office Inspector. The call came to the New Orleans Bureau Office and, upon inquiry, it developed that it came from a J. W. Anderson, a Kansas State Highway Officer. Mr. Connelley informed the writer that under no circumstances is J. W. Anderson or other city or state officers to be permitted to interview Subject Hunter.

I am certain that Mr. Amrine will cooperate with the New Orleans Bureau Office on this subject matter.

The Bureau will be advised immediately of any developments, and advised of the arrival of the Post Office Inspectors, none of whom have put in their appearance at New Orleans at the present writing.

Very truly yours,

  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-  
E.J. Connelley,  
Cleveland.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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May 7, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: SAM COKER -  
BREKID.

Sam Coker is an Oklahoma outlaw, having first come to the attention of law enforcement officials in 1924 when he was sentenced to serve thirty years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on the charge of bank robbery. He was paroled from that institution on January 11, 1931, was later returned for having violated his parole, and on February 24, 1931 escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He has, therefore, been considered a desperate and dangerous character. He was thereafter apprehended and returned to the State Penitentiary, where he was finally paroled during September, 1935.

Coker first came to the attention of this Bureau soon after he was paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary during September, 1935. At that time information was received to the effect that he leagued himself with Harry Campbell, and that he, Campbell and others were planning offenses within the State of Oklahoma which would probably come within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Coker's home is at Nowata, Oklahoma. He is 42 years of age and his occupation is that of a cook. He has been a close associate of George H. (Burrhead) Keady, a Tulsa gambler and harborer of criminals. Keady has come to the attention of this Bureau on numerous occasions, and he has been investigated for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

The Bureau undertook an investigation looking to the location of Sam Coker in view of the fact that it was shown that he was associated with Milton Lett, who was a known contact for Harry Campbell. It is strongly believed that it was Milton Lett who arranged for the contact between Wyona Burdette and Harry Campbell at Ponca City, Oklahoma during the fall of 1934, after Wyona Burdette had been released by the Chicago Office.

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Investigation conducted by the Post Office Inspectors and also by this Bureau disclosed that there was strong reason for believing that Sam Coker participated in the Garrettsville mail robbery which occurred on November 7, 1935.

Inquiry made at Tulsa, Oklahoma showed that Coker left Tulsa a few days before the robbery, and stated to certain of his friends that he was going east to participate in a mail robbery. It has been shown, however, that prior and subsequent to the robbery for a period of twenty-three days Coker had been confined in the Mercy Hospital at Toledo, Ohio for treatment for gonorrheal rheumatism. John Brock was used to substitute for Coker in this robbery.

A copy of Coker's criminal record is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

  
K. R. McIntire.

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: SAM COKER -  
BREKID.

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum concerning  
Sam Coker, prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/8/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/7/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. O. HURT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Surveillance of ~~McNeel~~ home near Holliday, Texas, has developed no information relative to Campbell.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. O. Hurt, Dallas, Texas, dated 3-23-36.

**DETAILS:**

Captain of Detectives F. M. Dowdy, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS Police Department, advised that he and members of the Texas Highway Patrol were keeping surveillance of the McNeel home as much as possible; that this home was observed by some of them at least one time each day; that he and members of the Highway Patrol have discovered an old road leading through the mesquite brush to the McNeel home, which they use in observing this place. Agent accompanied Captain Dowdy to this road, where an observation was made of the McNeel home. Upon returning to Wichita Falls the writer received a telegram from Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, Dallas, to the effect that Campbell had been apprehended.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
May 9, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

I am furnishing herewith the description of Mrs. Melvin Robsion, with aliases, the paramour of Subject Fred John Hunter. This description and personal history was secured by the writer and Special Agents W. L. Buchanan and R. L. Tollett during personal interviews had with this individual while detained at the New Orleans Bureau Office:

Name	MRS. MELVIN ROBSION, aliases: MRS. RUTH HAMM ROBSION, MRS. RUTH ROBSION, RUTH HAMM, CONNIE MORRIS, MRS. HAROLD KING, MRS. H. KING, MRS. E. O'HARA, MRS. HAMMONDS.
Age	18 (Born November 25, 1917, at Davidson, Okla.)
Height	5 ft. 2 in.
Weight	114 lbs.
Build	Plump
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Natural color brown; at present has auburn tint; permanent wave; bobbed.
Teeth	Good
Face	Round, full face, good looking
Peculiarities	Very vain, likes good clothes; soft modulated voice; slow in speech; bites fingernails; full lips; smiles when interrogated; possesses a large quantity of make-up material. Moles on neck and back; abdominal operation scar. Signature specimen in possession of Bureau on fingerprint impression card secured by New Orleans FBI office on 5-1-36.
Scars, marks	Prostitute; presently undergoing treatment for venereal disease.
Handwriting	Father, J. L. Hamm, Davidson, Oklahoma; Mother, Mrs. Gertie Hamm, Davidson, Oklahoma; Sisters: Bertha Hamm, age 15; Dorothy Hamm, age 21; Opal Hamm; all reside Davidson, Oklahoma; Mrs. Claude Marshal, Frederick, Oklahoma; Mrs. Thelma Muse, Davidson, Oklahoma; Mrs. Glen F. Kirkpatrick, San Pedro Street, San Antonio, Texas, whose husband is a taxicab driver.
Occupation	Continued.

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Relatives (Continued):

Brothers: Raymond Hamm, Leonard Hamm, Howard Hamm, all Davidson, Oklahoma; Frank Hamm, address in California.

Marital status

Married Melvin Robsion at Duncan, Oklahoma, October 23, 1932, separated in 1933.

Very truly yours,

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

cc-

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2-Little Rock(1-E.J.Connelley)  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

I am transmitting herewith to the Bureau two pictures each and negatives on six different views, taken at the New Orleans Bureau Office, of Subject Fred John Hunter, whose description is quoted below. The description was taken by the writer from personal observation and from that taken of Subject Hunter at the Federal Jail, New Orleans, Louisiana, where Hunter bears New Orleans Federal Jail Number 4472.

Name

FRED JOHN HUNTER, aliases: FRED HUNTER, FREDDIE HUNTER, HAROLD KING, H. KING, H. J. KING, FRED KING, FRED HARRIS, FRED JOHN HENDERSON, E. O'HARA.  
36 (Born October 13, 1899, at Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio.)

Age

Ans 5-29-36  
cc Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Height

Connellley at Chicago

Weight

Cleveland

Build

Little Rock

Hair

OKlahoma city

Eyes

San Antonio

Complexion

Omaha

Teeth

Dallas

Speech

KRW

Mistache

Occupation

Peculiarities

Army record

5 ft. 8 in.

120 lbs.

Slender

Dark chestnut, straight

Gray-blue

Medium dark

Good

Stutters badly when excited and stutters over long words

Dark mustache occasionally

Welder, gambler, salesman for gambling paraphernalia

Low forehead; head long;

hat size 7-1/4 in.

Claims enlisted Columbus, Ohio, about 1919, assigned to 91st Aero Post, Mather Field, Sacramento, California. Discharged there after about one year service; claims bought way out.

Father, George Hunter, Warren, Ohio, boiler-repairer; now resides on rural route out of Leavittsburg, Ohio.

Mother, Mrs. George Hunter, claims died, when he was six years old, at Warren, Ohio.

Brothers: William (Bill) Hunter, machinist, Warren, Ohio; married and separated;

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Description of Subject Fred John Hunter, continued:

Relatives (Cont'd)

Brothers: Albert Owen Hunter, Warren, Ohio, arc welder; married and separated.  
Clarence Hunter, address unknown.  
Sisters: Clara Hunter, address unknown.  
Subject Hunter claims that his brother Clarence Hunter and his sister Clara Hunter were adopted out when they were young children, at the time their mother died, and he does not know their present location.

Handwriting specimens  
Fingerprints

Obtained and forwarded to Bureau.  
Forwarded to Bureau 5-1-36, by New Orleans Bureau Office.

Federal Jail, New Orleans, La.

Number 4472

I am also transmitting herewith to the Bureau three copies of Federal Jail, New Orleans, Louisiana, photograph Number 4472 of Subject Fred John Hunter, with aliases.

The Bureau is requested to make reproductions of the Federal Jail photograph of subject and send them to the interested offices listed as receiving copies of this letter, for identification purposes.

The Bureau is also requested to secure from the Adjutant General at Washington, D.C., the record of the enlistment in the Army of Subject Fred John Hunter, using the Bureau fingerprint record, if necessary, for the location of the record, and advise this office and the interested offices of the army enlistment history.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley is requested to incorporate the personal history of Subject Hunter in his apprehension report.

Very truly yours,

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

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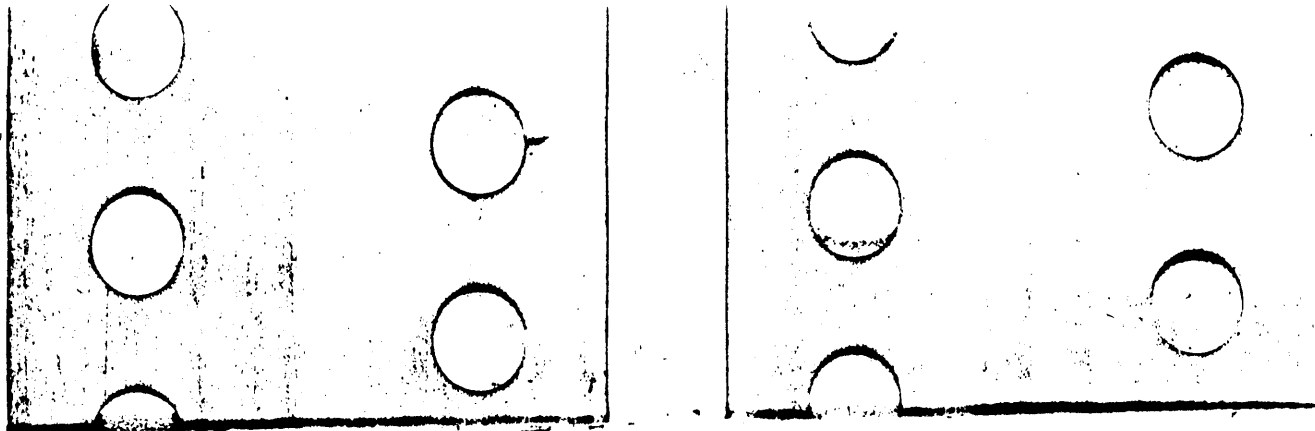
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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

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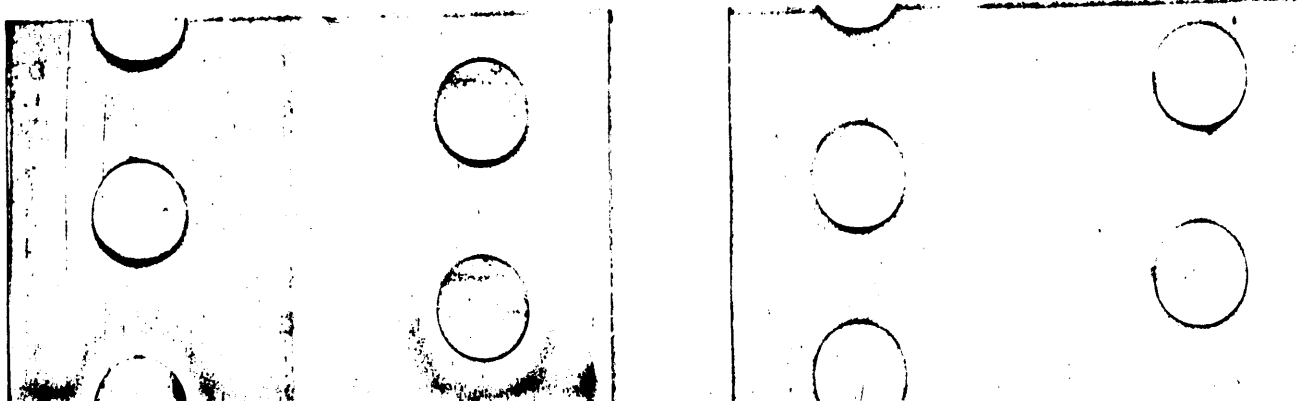
RE: BREKID

Two photos each on six views of Subject Fred John Hunter  
with aliases taken at New Orleans Bureau Office by  
Recomar Camera, May 7, 1936.

Negatives enclosed.

Mages.

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Dear Mr Barber,

Have given the  
keys to these friends  
of Mr Adams so  
they can look through  
the house in view  
of renting it later.  
Thought I had better  
let you know as you  
were watching it for  
me.

Received the check  
from Munnings house

all O.K.

We have a little  
new baby boy at our  
house. Carson Bradford  
the third.

Thanks so much

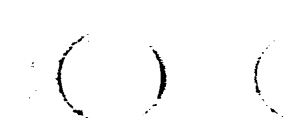
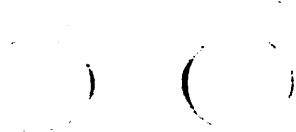
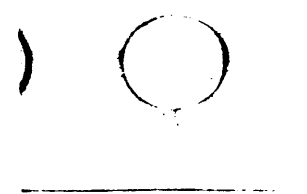
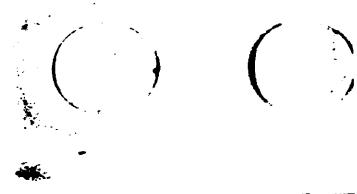
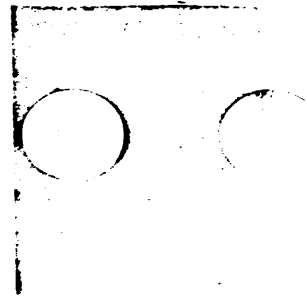
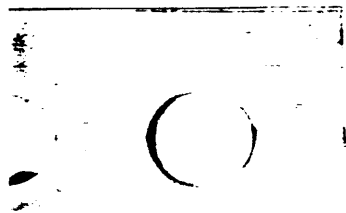
Lovingly

Marion Bradford

Wish you would show  
them the house if  
convenient if not  
it is alright for them  
to look through alone  
They might have a

little trouble with the  
lamps, if so Mr  
Nelson can open the  
door, I am sure.

M. B.



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He cannot testify Joe Adams  
came to the Home in Berkeley  
but he only heard it from Miller  
Woodbury. He also has a letter  
(over)

from Mrs Bradford to give  
Keys to the house to  
Barker.

J

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May 29, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

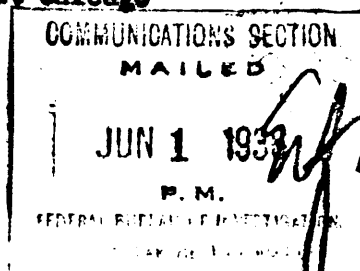
Referring to your letter of May 9, 1936, this will  
inform you that the following Army record of Fred John Hunter  
has been obtained:

Fred John Hunter, Army Serial #6,626,749,  
enlisted at Columbus Barracks, Ohio,  
January 31, 1921. He gave as his address  
408 Belden Street, Warren, Ohio, and the  
person to be notified was George Hunter (Father),  
same address. He was assigned to 91 Aero Squadron,  
Mather Field, California, as a private. He was  
honorably discharged from the Air Service  
Detachment, Mather Field, California, August 3, 1921,  
because of reduction in the Army. His character  
was noted as excellent.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc: Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago  
Cleveland  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City  
San Antonio  
Omaha  
Dallas





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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
May 7, 1936

Postmaster,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

*HARRY*  
In the event you are still maintaining a  
cover on the mail of the Campbell family at 818 South  
Rockford Street, same may be discontinued.

I want to thank you for your cooperation in  
this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

DAUGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, New York

May 8th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

With reference to your telegram of April 23rd, 1936  
and our letter to you dated April 24th, 1936, we are transmitting  
herewith a photostatic copy of operator's renewal application of  
Joseph Sydolek dated May 29th, 1935.

Very truly yours

B. E. Sackett  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 8, 1936.

J. C. NEWMAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
423 U. S. COURT HOUSE & CUSTOM HOUSE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

BREKID AGENTS LEE F MALONE AND W J MCNULTY WILL ARRIVE ST LOUIS MISSOURI  
WITH PRISONER SAM COKER AT SIX TEN PM TONIGHT EN ROUTE OKLAHOMA CITY TRAVEL  
BEING MADE VIA BIG FOUR RR RESERVATION DRAWING ROOM B CAR ONE FOUR EIGHT  
RENDER THEM ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WHILE CHANGING TRAINS ST LOUIS

MAC FARLAND

5:10 p.m.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 7, 1936.

Postmaster,  
Iowa Park, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

This is to advise that the cover placed  
on the mail of Pauline McNeely Shepherd and her husband,  
Crawford Shepherd, may be cancelled.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MR

cc Bureau ✓

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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
May 7, 1936

*Edward J. Bremer*  
Postmaster,  
Frederick, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

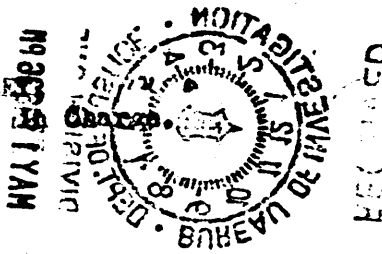
In the event you are still maintaining a cover  
on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. Olander Marshall, Box 19, Route 1,  
same may be discontinued.

I want to thank you for your cooperation in  
this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau

DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge



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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is requested that six copies of all  
type photographs taken of Fred Hunter since his  
apprehension be forwarded to the Cleveland field  
office.

In view of the investigation presently  
being conducted in the Cleveland territory it is  
requested that the photographs be forwarded at an  
early date.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

May 9, 1936

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Horace G. Ports, Esq.,  
U. S. Commissioner,  
31 S. Duke Street,  
York, Pa.

*0*  
RE: ALVIN KARPIS - BREKID

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 8, 1936,  
relative to Mrs. R. C. Kleckner, 152 Lafayette Street,  
York, Pa.

Thank you very much for your co-  
operation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

May 7, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 4, 1936, in which you desire information as to whether wanted notices placed in the state motor vehicle registration bureau against Pontiac Sedan, motor No. 935155, and Ford V-8, motor No. 12-493080, and Packard Club Sedan, motor No. 189533, should be withdrawn.

Reference is likewise made to your letter dated May 4, 1936, requesting information as to the withdrawal of the wanted notice on 1936 model four-door Buick Sedan, motor No. 63052198, serial No. 2695972.

The Packard Club Sedan, motor No. 189533, and Buick Sedan, motor No. 63052198, have been located, and it is suggested that the stop notices with the state motor vehicle bureau against these automobiles be withdrawn. The other two mentioned automobiles have not yet been located, and it is suggested that these notices be maintained.

Very truly yours,

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M. LADD, 11 936 A. M.

Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward G. Bremer



420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 7, 1936.

Postmaster,  
Gainesville, Texas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the cover placed  
by Special Agent C. O. Hurt of this office March 26,  
1936, on the mail of John P. Walling and family, 318  
South Grand Avenue, may be cancelled.

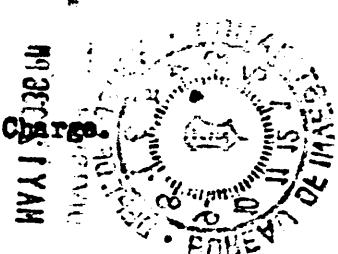
Thank you for your splendid cooperation.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

May 8, 1936

**AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Special Agent in Charge  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

**RE: BREXID**

Reference is made to teletype of the above date requesting that Martin Wunderlich be interviewed at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Wunderlich is expected to register at the hotel either on May 9 or 10, 1936.

I am attaching hereto a photograph of Charles Owen Long, who has admitted that he participated in a \$200,000.00 swindle of Wunderlich in the Fall of 1935, in order that this photograph may be exhibited to Wunderlich when he is interviewed as requested in above mentioned teletype.

Very truly yours,

**E. J. O'NEILL**  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
MAY 9 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. DUE TO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE ADVISE IF NECESSARY TO  
CONTINUE CHECK AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RECORDS. BUREAU HAS TO PAY FOR  
MAKING CHECK WHICH IS ONLY HALF COMPLETED AT THIS TIME. SO FAR NAME  
OF TWENTY EIGHT OWNERS ASCERTAINED

WHITLEY

cc-Bureau  
cc-Chicago  
cc-Cincinnati

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9<sup>55</sup> A M Per *PA*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1936.

Time - 8:30 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned SAC Magee at the New Orleans Office asking if there have been any developments down there. He said there have not; that Fred Hunter steadfastly refuses to divulge any information of value, giving us only a little personal history and a little information about where he had been since he met Karpis. I mentioned to Mr. Magee that I would discuss with you sometime the matter of sending Supervisor McIntire down there to assist in the questioning of this man, since Mr. McIntire knows all of the facts in the case in Ohio, and the names of the persons involved, etc. With reference to the ultimate filing on this man, I told Mr. Magee he should try to get at least a \$200,000 bond, but that if the authorities won't go along on a bond of this size, the bond should be placed as high as possible. I also told Mr. Magee that Fred Hunter should not be permitted to see any of the current newspapers. He has not been and will not be furnished with newspapers.

Mr. Magee mentioned that he understands the Post Office Inspectors are on their way down there from Ohio to get Fred Hunter, and in this connection, he suggested it might be well for him to get in touch with the U. S. Attorney and make arrangements to file a complaint when it becomes necessary for us to file one, and when the Post Office Inspectors come to the U. S. Attorney about filing a complaint, we will be ahead of them. I told Mr. Magee this is a good idea, and in the meantime, no one should be permitted to see him.

I told Mr. Magee that you desire to be furnished with a teletype summary every afternoon about six o'clock of the developments during the day in the situation down there. However, I told him if something comes up which justifies a telegram or telephone call, it should be made.

With reference to the photographs of the house and the automobiles, Mr. Magee said that it will be a physical impossibility to get them on the plane leaving there at 7:30, but that they will be on the plane which leaves there at 12 noon tomorrow.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Form

R WHITLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE  
607 US COURTHOUSE  
FOLEY SQUARE  
NEW YORK NEW YORK

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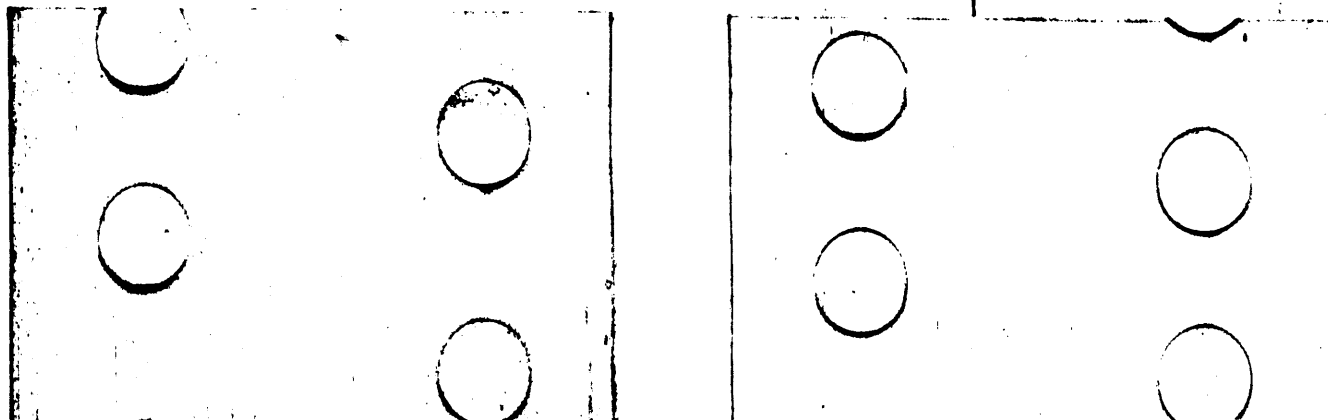
BREKID RE FRANKIE FOSTER ASCERTAIN IDENTITY JACK VOGEL FOUR NAUGHT FIVE OCEAN  
AVENUE BROOKLYN NOW ASSOCIATED WITH FOSTER AT RENO STOP SUGGEST CONTACT  
JOHN P COLEMAN NEWYORK POLICE STOP VOGEL DRIVING CADILLAC AUTOMOBILE NINETEEN  
THIRTYSIX NEWYORK LICENSE NINETY ONE DASH FORTYSIX

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cc: Bureau



Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

May 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland,  
Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

As per your instructions the three taps  
located at Toledo, Ohio, were disconnected at  
approximately 2 P.M. May 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

E.J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

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*Adm. W. J. Connelley*



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WASHINGTON, D. C. BM:HB

May 9, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In view of the copy of the attached letter from Bart O. Riley, representing Joe Adams, in the case of United States v. Joseph H. Adams and Henry Randall, and in further consideration of Mr. Barlow's memorandum to me, attached hereto, I have instructed Mr. Barlow to agree to a continuance of the case until the Fall Term of court.

I have had a conference with Mr. Holland, the United States Attorney, and he is also of the opinion that the witnesses who have not yet been found are essential to the prosecution of the case. It would, therefore, seem foolhardy to proceed at this time.

*Brien McMahon*  
BRIEN McMAHON  
Assistant Attorney General.

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**Address Reply To  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**May 8, 1936.**

**In re: United States v. Joseph H.  
Adams and Henry Randall.**

It will be recalled that the indictment in this cause was secured in the early part of February, 1935, and that the case was set down for trial during the April Term. When I went to Miami and examined into the evidence, I came to the conclusion that additional evidence would have to be obtained in order to show knowledge upon the part of defendants charged with harboring; that the person harbored was in fact, Alvin Karpis, and that he was wanted in St. Paul under an indictment, charging him with kidnaping, and that the evidence as to defendant Casius H. McDonald was strong enough to sustain, in my judgment, his conviction for conspiracy to kidnap in St. Paul, but inadequate to sustain a conviction for harboring and conspiracy to harbor in Florida. In order that the Department might have time in which to present this matter to the United States Attorney at St. Paul and secure a new indictment, naming McDonald upon authority granted by Assistant Attorney General Keenan, I moved for continuance to the September Term of court, which was granted by the court at the Government's request.

September, defendant Joseph H. Adams was subpoenaed by the Government to testify before the Grand Jury in St. Paul, in reference to McDonald, Wilson. A new indictment was returned in St. Paul, and the case originally set for trial in December or the latter part of November.

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Subsequently, the case in Miami was set for trial for November 17th. We then received a communication from Mr. Sullivan, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, asking us to continue the Miami case in order to permit the subpoena of witnesses from Cuba as well as defendant Adams for the trial of McDonald, et al. in St. Paul. I telephoned Mr. Gramling, the Assistant United States Attorney in Miami, relative to this continuance and Judge Ritter indicated that he would not grant it. I then telephoned Judge Ritter, read him

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portions of the letter received from St. Paul and requested again a continuance, which he granted to the April Term of court, 1936.

Defendant Adams and other witnesses from Florida and Cuba went to St. Paul and testified for the Government in the successful prosecutions of McDonald, et al. there in January of this year.

Due to the impeachment proceedings against Judge Ritter, this case was finally set for trial a short time ago for May 25th, at which time Judge Ackerman will hold court in Miami. Inasmuch as the Department was considering the sufficiency of the evidence against Nathaniel H. Heller, the delay in the taking of depositions in Cuba was due somewhat to our reluctance to take same until we had finally determined whether or not we should continue the prosecution against defendant Heller. Of course, we finally determined to not pros as to said defendant.

On April 16, 1936, I forwarded to the United States Attorney at Miami, a list of some sixty witnesses which were determined to be essential witnesses by reason of the summary report of the Bureau of Investigation herein. We have been advised by Mr. Gramling, the Assistant United States Attorney, that the following witnesses have not yet been located:

1. Harry Heller (no relation of N. H. Heller).
2. L. W. Thomas and Wife.
3. Gregory I. Dodom.
4. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray.

The total number of subpoenas served according to advise just received from Mr. Gramling numbers thirty-six. Many of those as yet have not been served, and upon which no return has yet been made are essential and necessary witnesses.

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Mr. and Mrs. <sup>L.W.</sup> Thomas are the owners of the property located in Miami, rented through defendant Joseph H. Adams for Alvin Karpis and DeLores DeLaney who, at that time, were going under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray were both employees of the El Commodore Hotel during the time the various members of the Karpis gang were there, and witness L. E. Gray was the first person to whom the Agent showed pictures of Karpis at the hotel and asked his assistance in locating him, and was the person who conveyed such information in the early morning hours of January 17, 1935, to the father-in-law of defendant Adams.

Witness Gregory I. Codomo was the room mate of defendant Duke Randall, and will testify relative to defendant Randall's conduct in reference to the car used by Harry Campbell as well as other important testimony.

Witness Harry Heller worked at the Bowery Casino at Miami Beach, and is the person who took a telephone call from Atlantic City on January 20, 1935, asking him to tell defendant Randall: "Atlantic City has shot it out, received telegram, beat it," and that he gave such message to

defendant Randall, and that defendant Randall had his girl friend use the telephone in the Bowery-Casino to 'phone Atlantic City to verify such information.

I have not yet had time to check thoroughly the list of witnesses whose subpoenas no return has yet been made, but hesitate to force this case to trial with the above named witnesses absent. Upon each occasion, I have advised the Bureau of Investigation immediately upon receiving word from Miami that such witnesses had not been found, and they assured me that they are making an investigation to ascertain the whereabouts of the various witnesses named. Judge Ackerman is to be in Miami on the 18th of May, and in all probability, these motions mentioned in the letter accompanying this memorandum will be filed at that time. I call your attention to the fact that my absence from the City has delayed the response to this communication. I believe that I should reply to it not later than tomorrow.

It is my opinion, that under the circumstances, the Government, having two continuances charged to it already and with essential witnesses not yet found, might place itself in an embarrassing position by refusing to agree to a continuance upon motion of the defendants.

If I do not receive instructions from you to the contrary, I shall agree to the continuance and so advise the attorney for the defendants by noon tomorrow, May 9th.

Respectfully,

/s/ Walter L. Barlow

WALTER L. BARLOW,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

(copy)

Bart A. Riley,  
Suites 1025-1036  
Seybold Bldg.,  
Miami, Florida.

May 2, 1936.

*Commendation*  
Hon. Walter L. Barlow,  
Assistant Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barlow:

Re: United States v. Joseph H.  
Adams and Hendry Randall.

I read in the morning paper of the capture of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Hoover and his associates deserve much praise for the wonderful detective work that must have been necessary in order to apprehend this man.

In the same article I read that Delores Delaney and Winona Burdette are to be subpoenaed here for the Adams trial. I would like to have positive assurance that they will be here, else it is my intention to take their depositions in person. I also wish to take the deposition of the reporter in Washington who put the announcement in the paper some time ago that the case against Adams would be dismissed. This is in addition to the testimony I wish to take in Cuba.

I explained to you once before that I have authority to support my contention that if two of the agents went to Havana, Cuba, and were guilty of misconduct in the apprehension of Heller, and those same agents obtained statements from Randall and Adams, that I could introduce my Havana testimony in order to effect the credibility of such agents.

The time to take these depositions is drawing short, and in regard to those I have to take in Cuba, it may be necessary for me to obtain an order for *dedimus potestatem*. In that event, I am confronted with the fact that we have no District Judge here, which would cause a delay of about a week before I could get an appointment in Jacksonville or Tampa to dispose of this matter.

I am still working on my plea in bar and believe I have cases to sustain the granting of such plea.

And again, J. Mark Wilcox will assist me in the trial. He is busy in Congress at the present time, and will be a little busy the latter part of this month in making speeches throughout this District seeking re-election.

Under our state law, when a case is called and a petition to take testimony of absent witnesses is filed, a continuance must be granted; the granting or refusal thereof is not optional with the judge. See

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Section 8390, Compiled General Laws of Florida, 1927, and Newton v. State, 21 Fla. 53; Clements v. State, 51 Fla. 6, 40 So. 432. In the Newton case our Supreme Court said:

"This section gives to the court no discretion in the matter of issuing a commission to take testimony."

In the Clements case, the court said:

"Under this section, the application for a commission to take the testimony of absent witnesses should generally be made to the court by the defendant when he is arraigned, and upon a proper compliance with all the requirements of said statute, the court has no authority to refuse such commission."

I therefore believe that if I filed a motion for a continuance on May 25th, it would be granted. I believe the court would hold, in view of the fact that the Government has obtained continuances of this case, that the Defendant would be entitled to at least one continuance.

Another disagreeable situation down here is the fact that we have no resident United States District Judge and we have no positive way of knowing what judge will sit, nor when he will sit to hear criminal cases. It is a great inconvenience to the Bar, and to me especially in this case. There are so many preliminary matters which could be disposed of forthwith if we had a permanent judge down here who, upon the application of the defendant to dispose of pending matters, would not be in a position to say "I do not care to hear these motions because I do not know whether or not I will try the case, and I would much prefer to have the motions disposed of by the Judge who tries the case." In this connection the court reporter told me that he is sending you a copy of the proceedings before Judge Long when you were here recently. I imagine you would like them for your file because, if need be, I wish to attach these proceedings to my motion for a continuance.

I am writing you at length on this matter because I don't want to inconvenience you and the Government witnesses in a trip down here on May 25th when there would be a strong likelihood that the case would be postponed. I also believe that by reason of the capture of Karpis, your department as well as Mr. Hoover's department, will be very busy obtaining an expeditious trial and disposition of the Karpis cases in St. Paul. And many of the witnesses in the Adams matter here will probably be essential witnesses in St. Paul, -- I have reference to the Government agents.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Holland, and suggest that you authorize him to enter into a stipulation with me to postpone the Adams case to some future date, preferably in September or October, at which time we should have a new resident District Judge. If you will agree to such a continuance of the trial, I shall be pleased to dispose

of the motions now pending, and the plea in bar, before any Judge who may hold court here on May 25th.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ BART A RILEY.

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DK:ew.  
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826 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
May 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Please be informed that Thomas F. Farley, Chief of Detectives, Sioux City, Iowa, by telegram of May 6, 1936, requested a late photograph of Fred John Hunter, who was arrested at New Orleans, Louisiana, by Bureau agents, inasmuch as Subject Alvin Karpis' photograph is reported to have been identified as one of the individuals who stuck up a bank at Sioux City, Iowa.

The New Orleans Bureau Office, by telegram of May 6, 1936, advised Chief of Detectives Thomas F. Farley, Sioux City, Iowa, that a late photograph of Subject Hunter would be forwarded to him through the Omaha Bureau Office, and I am transmitting herewith two copies of a photograph for that purpose.

Please conduct the necessary investigation to determine whether Subject Fred John Hunter is identified as being involved in the bank case at Sioux City, Iowa, in a case over which this Bureau might have jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Louis, Missouri, April 8, 1936, 7:30 PM JSB:1A

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D. Brantley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

BREKID AGENTS LEE F MALONE AND WJ MCNULTY WITH PRISONER SAM COCKER

LEFT ST. LOUIS SIX FORTYFIVE PM TODAY ON PRISCO TRAIN NINE CAR FIVE

DRAWING ROOM A WILL ARRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY NINE FIFTYFIVE AM TOMORROW

cc Bureau  
cc Chicago (2)  
cc St. Paul  
cc Cincinnati  
cc Cleveland

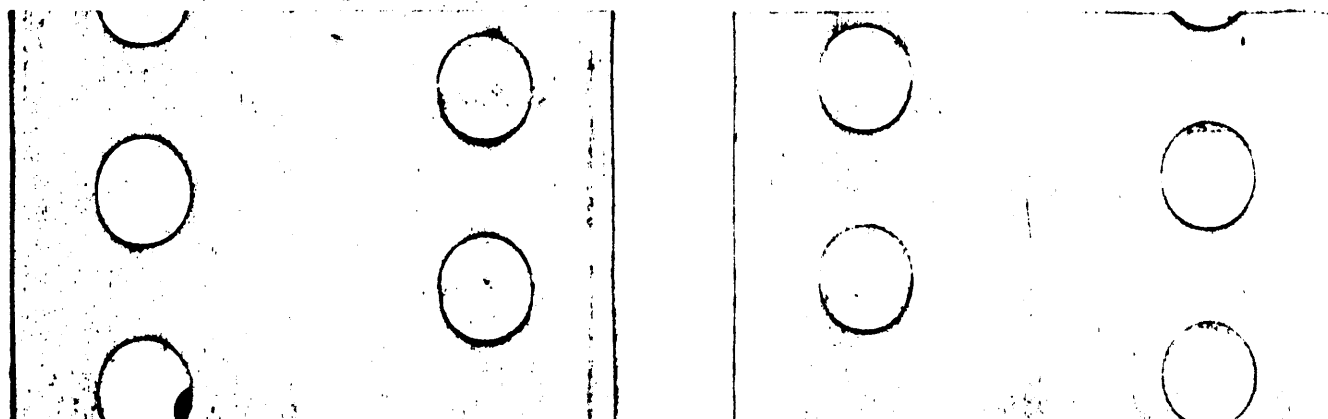
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PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO:

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1002 COURT HOUSE & POST OFFICE BUILDING  
BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

O C DEWEY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
769 STARKS BUILDING  
LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY

URGENT MR. AND MRS. J. W. THOMAS LOCATED SAN FRANCISCO FOR SERVICE SUBPOENAS

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Chg. F. B. I., U. S. Dept of Justice  
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326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 9, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
500 Hector Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please be informed that when you departed from New Orleans, La. I surrendered to you one .38 calibre Colt super-automatic pistol, serial #16801.

Kindly advise whether you desire this gun charged to you and so noted on Bureau records or whether you desire to return the gun to this office.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Haggis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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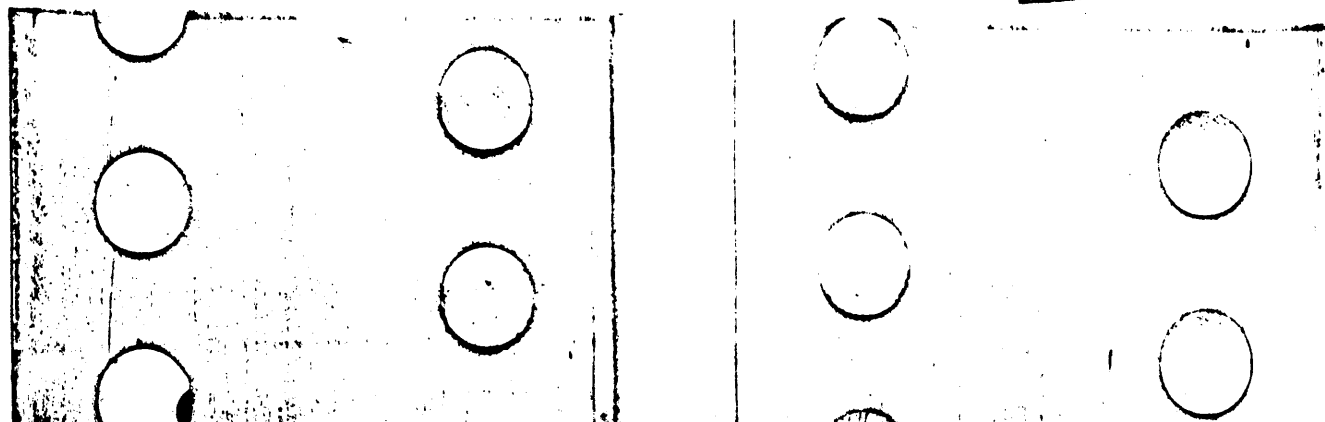
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New Orleans, La., May 7, 1936.

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E.J. Connelley, Cleveland;  
St. Paul.

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Edward J. Brennan

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 7, 1936

Postmaster,  
Holliday, Texas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the cover placed  
by Special Agent D. W. Gleason December 14, 1935, on  
the mail of Howard L. McNeel and family may be can-  
celled.

Please accept our thanks for your  
splendid cooperation.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

ME

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 7, 1936.

Postmaster,  
Iowa Park, Texas.

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Please accept our thanks for your co-  
operation.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 7, 1936.

Postmaster,  
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the cover re-  
quested by Special Agent C. O. Hurt January 4, 1936,  
on the mail of Chloë Bush, 1907 Holliday Street, may  
be cancelled.

Thank you for your cooperation in this  
matter.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
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S A C DENVER

PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE SUMMARY REPORT R. C. SURAN CHICAGO

JANUARY SIXTH NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. CHARLES O. LONG HELD HEREADMITS STEERING MARTIN UNDERLICH INTO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

DOLLARS CONFIDENCE GAME IN LATTER PART NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE.

LONG ADMITS RECEIVING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FORHIS SHARE. LONG STATES ASSOCIATES WERE WILLIAM ELMER LEAD,GEORGE CHILDS AND SAM HARRIS. UNDERLICH EXPECTED TO BE REGISTERED

COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL DENVER COLORADO MAY NINTH OR TENTH. BUREAU

REQUESTS CONTACT WITH UNDERLICH TO ASCERTAIN IF HE WILL TESTIFYAGAINST LONG IN STATE COURT. PHOTOGRAPH OF LONG BEING SENT

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

May 8, 1936.

Mr. Walter Johnson,  
Post Office Inspector in Charge,  
New Post Office Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, I am desirous of having a thirty-day cover placed on all first class mail delivered to the occupants of the first floor apartment at 5908 North Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The tracings obtained from this cover can be forwarded to this office.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
May 7, 1936

Edward J. O'Brien

Postmaster,  
Hominy, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In the event you are still maintaining a cover  
on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Star Route B, same  
may be discontinued.

I want to thank you for your cooperation in this  
and other matters.

Very truly yours,

DEIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
May 7, 1936.

VCZ:J  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the cover that has been placed by the Salt Lake City office on the mail of William A. Shaw, Broadway Hotel, 222 West Broadway, Salt Lake City, Utah, who was formerly connected with William Elmer Head, and a known contact of Head, the following tracings have been received:-

To Mrs. Ethel Shaw, Broadway Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Postmarked Vancouver, B.C. May 1, 1936, 5 PM.  
Return address D. Miller, 2959 McGill St.

A second tracing was received indicating a letter was addressed to D. Miller, Hotel Wyatt, Casper, Wyoming, postmarked Vancouver, B.C. April 29, 1936 5 PM. The Casper address was marked out and the letter was forwarded in care of Bill Shaw.

These two tracings are being forwarded to your office with this letter for whatever attention you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Chicago  
cc - St. Paul

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
May 8, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to letter from the  
Bureau to the Aberdeen Office dated April 28, 1936.

This territory has no unsolved bank rob-  
bery in which uncut currency was part of the loot.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau  
Chicago  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order No. 393 on Harry Campbell, with aliases, Identification Order No. 1236.

The data concerning him should be withdrawn from the Pocket Identification Orders.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1058325

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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
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APPREHENSION ORDER  
NO. 1236-393

Re: HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases; Dave  
Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L.  
Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott,  
George Walcott, George Winfield,  
George Swanson, George F. Summers -  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1236 on the above named sub-  
ject is hereby canceled, inasmuch as he was apprehended at  
Toledo, Ohio, May 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1236

IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1236

January 28, 1935.

**WANTED**

HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: DAVE CAMPBELL,  
T. C. BLACKBURN, GEORGE L. MARTIN, GEORGE NEL-  
SON, JOHN WALCOTT, GEORGE WALCOTT, GEORGE  
WINFIELD, GEORGE SWANSON, GEORGE F. SUMMERS.

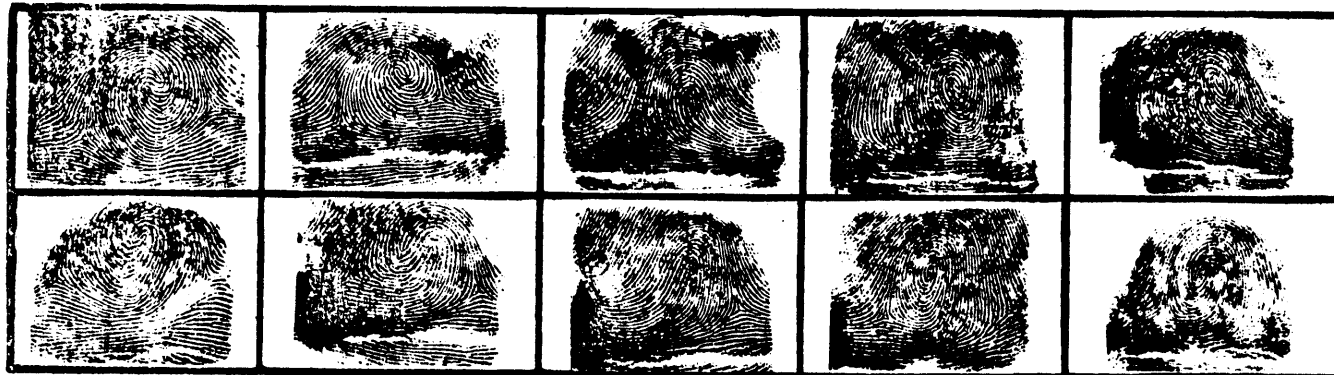
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**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 35 years; Born, Jan. 1, 1900 at Mc-  
Clintocville, Pa.; Height, 5 feet, 5 in-  
ches; Weight, 135 to 140 pounds; Build,  
medium; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Com-  
plexion, ruddy-medium; Marks, scar cor-  
ner left eye, vaccination scar upper left  
arm, lame in right leg; Teeth, decayed.

**RELATIVES:**

George E. Campbell, father,  
818 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Lissa Campbell, mother,  
818 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Mickey Rheinsmith Campbell, wife,  
123 East Crawford St., Pampa, Texas.  
Pearl Campbell, Edith Campbell Majors,  
and Laura Campbell, sisters, 818 S.  
Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Howard (Myrtle) McNeel, sister,  
Kemp City, Texas.  
Clarence Jack Campbell, brother,  
Ranger, Texas.  
Clell Campbell, brother,  
Long Beach, California.

Photograph taken December 25, 1920.



*Harry Campbell*

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Harry Campbell, #1846, arrested Po-  
lice Department, Tulsa, Okla., Decem-  
ber 25, 1920; charge investigation; fined  
\$19 and costs.  
As Harry Campbell, #11056, received State  
Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., January  
30, 1921, from Lincoln County, Okla.;  
crime, bank robbery, held for safe keep-  
ing; discharged June 11, 1921 on order  
of Court.  
As Harry Campbell, #9420, arrested Sher-  
iff's Office, Tulsa, Okla., April 23,  
1932; charge, burglary; released on bond;  
case pending.

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

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

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

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/6/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/4/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. E. ANDERSEN</b> <span style="float: right;">VB</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGI- TIVE, I.O. 1236; et al;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">No unsolved bank robberies in Arizona under investigation by Phoenix office. Files contain no information relative to loot consisting of new and uncut currency.</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: <span style="float: right;">Letter from Bureau to Aberdeen office 4/28/36.</span></p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An examination of the files in the Phoenix office reveals that no unsolved bank robberies in Arizona are now under investigation by said office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The files further reveal there is no record of any new and uncut currency mentioned in connection with any bank robbery.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">PENDING</p>			
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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
May 7, 1936

Postmaster,  
Ponca City, Oklahoma

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In the event you are still maintaining a  
cover on the mail of Hy Raffenberger, Hiram Raffen-  
berger and Jimmy Burdette at 134 Glenside Street,  
same may be discontinued.

I want to thank you for your cooperation  
in this and other matters.

Yours very truly,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1276,  
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May 7, 1936

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RE: BREKID :

Dear Sir:

In the event you are still maintaining a cover on  
the mail of W. P. (Penn) Coker, Foss Dale, Elizabeth Palmer,  
and Sam Coker, same may be discontinued.

I want to thank you for your cooperation in this  
and other matters.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Transmitted herewith are two copies of a memorandum for the information of Special Agent F. C. Dunne which was furnished to this office by the Bureau.

The Bureau advises that this memorandum was prepared on April 24, 1936, at Miami, Florida, and contains evidence which is expected to be produced by Agent Dunne during the motion to suppress the statements obtained from Joseph R. Adams and Henry Duke Randall.

The Bureau desires that this memorandum be thoroughly studied by Agent Dunne so that he will be completely prepared to testify during the hearing. It should also be studied with the thought in mind of being able to testify to information which may be of assistance relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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HARRY R. COOK

Harry R. Cook lives at Etowah, Tennessee, and has known Joe Adams three or four years.

Some time in November or early December, 1934, Cook was visited by Adams at Etowah. Adams asked Cook to get some Tennessee license plates for a Buick car--Adams gave the name of the party on a piece of paper for whom the plates were to be purchased--Cook does not remember the name and the paper was destroyed. Adams asked Cook to get the plates and send them to Miami, Florida. Adams stated that the plates were for some fellows who were running whiskey between the North and the South. At this time Cook stated, "Joe, that will get me in trouble; that isn't right". Adams replied, "Well, will you get me the plates".

Adams gave Cook approximately \$5.00 and Cook thinks the plates cost \$3.00.

Shortly after the above conversation with Adams, Frank Jennings was going to Athens, Tennessee, and Cook asked him to get the plates, giving him a piece of paper with the name on it for whom he was to get the plates.

Jennings brought the plates back to Cook on the same day and Cook mailed the plates by United States mail in about two days. Cook used a card with the hotel address on it that had been given him by Adams.

Some time after Christmas, as a result of a telephone call from a gas station, Cook went to the station there and met two men, one a thin-faced fellow (will probably identify Randall).

The thin-faced fellow (Randall) said "Do you know Joe Adams?" Cook replied, "Yes". Randall then said "Joe Adams is a good friend of mine", and Cook said, "Adams is a good friend of mine". Randall asked, "Didn't you buy some license plates for Adams?" and Cook told Randall that he had.

As Randall was getting into the car he handed Cook some paper money and Cook told him, "You don't owe me anything". Randall replied, "I can make more money than that in five minutes". Randall and his companion left

HARRY R. COOK (Cont'd)

the filling station in a hurry.

Cook kept the \$50.00 which comprised of two \$20.00 and one \$10.00 bills and took it to the bank to find out if it was any good.

Randall stated to Cook that he had come to Atlanta by airplane, and had driven from Atlanta over muddy roads.

FRANK JENNINGS:

In 1934 Jennings lived at Etowah, Tennessee, and had known Harry R. Cook for several years.

Some time in November or December, 1934, Cook asked Jennings to get some plates for him while in Athens. Cook gave Jennings a piece of paper with the description of the car and the name of the party for whom Jennings was to get the plates.

Jennings went to Athens, got the plates at the County Clerk's Office, and late in the afternoon came back to Etowah with the plates and gave them to Cook.

ROY ARP:

Roy Arp lives in Etowah and works for Harry Cook at a service station.

Some time before the 1st of January or the last part of December, 1934, about 8:30 p.m., two fellows drove into Harry Cook's service station in a U-Drive-It car. The shorter of the two fellows (Randall) asked Arp if Harry Cook was at the station, and Arp informed him that Cook was at the show. Randall told Arp to call Cook on the 'phone and tell Cook that he, (Randall) wanted to see him, and for Cook to come over right away. Randall told Arp that he had come all the way from Miami to see Cook and it was important.

Arp called Cook at the theatre and Cook came over and had a conversation with Randall and the other fellow, but Arp was not present.



WILLIAM MILTON JOHNSON

William Milton Johnson was employed at the Elcomodoro Hotel as a bell boy during the fall of 1934.

He will identify the pictures of Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney, and Fred Barker, as persons he saw at various times in the Elcomodoro Hotel during the fall of 1934.

He will identify the following persons as the ones he saw on several occasions in their rooms at the Elcomodoro Hotel when he waited on them: Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney, and Fred Barker.

L. E. GRAY:

L. E. Gray began work at the Elcomodoro Hotel as assistant manager, November 5, 1934.

In the middle part of November, Agents Campbell and Hurt came to the Elcomodoro Hotel and talked to Gray about a 1934 Ford coupe which was being used by Randall. Gray then told Adams about the agents inquiring about the car and Adams stated that they were probably investigating Randall because of some labor difficulty; that Randall had been some sort of a guard with respect to some labor troubles.

Gray will testify that the 1934 Ford coupe used by Randall was occasionally used by Adams. // w

After several members of the gang had been in the hotel for a while, Gray spoke to Adams and asked him, "Who are these people that are in the four rooms? (He was referring to the gang, meaning Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Bolton, and Green). They acted peculiar, they never appear in the lobby in the day-time--when they would come in the lobby, they got off the elevator and went out through the side entrance--they wore their hats drawn over their eyes in the lobby". Adams replied that they were used automobile dealers.

L. E. GRAY (Cont'd)

After Adams was questioned by the Bureau Agents in January, 1935, he was asked by Gray about the gang being used car dealers. Adams stated at this time that he hadn't told Gray the truth when he said that they were used car dealers; that the gang were a bunch of gamblers from Cleveland and had fled to Miami because they feared their lives--Adams stated that he had promised not to tell they were in the hotel. (This conversation with Adams was held by Gray on a trip to Palm Beach and was in response to Gray telling Adams about Knight telling him, Gray, that the gang was a bunch of gamblers from Cleveland).

Gray identified the pictures of the following persons as having been registered at the Elcomodoro Hotel during the period of November until the middle of January, 1935: Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, William J. Harrison, Alvin Karpis, Kate Barker, and Dolores Delaney. //

Gray will testify that the usual practice at the Elcomodoro Hotel, when guests left money for safe-keeping, was to have the guests put the money in an envelope and the envelope was sealed in their presence and a receipt issued to the guests, and the guest signed the envelope. When the guest desired to procure the money, he would present his receipt and be handed the envelope with the money--in the event part of the money was put back in safe-keeping, a new envelope would be provided and the same procedure followed. Safe deposit

About the middle of November, Dolores Delaney and Nathaniel Heller registered into the Elcomodoro Hotel. At this time Gray lent his Oldsmobile Sedan to Nathaniel Heller. Heller at that time stated that he wished to use the car to drive Dolores Delaney around the city to look for an apartment or some furniture for an apartment. Heller  
Delaney

On one occasion Gray mentioned Heller to Adams at which time Adams stated that he knew Heller very well. On the second visit of Heller to the Elcomodoro Hotel, during the early part of December, 1934, while Heller was in the hotel, he and Adams were together a great deal. Heller  
Adams

L. E. GRAY (Cont'd)

These people (the gang) usually stayed in their rooms during the day time, and most of their meals were served in their rooms.

After the gang were registered into the Elcomodoro Hotel, whenever they wanted anything, they called for Mr. Adams-- when the gang first came into the hotel Adams changed the rates from what Gray had set them and after that those rates were followed.

MRS. L. E. GRAY:

Mrs. L. E. Gray was employed as telephone operator at the Elcomodoro Hotel from November 15, 1934, to March 15, 1935--she also did work behind the desk.

Mrs. Gray will identify the pictures of the following as being members of the gang who resided at the hotel at times during the period from November, 1934, until January, 1935: Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Delores Delaney, Harry Campbell, and Alvin Karpis.

Adams borrowed Mrs. Gray's radio some time in December, 1934, and had it sent to Room No. 405. Adams stated that he wanted the radio for a friend of his who was sick.

Mrs. Gray states that some time in December, 1934, a party called, asking for Mrs. Green, and that she was informed there was no one registered by that name-- thereafter Adams told Mrs. Gray that this party had called and had asked for Mrs. Green and had been told that there was no one registered there by that name. Adams stated that Mrs. Green was in Room 405 and that her name should be placed in the telephone rack as a guest of the hotel.

Approximately during December, 1934, two persons who were members of the gang registered at the Elcomodoro Hotel by Mrs. Gray. She gave them commercial rates of \$2.00 per day--a few moments afterwards Mr. Adams was checking the rack showing the names of the guests registered, which also showed their rates, and he asked who had registered these two men. Mrs. Gray informed him that she had, whereupon Adams stated that they were

MRS. L. E. GRAY (Cont'd)

not traveling men and were not entitled to a commercial rate--immediately after these two men registered they called Room 405.

In the early part of December, 1934, while Mrs. Gray was on the switchboard, a call came from Room 405 for Mr. Adams, and Mrs. Gray connected the party with Adams on his 'phone in his office. About fifteen or twenty minutes later, Adams called from Room 405 and asked Mrs. Gray to have the bell boy send up a bottle of wine to Room 405.

Most of the members of the gang generally called on the telephone for Adams. On several occasions, after members of the gang called for Adams, he would call shortly down to the office from their rooms.

During the times Dolores Delaney was registered at the Commodore Hotel, Mrs. Gray saw her go into Adams' private office frequently. Sometimes she would stay a few minutes and on several occasions, Delaney stayed in Adams' office as long as an hour.

MRS. MARY GOODMAN

Mrs. Mary Goodman was living in Miami Beach from October, 1934, until about the middle of April, 1935.

She became acquainted with Duke Randall shortly after the holidays in 1934, and went out with him on a few occasions.

On Sunday night, January 20, 1935, Duke Randall and Mary Goodman stopped at the Bowery, a night club on Miami Beach. Heller, cashier, whom Mary Goodman had known for some time, told Duke Randall, in her presence, that there had been a 'phone call for him. Duke Randall asked Mary Goodman if she would make a 'phone call to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to a Mr. Morley at the Morley Cigar Store and ask him if anything had happened there.

Mary Goodman went to a hotel near the Bowery Club, placed a call by telephone to Mr. Morley, and asked him if anything had happened there. She told him she was a friend of Duke Randall. Morley told her that there had been a shooting at a hotel and that two men got away and that two women were being held by the Department of Justice.

MRE. MARY GOODMAN, Cont'd

After the telephone call, Mary Goodman told Duke Randall what Morley had said, and Duke Randall said, "Oh, my God, I met some people and gave them a note to a hotel in Atlantic City".

Randall did not say any more at this time until the newspaper boy came in and Randall saw his name in the newspaper. Duke Randall then said that it must be the people he had given the note to.

HARRY HELLER

Harry Heller has known Duke Randall for about four years. (having met him in Atlantic City).

During the latter part of 1934, and the early part of 1935, Heller was employed as publicity man for the Bowery Casino, Miami Beach.

About 11:30 p.m., January 20, 1935, Heller was at the Bowery Casino. About that time Duke Randall and Mary Goodman came into the Casino.

Heller had a conversation with Duke Randall at this time. Heller told Randall that at about 7:30 that evening there had been a telephone call to the Bowery Casino, and a man had asked if there was anyone there who could take a message for Duke Randall and that he, Heller, replied that he would take the message. The man then said, "Tell Duke that your message was intercepted and Atlantic City has shot it out. Beat it!" Heller told Randall that the same party making this call called back twice and inquired of Heller whether or not he had given Randall a message. At this time, Randall only said, "Oh, yeah". A few moments later, Duke Randall asked Heller who made the call, and Heller replied that the man making the call said that Duke would know who called.

A. R. MARSHMAN

A. R. Marshman, during the latter part of 1934 and during January, 1935, was employed as clerk at the Tamiami Hotel.

On the morning of January 17, 1935, around 9:00 O' clock, Marshman went to the Florida National Bank, changed a \$1000.00 bill, returned to the hotel, and gave the change to Duke Randall--the change consisted of twenty \$50.00 bills.

ARNOLD HUTCHISON

Arnold Hutchison was employed as bell boy at the Tamiami Hotel During January, 1935.

On the morning of January 17, 1935, approximately 9:00 a.m., Duke Randall told Hutchison to get two bags out of the check room and put them in Randall's black Ford coupe which was parked on the Second Avenue entrance.

Hutchison got the two bags and took them out to Randall's car and put them in the rumble seat.

As Hutchison left the check room with the two bags he saw Dolores Delaney and the other girl get off the elevator. Dolores Delaney and the other girl came out of the hotel and got into Duke Randall's car. Duke Randall drove the two girls away in the Ford coupe.

GEORGE WESSALLS

George Wessells was employed as Cashier of the Elcomodoro Restaurant beginning in October, 1934.

Wessells recalls seeing Nathaniel Heller in the Elcomodoro Hotel on two occasions--one time about November, the other about December, 1934--one one occasion Heller came into the restaurant with Dolores Delaney. (Wessells remembers Dolores Delaney because she was expecting a child at the time she was at the restaurant.)

Wessells remembers that they frequently sent food up to Rooms 1004, 1005, 404, and 405, during the time the gang was at the hotel there.

Around the early part of November, 1934, Wessells met Duke Randall when Randall came into the restaurant and saw him there on various occasions.

Some time around the early part of January, 1935, Duke Randall spoke to Wessells about selling to Wessells a 1934 black-colored Ford coupe which Wessells had seen Duke Randall drive on previous occasions.

Randall stated to Wessells that he wanted to sell the 1934 Ford coupe, whereupon Wessells questioned Randall as to whether or not Randall owned the car--at that time Randall showed his registration certificate for the Ford to Mr. Wessells. Wessells then stated that he would be interested in buying the car about February 1st, whereupon Randall stated, "You don't want the car, it is hot". Randall then told Wessells that the car had been brought to Miami by someone from Chicago or Akron. Wessells tried to question Randall about the car but Randall would say nothing further.

Some time during the fall of 1934 Wessells asked Adams who these people were (referring to the Karpis gang) and Adams replied that they were night club operators from Chicago.

Wessells will identify pictures of the following whom he saw at the Elcomodoro Hotel: Dolores Delaney, Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, and Wynona Burdette.

M. L. MULLANE

M. L. Mullane will testify that she is Clerk of the United States District Court, St. Paul, Minn.

She will identify and introduce in evidence indictment returned May 4, 1934, at St. Paul, Minn., against Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Russell Gibson.

This witness will identify and introduce in evidence original bench warrant issued for the arrest of Alvin Karpis on May 4, 1934.

MERLE H. ROLFE

This witness will testify he managed the Rolfe Armored Car Service in 1934 and 1935, and that he was acquainted with Duke Randall--Randall having worked for him as a guard during the latter part of the year 1934 and early 1935. Rolfe employed Randall at the request of Adams.

He will state that on January 18, 1935, Randall came to his office, bringing an automatic rifle; that Randall told witness that it was one of three in Miami and offered to sell it to Rolfe for \$150.00.

The gun was discharged accidentally while Randall was showing the same to Rolfe. Rolfe told Randall he ~~did~~ would not buy the gun but Randall left it with him.

NOTE: Rolfe will identify and introduce in evidence machine gun.



MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHREY,

Witness will testify that on Saturday, January 27, 1934, she was employed by the P. & W. Grand & Silver Store, 67 Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minn.

On that date, about 11:30 a.m., a man called at her counter and purchased three flashlights of a large reflector type and bearing the trade mark "Merit Product"; that this man also purchased some Arrow batteries and Ever-ready batteries; also, he purchased three extra flashlight bulbs for a total of \$3.12, paying with a \$5.00 bill.

Witness will identify photograph of Alvin Karpis, carrying No. 1539 K.S.P., as the person who made the purchase, and she will testify that she appeared before a federal grand jury at St. Paul, Minn., on or about May 4, 1934, and testified before the said grand jury that Alvin Karpis purchased the above-mentioned items.

E. ROSS ALLEN

E. Ross Allen will testify that he is a Director of the Florida Reptile Institute.

Witness will identify and introduce in evidence Receipt, dated December 2, 1934, to T. C. Blackman, and will testify that Fred Barker paid the \$20.00 mentioned in the receipt, and instructed Allen to mount the deer head brought by Barker, and to deliver the same to Joe Adams at the Alcomodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

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L. W. THOMAS

L. W. Thomas has owned the residence known as No. 1121 85th Street, Northeast, since 1931.

During the early part of November, 1934, Thomas told Joe Adams that he was planning on renting the house out for the season and that if Adams knew of a couple who wanted the house for the season to let him know. Knight was present during this conversation.

On or about December 13, 1934, in the evening, Thomas saw Joe Adams at the Biscayne Kernel Club and told him that the renters had not arrived as yet and that he, Thomas, was anxious to know whether they planned on taking the house. Adams replied that the renters, Mr. and Mrs. Green, had gone away for a few days, but that they had given him the season rent money to pay Thomas. Adams then paid Thomas \$750.00.

Thomas will identify photographs of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, as the persons who moved into his house.

*Inquire of Mr. P.W.  
Thomas re finding the  
R.R. Brown letter in  
his house.*

MRS. GRACE THOMAS:

Mrs. Grace Thomas is the wife of Mr. L. W. Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas will identify and introduce in evidence lease, dated December 12, 1934, executed between herself and Mrs. S. A. Green.

She will identify the photograph of Dolores Delaney as being the same person as Mrs. S. A. Green.

She will also identify photograph of Alvin Karpis as the person who moved into her house with Mrs. S. A. Green (Dolores Delaney) on or about December 15, 1934.

During the latter part of November, Adams and Knight came to the home of Mrs. Thomas and at that time had a conversation with Mrs. Thomas. Knight did most of the talking and heard Adams looked the house over.

On two or three occasions, during the latter part of November, 1934, Adams and Knight called at the home of Mrs. Thomas, and discussed the renting of the house on 85th Street and also looked over the house.

In the latter part of November, Adams and Karpis (Karpis using the name of Green) called at the home of Mrs. Thomas and at that time Mrs. Thomas stated that she wanted to run another ad in the newspaper relative to renting the house at which time Adams said "that will not be necessary", and Karpis (Green) interrupted the conversation and stated that they had decided to take the house.

Adams, at the time heard Karpis (Green) were out to see Mrs. Thomas in the latter part of November, stated to Mrs. Thomas that the Greens were good customers of his at the hotel.

WILLIAM A. MORLEY:

William A. Morley and Young were the owners of the Danmor Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

On Friday, January 18, 1935, between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., Morley was at his store, directly across from the Danmor Hotel. At that time one girl, whom he has identified by her pictures as being Delores Delaney, handed Morley a note addressed to Bill Morley, and it was written on the stationery of the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida--it was handwriting in green ink. The note read: "Dear Bill: Take care of my friend Mrs. Graham and see that she gets a good doctor and gets good care". It was signed "Duke".

Morley will identify the picture of Karpis as the person he saw in Room 403, Danmor Hotel, on January 19, 1935.

SAMUEL E. MORLEY:

Samuel E. Morley had known Duke Randall in Atlantic City about four years.

On Monday, January 21, 1935, about 12:30 a.m., while Morley was in his brother's cigar store, the telephone rang and the operator said "Morley Cigar Store?" to which Morley answered, "Yes". The operator then said "Miami, Florida, calling. Hold the line." Morley heard money drop and then a feminine voice asked, "Is this Morleys?" Morley answered, "Yes," and the feminine voice said, "This is a friend of --- (Morley stated it sounded either like "Duke" or Dick)". The feminine voice then said, "What happened in Atlantic City this morning?" Morley said, "I understand there was a little shooting match". The feminine voice said, "How did the boys make out?" Morley said, "I believe the boys got away but the girls were caught". The feminine voice asked, "Where are they now?" Morley told her, "I believe they are on their way to Philadelphia with the Department of Justice men". The feminine voice said, "Uh huh", and that ended the conversation.

ELIZABETH MORLEY

On January 18, 1935, about 2:45 p.m., Mrs. Morley saw a girl come into her husband's cigar store, whose picture she has identified as being the person Dolores Delaney. Dolores Delaney handed her husband a note addressed to Bill Morley and was written in green ink on the stationery of some hotel. The note said, "Take care of my friends and see that they get a good doctor", and was signed "Duke".

The only "Duke" Mrs. Morley knows is Duke Randall who used to be a drummer in a band around Atlantic City.

A short time after the first visit to the cigar store by Dolores Delaney, both she and Wynona Burdette came into the cigar store and bought some cigarettes.

Mrs. Morley can state from her own knowledge that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were registered at the Danmore Hotel.

Mrs. Morley can identify the picture of Karpis and states that he was registered in the hotel at the time the girls were there.

FRANCIS P. MALONE

During January, 1935, Francis P. Malone was City Editor of the Miami Daily News.

Shortly after the shooting up at Oklawaha at the Bradford House, Malone called Adams by telephone and told Adams that Carson Bradford had told Malone that Adams had rented the Bradford House to some people who Bradford did not know.

Malone told Adams of the shooting which had occurred at Oklawaha and asked Adams as to the identity of the occupants of the house. Adams stated he was surprised to hear the news.

Adams told Malone that a mother and son who had stopped at the McComodore Hotel during the fall of 1934 had rented the Bradford House. Malone requested information concerning these people and Adams promised that he would check the register and files of the hotel to find out the names of the people and call Malone back.

After waiting awhile, Malone again called Adams on the telephone. This time he told Adams that he had information that the Blackburns, who rented the Bradford House, were in fact Fred and Kate Barker, and that he had information that Karpis was also in the house at Oklawaha. Malone also told Adams that these people were under indictment at St. Paul, Minn., for the Brimmer kidnapping-- Adams said he knew nothing about Karpis.

JAMES GRANT:

During 1934 and 1935, James Grant was working as a bell-boy at the Alcomodoro Hotel.

Grant will identify the photographs of William J. Harrison and Harry Sawyer as the two persons who occupied Rooms 1004 and 1005.

Sawyer lived at the hotel about ten days during September, and Harrison was in the hotel on about three occasions during September and each time spent two or three days in the hotel.

Grant will identify the photographs of the following persons who, he will testify, were living at the Alcomodoro Hotel in the fall and winter of 1934: Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Kate Barker, Dolores Delaney, Harry Campbell, and Wynona Burdette.

Grant will testify that Fred Barker and Harry Campbell stayed in Room 1004 and 1005, and that he waited on these people many times.

Grant was ordered by the desk and took up a radio to Room 405. Grant will identify picture of Dolores Delaney and the side-view picture of Karpis as the persons who were in Room 405 at the time he delivered the radio.

K. R. MC INTIRE:

K. R. McIntire will testify he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been for six years.

He will identify photographs of Harry Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Russell Gibson.

He will testify that all of the above-mentioned persons were being sought by the Bureau as fugitives from Justice.

He will testify that identification orders (and will explain the same) had been issued by the Bureau for the following during the summer of 1934: Harry Sawyer, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Russell Gibson.

He will testify that identification orders had been issued by the Bureau during the summer of 1934 for the following: Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, and William Harrison.

He will testify that the usual routine and practice of the Bureau is to print thousands of identification orders of fugitives and distribute the same to the various law enforcement agencies, etc.--will testify this was done in the case of the above-mentioned fugitives.

He will testify that all Agents of the Department of Justice were instructed to be on the lookout for the fugitives and that two special squads of the Bureau were assigned to the special duty of apprehending these fugitives.



M. S. ALTMAYER

Will testify that he was General Manager of the Unger Buick Company, during December, 1934.

Witness will produce and identify books and records of the Unger Buick Company, Miami, showing sale of Buick Tudor Sedan, Motor No. 42949155, sold to Leroy Morrison for \$1096.50, on December 22, 1934.

Witness will identify Florida Certificate of Title, dated January 1, 1935, for 1935 Buick Coupe, issued in the name of Leroy Morrison.

MRS. CLARA GILBERT

Will testify that during December, 1934, she was Cashier of the Unger Buick Company, Miami, Florida.

She will state that she completed the sale of the Buick to Leroy Morrison, at which time he refused to give a local address, stating that he had just arrived in town from Buffalo, N.Y., where he resided at 444 Main Street; that Morrison further instructed her to retain the Certificate of Title when it came from Tallahassee, Florida, until April 1, 1935, after which time she should forward it to him at his northern address if he did not call for it.

NOTE: Attempt to have witness identify Randall as the person who purchased the car.

MILLER V. BISHOP

Witness will state that in December, 1934, he was working for the Unger Buick Company, Miami, Florida.

(Note: Point out Randall and ask witness if he recognizes him and then proceed to have witness testify as to the sale of Buick car to Randall).

On Saturday morning, before lunch, December 22, 1934, a man got out of a Red Top cab and walked into the show rooms of the Unger Buick Company. He walked directly to a 6-passenger black Buick coupe and asked Bishop what discount he could get off for cash. Bishop told him none because of the code. Bishop and the man sat in the seat of the car for awhile after which he asked Bishop how soon he could get the car, and Bishop said "In about ten minutes", whereupon the man (Randall) said, "Let's go". Bishop then took (Randall) back to the desk where he paid for the car in cash.

Witness recalls that (Randall) gave the name of Leroy Morrison, 444 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. (Randall) then got into the Buick and left.

A. A. UNGAR

Witness will state that he is the owner of the Unger Buick Company, Miami, Florida.

He will testify that he has known Joe Adams for some time, and that in the middle of December, 1934, Joe Adams called him and said, "Arthur, I have got a good prospect for you. He is a wealthy friend and is about to buy a car in Orlando, Florida, and I stopped him from buying a car up there and he is going out of town. When he returns, I'll get him in touch with you at the proper time".

MISS TERESE CARMICHAEL

Witness will state she is a practical nurse.

That on or about December 18, 1934, she went to work for a Mr. and Mrs. Green, at 1181 Northeast 85th Street, Miami, Florida. She will state that she obtained employment through the Hampton Employment Agency of Miami.

Witness will identify photographs of Karpis and Dolores Delaney as Mr. and Mrs. Green.

DR. A. HAMPTON

Will state that she is manager of the Official Physicians and Surgeons Exchange and Nurses Registry of Dade County Medical System. She also operates the Adele Hampton Placement Bureau, Miami.

That approximately 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of December 28, 1934, Joe Adams called Dr. Hampton and stated that he wished to secure a practical nurse--cook for a Mrs. Green. Dr. Hampton asked what kind of a person Mrs. Green wanted and what she would pay. Adams stated he did not know what she wanted to pay, that Mrs. Green was in an expectant condition and wanted a nurse who could do housework. Dr. Hampton asked Adams for Green's address saying that she would go out and see the Greens and find out what kind of a girl they wanted and also see the people she was getting the nurse for. Adams gave Dr. Hampton the address of 1121 Northeast 85th Street.

Dr. Hampton went to 1121 Northeast 85th Street and talked to ~~the Greens~~. Mrs. Green. Identified Heloise Helms.

Notes: Try to bring out in some way that Mrs. Green said to Dr. Hampton that she wanted someone to stay with her who could do housework and who would not talk too much or ask too many questions. Dr. Hampton recalls this.

Adams first called Dr. Hampton on 12/16/34, & she was not in. He left message to have Dr. call Joe Adams right back. Called him back that morning, & Joe Adams was not in. Called again on 12/17/34, & he was not in. Adams called Dr. on 12/19/34 around 2:30 P.M. & raised hell because Dr. hadn't contacted him. Adams told her that her <sup>22</sup> ~~girl~~ was a traveling man, & that he ~~was~~ would not know that somebody would be with him in

DR. JOHN E. HALL

Witness will state he is a physician and engaged in practice in Miami, Florida, during 1934.

About the middle of December, 1934, Adams referred a Mr. Green to Dr. Hall, and Dr. Hall treated Green for a period of five or six weeks.

Dr. Hall will identify the photograph of Karpis as that of Green, the man he treated.

On one occasion Green (Karpis) called Adams from the office of Dr. Hall and told Adams that he had to go to Orlando, Florida, on business.

H. L. SILVUS

During the early part of 1935, witness was the owner of the Tamiami Hotel.

Witness knows Duke Randall and will state Randall was living at the Tamiami during January, 1935.

Some time after 12:00 o'clock, midnight, or around 1:00 o'clock, January 17, 1935, Randall brought two women to the Tamiami Hotel, taking them to his room. Randall then returned to the lobby and stated that the women were his sister and sister-in-law.

About 9:30 a.m., January 17, 1935, witness saw the two women, accompanied by Randall, leave the hotel.

Witness will identify photograph of Dolores Delaney as one of the women.

On one occasion, while Randall was living at the Tamiami Hotel, he told Silvus, while checking his, Randall's, gun, that he was a body guard for Joe Adams.

GREGORY I. GODONO

Witness will testify that he has been personally acquainted with Duke Randall for several years; that during the early fall of 1934 he and Duke Randall drove to Miami, Florida, from Atlantic City, N. J.

Witness will identify and introduce in evidence Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title No. 952564, Application No. 370964, dated December 7, 1934. Witness will state that Randall gave him this Certificate of Title for safekeeping.

Witness will identify and introduce in evidence 1935 Florida automobile registration card issued to G. F. Summers, dated January 14, showing Florida tag No. 39195, issued for Ford four-door Sedan, and will testify Randall left the same with him for safekeeping.

Witness will identify and introduce receipt issued by Shaw and Keeter, Motor Company, Gainesville, Florida, dated November 16, 1934, showing sale of 1934 Ford V-8 Sedan, to G. F. Summers. Witness will testify Randall left same in his care for safekeeping.

Witness will testify that Duke Randall left Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702 with him for safekeeping. Witness will identify and introduce in evidence Postal telegram, dated December 31, 1934, which is as follows: "Use own judgment the quickest way". Signed: "Joe". Will also state this was among the papers left with witness by Randall for safekeeping.

Witness will identify and introduce in evidence memorandum written in ink on stationery of the Dinkler Hotels, indicating expenses incurred by Duke Randall on trip he made for Joe Adams, to Etowah. Witness will state this memorandum was among the papers left with him by Randall for safekeeping.

Witness will identify and introduce in evidence Passenger coupon No. 3021, Eastern Airlines, Inc., indicating a passage by plane to Atlanta from Miami and return. Witness will also state this coupon was among the papers left with him by Randall for safekeeping.

WALT R STOKES

Witness will testify that he is Commissioner of Finance and Taxation for the State of Tennessee, and will state that his Department includes registration and licensing of automobiles.

Witness will identify and introduce in evidence records disclosing that on November 18, 1934, 1934 Tennessee license plates #309381 were issued for a 1934 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2884746, in the name of T. C. Blackburn, Etowah, Tenn.

HENRY DEBRO

Witness will testify he was employed as a bell boy at the Commodore Hotel during the fall and winter of 1934 and 1935.

Witness will identify photographs of William Harrison, Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, as persons he waited on at the Commodore Hotel while they were living there during the fall of 1934.

He will identify photographs of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney as persons who were guests in Rooms 404 and 405, in December, 1934.

ROBERT DONLEY

Witness will testify that he worked for George A. Falke Motor Company, Cleveland, Ohio; that on July 19, 1934, a man, using the name of Charles Bronson, purchased a 1934 black Ford coupe.

(Note: Endeavor to have witness identify photograph of Karpis as person who purchased the Ford)

Ruth Winterfield:

Witness will testify that on July 19, 1934, she was employed as bookkeeper at the George A. Falke Motor Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Witness will produce books and records to show sale of 1934 black Ford coupe to Charles Bronson.

Witness will identify photograph of Karpis as the person who purchased the Ford.



IVA MAI DUNLAP

Will testify that she was employed by Dr. Hall during the latter part of 1934, and the early part of 1935.

She will identify photograph of Karpis as the person who used the name of E. M. Green, and who Dr. Hall treated during December, 1934, and early January, 1935.

Witness will state that Karpis often used the 'phone at Dr. Hall's office and on two occasions she heard him call for Mr. Adams.

B. F. MIZELL

Will testify he is Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the State of Florida.

He will produce and identify Florida Certificate<sup>of</sup> Title No. 9506158, Application No. 53671, dated at Tallahassee, Florida, November 20, 1934, for Ford coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480, showing certificate of title was issued to Duke Randall, Elcomodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

He will also produce and identify 1934 Ohio Certificate of Title or registration issued in the name of Charles N. Bronson, on above-mentioned Ford.

Note: In the event witness is unable to produce original, prove its loss and introduce photostatic copy or certified copy.

ARTHUR SANDERCOCK

Witness will testify that he has been auditor and book-keeper at the McComodoro Hotel for the past eight years; that in August, 1934, Joseph H. Adams, became manager of the hotel. From that time on Sandercock worked under the supervision of Joe Adams.

He will testify that he kept the books and records at the hotel.

He will identify and introduce in evidence the following:

NAME	ROOM	IN	OUT	REGISTRATION CARD	MOVED TO ROOM
W. J. Harrison and party of three, Cleveland, Ohio.	1004 and 1005	9-1-34	9-12-34	2215	The departure record is found on Card 2957
J. Wagner and Mrs. Wagner, Detroit, Michigan	1008	9-20-34	9-21-34	2405	
G.L. Summers and T. C. Blackburn, St. Charles, Illinois, Note: On 10-20-34 these parties had an unknown guest who remained until 10-21-34	811	9-29-34	11-7-34	-	1005 on 10-6-34
Mrs. G.E. Ryan, South Ben, Ind.	907	9-30-34	11-7-34	-	1004 on 10-6-34
H. C. Waggoner, Atlanta, Georgia.	718	10-19-34	10-20-34		
Mrs. E.N. Wagner, City	1005	11-14-34	11-18-34		

ARTHUR SANDERCOCK, Cont'd

NAME	ROOM	IN	OUT	REGISTRATION CARD	MOVED TO ROOM
N. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba	1004	11-14-34	11-20-34	3403	
T. C. Blackburn, St. Charles, Illinois.	904	11-23-34	11-25-34	-	
Mrs. Ryan, St. Charles, Illinois	905	11-23-34	11-25-34		
G. F. Summers and wife	905	11-25-34	12/11/34	-	
N. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba	1005	12/5/34	12/7/34	3752	
J. B. Bolton Chicago	404	12-5-34	12-13-34	3726	

NOTE: This room was rented at \$3.00 per day but was immediately raised to \$4.00 per day on 12-5-34. Occupancy was actually taken at about 3:30 A.M., 12-5-34, hence a charge for 12-4-34 was made.

E. N. Howe, Chicago, Illinois.	405	12-5-34	12-15-34	3727	
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NOTE: Occupancy taken at 3:30 A.M., 12-4-34 according to L. E. Gray. On 12-5-34 the rate was raised from \$3.00 to \$6.00 per day. This rate was changed on 12-13-34 to \$7.00 per day. Dolores returned from Cuba on 12-4-34 - Karpis on 12-5-34 and they remained in the Hotel until they moved to the Thomas home.

T. C. Blackburn	1004	12-8-34	12-11-34		
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**ARTHUR SANDERCOOK, Cont'd****REGISTRATION  
CARD****MOVED  
TO ROOM**

NAME	ROOM	IN	OUT	
Mrs. G. E. Ryan	1005	12-8-34	12-11-34	
J. B. Bolton and J. Roberts, Chicago, Illinois	702	12-28-34	12-28-34	4308 4393
G. F. Summers and wife	705	1-13-35	1-14-35	-

Witness should identify photographs of Harry Campbell, registered at the hotel as Summers; Dolores Delaney, registered as Mrs. Wagner; Kate Barker, registered as Mrs. Ryan.

Witness will state that Joe Adams placed money in an envelope under the name of Green, and that witness placed the same in a section of the vault devoted to the safekeeping of articles for employees of the hotel; that he gave Adams a claim check for the envelope.

About the time of the shooting at Oklawaha, Sandercock gave the envelope to Adams who asked for it--witness also recalls that he had given the envelope to Adams on a few occasions prior to this time after which Adams always always returned it to him, and he made out a new envelope, giving Adams the receipt.

(NOTE: Sandercock states that on the occasion after the shooting when he gave Adams the envelope, Adams did not return the same).

HENRY KRUEGER

Will testify he is manager and owner of the Krueger Florist Company and was in November, 1934.

He will identify photograph of Fred Barker as the person who ordered flowers sent to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, Alcomodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

He will produce and identify telegraph delivery book which contains carbon copy of original telegram addressed to Exotic Gardens, Inc., Miami, directing that one dozen yellow and white mums be delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams.

JAMES DONN.

Will testify he is President of the Exotic Gardens, Inc., and will produce telegram showing order for flowers to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, Alcomodoro Hotel.

THOMAS DONN

Will testify he was employed by the Exotic Gardens, Inc., and will produce receipt for flowers, Order No. 6196, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, Alcomodoro Hotel, and will identify same, and will state the flowers were delivered to the Alcomodoro Hotel.

DR. F. O. NICHOLS

Witness will state that he had known Joe Adams in Etowah, Tenn., before he came to Miami, and was practicing medicine in Miami in the fall of 1934.

Some time early in December, 1934, Joe Adams told Dr. Nichols that there was a patron of the Klecomodore Hotel who he believed was an expectant mother; that he would send her to Dr. Nichols.

Dr. Nichols began treating the woman (referred to him by Adams) who gave the name of Mrs. L. O. Woods, and Dr. Nichols will identify photograph of Dolores Delaney as the woman he treated.

On one occasion Dr. Nichols visited the Klecomodore Hotel to treat Mrs. Woods and at that time attended her in a room and Karpis was present--Dr. Nichols will identify photograph of Karpis as the person being in the room at the time.

On one occasion, while Dr. Nichols was treating Dolores Delaney, he spoke to Joe Adams and told him that he had called a telephone number at the address 1121 Northeast 85th Street, and that Mrs. Woods had stated that her name was "Green". Adams stated that he was suspicious and was wondering whether the couple were married or not. The witness said to Adams he would like to know what kind of a girl this woman was in as much as she was apparently using two names.

After Dolores Delaney became the patient of Dr. Nichols, Joe Adams inquired on several occasions how the patient, Mrs. Woods, was getting along.

MISS GEORGIA PATTERSON

This witness, can, if necessary, identify original telegram, dated December 29, 1934, which is as follows:

"LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY  
CASH"

She can also testify that this telegram was received by her at the Western Union Office, 262 West Flagler Street by Messenger O. S. Gaskell, who was sent to the Commodore Hotel and picked up the message.

GEORGE PITCHFORD

Is Clerk of the United States Court, Miami, Florida. He will produce \$1000.00 bill, Serial No. F00017095 A, Series of 1928 6G. He can also testify the bill has been in his possession since January 26, 1935.

D. B. SUTTON

Will testify he operates a jewelry store in Miami, Florida, and was in business during the year 1934.

About December 22, 1934, Joe Adams called him by 'Phone and stated that someone in his office wanted to buy a Christmas present and asked Sutton to send over a selection to choose from. A messenger brought a card signed by Joe Adams and the selection of jewelry pieces was delivered to the messenger.

While the jewelry was out of the store, Adams called the second time and stated that the parties had selected two pieces, but that the price was a little more than they wanted to pay and to ask Sutton if he would reduce it any. Sutton agreed to reduce the price on one pin from \$200 to \$175, and on another pin from \$100 to \$85.

The messenger returned with the remaining jewelry and \$260.00 in cash for the two pieces purchased.

NOTE: Sutton will identify receipt, dated December 22, 1934, for \$260.00, sold to Joe Adams.

NOTE: Attempt to have Sutton identify Randall as the messenger.



G. C. SMITH

Will testify he was station manager of the Eastern Airlines, at Miami, Florida, during December, 1934.

He will produce record to show sale of ticket No. 3021, for a round-trip, by plane, from Miami, to Atlanta, Georgia, and return, on December, 31, 1934.

NOTE: Witness should identify Eastern Airline Ticket No. 3021, as having been issued by the Eastern Airlines.

JOHN T. GREENLEE

Will testify that he was postmaster at Oklawaha, Florida, during October, November, December, 1934, and January, 1935;

That he observed newspapers come through the post office for a person who was living in the Carson Bradford home at that time, and the newspapers were addressed in long hand to an individual named "Summers".

Witness will be able to testify that newspapers which are usually sent from a newspaper office have a slip with a printed address of the addressees on it. Greenlee will be able to describe newspapers and their labels, etc., that are sent in the usual course by newspapers, the usual manner being for a newspaper office to paste or stick on a small yellow, pink or blue piece of paper on the paper binding the newspaper, and the small piece of paper usually bears the printed name and address of the party who is to receive the paper.

T. C. COVELL

Will testify that he was desk clerk at the Elcomodoro Hotel and employed as night from September 30, to November 25, 1934.

Will identify photographs of Kate Barker, Fred Barker, and Harry Campbell, as persons who were guests at the Elcomodoro Hotel during the fall of 1934.

Will identify photograph of Delores Delaney and Nathaniel Heller and state that on an occasion in November, 1934, they came to the hotel together and were given adjoining rooms--witness has known Heller for several years.

Will identify photographs of William Harrison and Harry Sawyer as persons who were guests at the Elcomodoro Hotel in September, 1934, in Rooms 1004 and 1005.

Will identify photograph of Cassius McDonald as person who called at the hotel, asking for Willie Harrison. He remembers this because McDonald came to the desk and he, Cavell, telephoned to Harrison's room for McDonald.

On a number of occasions, Harrison and McDonald asked for Joe Adams.

Covell was instructed by Joe Adams that whenever any of the above-mentioned persons stopped at the hotel, they were expected to pay good rates at all times.

F. G. BARBER

Will testify that he acted as caretaker of the Bradford house in Oklawaha.

Will identify photographs of Frank Barker and Ma Barker as the persons who lived in the Bradford house during the late fall of 1934.

Will testify that he saw Joe Adams visit Bradford house while the Barkers were living there on a number of occasions.

GLADYS FAHRION

Was employed about four years, prior to December 8, 1934, as telephone operator and clerk at the Elcomodoro Hotel-- duties consisted of taking care of switchboard and receiving guests from time to time.

Will identify photographs of Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, who she will identify as a Mr. Blackburn, a Mrs. Ryan, and a Mr. Summers, who were guests at the Elcomodoro Hotel during the fall of 1934.

Summers (Campbell) and Blackburn (Fred Barker) went into the offices of Joe Adams on numerous occasions. These people paid high rates and the rates on the rooms occupied by Summers (Campbell), Blackburn (Fred Barker), and Mrs. Ryan (Kate Barker) were fixed by Adams.

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CARSON BRADFORD

Will testify that he is the owner of the house at Oklawaha, Florida, that was occupied by the Barkers during the fall of 1934.

Had known Joe Adams for some time prior to the fall of 1934 and had been interested in Biscayne Kennel Club.

During the early part of November, 1934, Joe Adams called Bradford on the telephone and asked if Bradford would rent his home at Ocala (Bring out from Bradford whether house is in Oklawaha or Ocala), for \$75.00 per month to some responsible parties. Adams stated that the tenants would be an elderly woman and her two grown sons. Bradford never talked to any of the parties and the renting of the house was carried on solely by Joe Adams. On the day Adams talked to Bradford on the telephone, Bradford went by the Elcomodoro Hotel and at that time saw Adams who gave Bradford the rental money for the house. Adams gave him a hundred dollar bill and a fifty dollar bill, and Bradford gave Adams the keys to the house. This all occurred in Adams' Office at the Elcomodoro Hotel.

After the shooting at Ocala, Adams had a conversation with Bradford, at which time Adams offered Bradford a thousand dollar bill for the damage done to his house. At that time Adams stated that the bill belonged to "that mob who left here". Bradford told Adams that as much as he felt that he should be reimbursed for the damage done to his home, that he couldn't take that kind of money.

On one occasion Bradford inquired of Adams concerning Randall, and Adams replied in a joking way, "He is my man".

JOHN A. MADALA

Will testify that he is an Agent of the Department of Justice and has been for several years.

Interviewed Joe Adams in St. Paul, Minn., in the presence of Agent J. H. Hansen, about the middle of January, 1936, at which time Adams denied having received the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Adams:

I received your cablegram last night and was very glad to hear from you. If that party and Willie intend to come over here on the boat Friday, or whenever they are coming, wire Mr. Heller the day they leave and I will go down to the pier and meet them, with Mr. Heller, who will take care of everything so they will not be detained by the Customs. Tell each of them to bring a couple of cartons of cigarettes and all such things as hair tonics, razor blades, etc., that they may need while here as the prices on such things are impossible.

If that party is not coming over here some time this week tell Willie to come and I will pay his expenses.

The weather has been fairly nice lately and no bombings or anything of that sort. We listened to the Miami news reports and they greatly exaggerated the trouble here.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mr. Wagner".

During the interview Adams admitted that he had transmitted several cablegrams to Alvin Karpis under the name of "Mr. Wagner" with respect to Kate Barker during the time Karpis resided in Cuba.

Adams further told Madala that he, Adams, had known Willie Harrison for approximately five years. Adams also stated that he met Harry Sawyer through Willie Harrison as "Sealion" around the first of September, 1934, and that he, Adams,

JOHN A. MADALA, Cont'd

understood that Sawyer was from St. Paul, Minn. Adams stated that around that time Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald, and Willie Harrison, were talking about opening a gambling place in Miami.

Adams further told Madala that during the latter part of December, 1934, Cassius McDonald came to his office at the El Comodoro Hotel, and asked him, Adams, where he could get in touch with Blackburn. Adams stated that he then sent a telegram to Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, signing it "Cash", stating in the telegram that he, Cash, wanted to see him the following Sunday.

Adams further told Madala that on or about Christmas Day, 1934, Cassius McDonald came to his office at the El Comodoro Hotel and asked him, Adams, where he, Cash, could get in touch with Wagner. Adams states that he either gave Cash a telephone number or address in Miami of Wagner and volunteered to call Wagner for McDonald.

N. D. WILLS

Will testify that he is an Agent of the Bureau of Investigation.

During the latter part of September, 1935, he interviewed Duke Randall at Atlantic City, at which time Randall informed Wills that just prior to the time Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dolores Delaney, and Wynona Burdette, left Florida, Karpis told him, Randall, that the girls were going to Atlantic City by train because Dolores Delaney was not able to travel by automobile, and that it would be necessary for Harry Campbell to leave the Ford Sedan in Florida. Randall stated that Karpis then requested Randall to put the car in some place and told Randall that Campbell would return to get it at a later date. Randall stated the car was turned over to him by Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette who parked the car in the parking lot of the hotel where Randall was staying. Randall further stated that two girls turned over to him the automobile keys and certificate of title and a short time later Randall requested Godomo to place the automobile in a parking lot used by Godomo's employer, Ben Sipers.

Agent Wills will testify that on or about April 17, 1936, he interviewed Duke Randall at Newark, New Jersey, concerning his acquisition of Ford coupe, transferred from Bronson (Karpis) to Randall. Randall at this time stated as follows:

- "That sometime during the Fall of 1934 and while he was working for Joseph Adams at the Biscayne Dog Track, 115 North Second Street, Miami, Florida, he told Adams that it was necessary for him to have an automobile to get to the dog track and to escort to the bank the armored truck which collected money from the dog track. Adams informed Randall that a man named Bronson had left an automobile at the hotel and that arrangements could be made to get that car for Randall.

"A day or two later Randall went to the parking lot at the Biscayne Track to take over the automobile, the Ford coupe in question. After having it serviced, Randall advised, he then went to the hotel and there got the Bill of Sale which reflected that this car had formerly been registered in Ohio. This Bill of Sale was in the possession of Adams and it was Adams who gave it to Randall; however, Randall stated that

he, after Adams had given him the Bill of Sale to the automobile, and Bronson went together to the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida, and there a girl clerk using the Bill of Sale for information typed the forms: "Combination Application for Duplicate and Transfer of Title Certificate" and "Certificate of Title Application". Randall advised as to the signature of Charles M. Bronson on these certificates that he (Randall) saw Bronson sign these forms at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida; furthermore that the signature "Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida", appearing on the above mentioned combination form is his own signature and that it also was made at the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida.

"As for the typed name "Duke Randall" appearing on the form "Certificate of Title Transfer" being scratched, Randall replied that a girl clerk in the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau typed the form and that he supposes she made a mistake by placing his name in this form and that she scratched his name and inserted therefor the name of Charles M. Bronson.

"As to the Bill of Sale for this automobile signed by Bronson and received by Randall from Adams, Randall stated he did not know the relationship between Adams and Bronson or how Adams became interested in the Ford coupe, but that he understands Bronson owed Adams some money and used this Ford coupe in payment thereof; that he (Randall) never mentioned money to Bronson; that he did business with Adams and for this reason he did pay Adams a small amount of money on the car. Randall advised that he did not know why Bronson did not make the Bill of Sale out to Adams instead of himself (Randall) unless it was to save the fee for registering the car in Adams' name and again in his (Randall's) name. Randall further stated that the Bill of Sale was left in the possession of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida, and that so far as he knows that Bureau still has possession of this Bill of Sale.



N. D. WILLS, Cont'd

"When questioned as to the identify of Charles M. Bronson, Randall advised that he never saw Bronson until the day he and Bronson went to the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida, to transfer the title to the Ford automobile, and that he has not seen Bronson since that time. Randall stated positively that Karpis or Adams is not identical with Bronson".

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION  
TO SUPPRESS RANDALL'S STATEMENT OF  
JANUARY 21, 1935 -- IF NEEDED

Agent Wills will testify that he interviewed Randall on or about October 1, 1935, and at that time Randall stated that the agents in whose custody he was in Miami, Florida, from January 21 to January 25, were a fine bunch of fellows, and they were nice to him, and that while he was in their care he was courteously treated, was given food and cigarettes, and that he thought those had had some in contact with were fine men.

J. R. SHARP

Will testify he is Agent of the Department of Justice and on January 20, 1935, at Atlantic City, N. J., made a search of the personal effects of Dolores Delaney which were found in her room at the Danmore Hotel.

Will identify sheet of paper bearing the heading "Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida" and with the following handwriting in green ink:

"Stop at Danmor Hotel and ask for Mr. Bill Morley.  
"New Richmond Hotel, ask for Mr. Young.  
"Bob Brown, 137 S. Mass Ave.  
"Kentucky Avenue".

NOTE: This exhibit should be marked for identification only and will be identified by Pickering, handwriting expert, as the handwriting of Duke Randall.

J. C. WHITE

Is Special Agent of the Department of Justice,  
and was so employed during January, 1935.

On January 16, 1935, was present at the time  
Fred Barker and Kate Barker were killed at  
Oklawaha, Florida, and he, together with other  
agents, inspected the premises in that in one  
of the bedrooms of the Bradford home he found  
a set of 1934 Tennessee license plates No.  
309381.

Note: Have White identify the  
plates and offer same in evi-  
dence.

ANDREW GURANTE

During 1934, was living in Miami, Florida, and in the fall of that year went to see Joe Adams, Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel. He discussed with Adams about opening a restaurant and bar in the hotel. On one occasion Adams read a letter from one Dave Myerson, with respect to Gurante's ability, and at that time Adams stated that on the strength of that letter he probably would employ Gurante as it indicated that he was a good man and further that Gurante was a type of man who would hear and see things but keep his mouth shut.

During the time Gurante was negotiating with Adams, he was often in Adams' private office which was at that time in the lobby facing West First Street. Gurante discussed the subject of operating the restaurant with Adams several times, and Adams said he was anxious to get everything opened up in time for the American Legion Convention in Miami, October 23 to 26.

During the time Gurante was discussing the plans with Adams, he noticed there were guests in the hotel whom Adams paid a great deal of attention to. Whenever these people came in, Adams immediately waited on them himself and would ignore Gurante.

On one occasion, while Gurante was talking to Adams, in his office, a person came in who Gurante will identify the photograph of Cassius McDonald. At that time McDonald asked Adams to intercede in behalf of someone who had been arrested by the Miami police for possession of a stolen car. Adams told McDonald that he did not want to do anything for this man because Knight was a bit provoked for having to fix things up for too many people. At that time Adams took from his pocket some money and gave part of it to McDonald.

About this time Adams told Gurante that these people on whom he was waiting were members of a mob who had kidnapped a fellow out West and collected \$20,000.00 in ransom. Adams also said, "I can get anything they've got; they've got more money than you can shake a stick at. I can get a hundred thousand dollars from them".

ANDREW GUARANTE. Cont'd

Guarante will identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker, and Doc Barker, as the persons Adams referred to and the ones he was waiting on.

Adams told Guarante on one occasion that he, Adams, always waited on these people himself, and that he, Adams, assigned the rooms to them; that they were good spenders; that they would stay two or three days and would give him \$200 or \$300, or if they stayed longer, a \$1000.00, and that they would never ask for any change. Also, that they would never ask for a bill.

B. F. FITZSIMMONS

Will testify that he is an Agent of the Department of Justice and that he interviewed Duke Randall in the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, around the early part of March, or the latter part of February, 1935. Randall at this time denied ever having been in Buffalo and claimed not to know Leroy Morrison. When asked about the Buick Sedan, Randall stated that Adams sent for him to come to his office in the El Comodoro Hotel; That Adams gave him, Randall, instructions and then Randall asked under what name he should purchase the car, Randall stating that in as much as he had never seen Karpis and he had not been introduced to him before, he did not know whose name to use. At the time Adams gave Randall instructions, Karpis took a slip of paper from Adams' desk and wrote the name "Leroy Morrison, 444 Main Street, Buffalo, New York". gave it to Randall and told Randall to use the name and address on the slip of paper.

R.E. JOHNSON

NOTE: Foundation for introduction of the following telegrams should be laid by showing Johnson each telegram and having him examine it and testify that he can ascertain from the telegram itself what office it originated from and that of his own knowledge it is a part of the records of the Western Union Telegram Company.

R. E. JOHNSON

Will testify that he is the manager or officer of the Western Union Office, Miami, Florida.

Will identify and introduce in evidence original telegram, dated December 29, 1934, addressed to T. C. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, which is as follows:

"LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY  
CASH"

(NOTE: This telegram in our possession)

Witness will produce and introduce in evidence original telegram, dated November 21, 1934, as follows:

"11.15 PM NOV 21, 1934

T. C. BLACKBURN  
CARSON BRADFORD HOME  
OCKLAWAHA FLA

I HAVE BEEN SICK STOP PAPERS WILL START TODAY  
SORRY OF DELAY STOP MAILING PLATES TODAY STOP  
THANKS FOR FISH DID ENJOY THEM SO MUCH STOP  
REGARDS TO ALL

JOE ADAMS"

Will produce, identify, and introduce in evidence, telegram, dated December 6, 1934, as follows:

"T. C. BLACKBURN  
C/O CARSON BRADFORD HOME  
OKLAWAHA, FLA

PHONE ME

JOE"

Will produce, identify, and introduce in evidence, telegram, dated October 16, 1934, as follows:

"OCT 16/34 23 1.83

LC JOE ADAMS  
EL COMODORO HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

WHEN DOES PARTY EXPECT TO COME OVER HAVE YOU  
HEARD FROM WILLIE ANSWER COLLECT

HELLER  
HOTEL PARKVIEW

CASH  
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA CUBA"

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R. E. JOHNSON, Cont'd

Will produce, identify, and introduce in evidence, original telegram, dated October 18, 1934, as follows:

"1934/OCT 18th/ 10 0.85  
LC ADAMS  
EL COMODORO HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA -

CAN WILLIE COME TO-MORROW

CASH HELLER  
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA CUBA"

Will produce, identify, and introduce in evidence, regular tissue copy of telegram, dated October 25, 1934, as follows:

"1934 OCT 25 AM 12 55  
MZE15 11 CABLE-MIAMI FLO 25 244A

LC MR KELLER  
PARKVIEW HOTEL HAVANA CUBA

RYAN ARRIVES THURSDAY PLANE  
ADAMS"

NOTE: JOHNSON CAN TESTIFY FROM HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE BY  
EXAMINING TISSUE COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM THAT THE  
SAME IS THE TISSUE COPY OF THE HAVANA OFFICE OF  
THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY AND THAT THE ORIGINAL  
HAS BEEN DESTROYED

Will produce, identify, and introduce in evidence, original telegram, dated November 2, 1934, as follows:

"1934 NOV 2 PM 8 16 17 2.65

FULL RATE  
JOE ADAMS  
COMMODORE HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

DID ANYONE COME OVER IF NOT WHEN ANSWER IMMEDIATELY  
COLLECT

HELLER

CASH  
ROOM 408 HOTEL PARKVIEW"

R. E. JOHNSON, Cont'd

Will be able to testify from his own knowledge that a telegram, dated January 1, 1935, sent from Atlanta, Georgia, by Duke Randall, to Miami, Florida, addressed to Joe H. Adams has been destroyed, pursuant to the rules of the Western Union Telegram Company. Telegram is as follows:

"(Received at Miami, Flo) 4:34 AM JAN 1 1935

JOE H ADAMS  
PENTHOUSE FLORIDA NAT BANK BLDG MIAMI FLO

HAD TOUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT  
MADE IT OK MET HARRY AND EVERYTHING IS FINE  
LEAVING ON 6 OCLOCK PLANE WILL ARRIVE 1206  
IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN HOTEL WHEN I GET IN

DUKE

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DOLORIS DELANEY

Will testify that she began living with Karpis in 1933 and continued to live with him until January 20, 1935, at which time she was arrested in Atlantic City, N. J.; that she is the same Dolores Delaney named in the indictments, and has pled guilty to the charge and is now serving a sentence.

On or about September 18, 1934, Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis left for Miami, Florida, in a ~~black~~ Ford coupe and arrived in Miami on September 20.

They proceeded directly to the El Comodoro Hotel. Karpis asked the room clerk for Mr. Adams, and on being advised he was not there left word to be notified when Adams returned.

Dolores Delaney will state that she was acquainted with Fred Barker, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, Willie Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Bryan Bolton, Russell Gibson, Volney Davis, Bill Weaver, and will state that they were all members of the same gang.

Will state that in the summer and fall of 1934 she was with Alvin Karpis most of the time and that they were moving to different places for the purpose of preventing Karpis from being apprehended.

Upon arrival at the El Comodoro Hotel, Dolores Delaney and Karpis checked in Room 1005 under the name of "Wagner".

On the following morning, Karpis went down stairs and returned with two letters of reference, one addressed to "Nathaniel Heller, Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba," and the other addressed to "George Harris, American Bar, Havana, Cuba", and also with tickets to Havana.

Dolores Delaney and Karpis left their Ford Coupe at the hotel.

After packing their baggage and as Dolores Delaney and Karpis were fixing leaving, they met Adams in the lobby of the hotel at which time Adams referred to Karpis as "Ray", and Karpis introduced Dolores Delaney to Adams as his wife.

DOLORIS DELANEY. Cont'd

Upon the arrival of Dolores Delaney and Karpis in Cuba, they went to the Park View Hotel and registered under the name of "Wagner". After cleaning up, they went downstairs to the bar and met Heller, and Karpis gave Heller the letter of introduction. They stayed at the Park View Hotel for about a week.

Dolores Delaney and Karpis procured a cottage at Varadero Beach and lived there until some time early in December, 1934, using the name of "E.N. Wagner".

On one occasion, while in Havana, Nathaniel Heller took Dolores Delaney to a Ford Agency and told the salesman that she wanted a Ford sedan. Dolores Delaney bought the Ford Sedan, paying \$1074.00 in cash, and then Heller took Dolores Delaney to Marinco Town, located outside of Havana, and registered the car for her under the name of Dolores Wagner.

While in Varadero Beach, Dolores Delaney wrote a letter for Karpis, addressed to Mr. Adams. She will identify and introduce in evidence letter addressed to Adams and will state that it is in her own handwriting.

About the time that Dolores Delaney wrote the letter, Karpis had received a couple of cablegrams addressed to him under the name of "Wagner". On November 14, 1934, Dolores Delaney left Havana, Cuba, accompanied with Nathaniel Heller, on the SS Florida, and sailed to Miami, Florida. Heller and Dolores Delaney arrived in Miami, and registered at the El Comodoro Hotel. Dolores Delaney asked for Mr. Adams but was told he was out of town. Karpis had told her before leaving Varadero Beach to get in touch with Adams who would help her in locating a house or apartment in Miami where she and Karpis could live. Dolores Delaney was given Room 1005, and Heller occupied Room 1004 at the El Comodoro Hotel.

On one occasion while Dolores Delaney was looking for an apartment, Heller accompanied her to purchase an American pet bull dog called "Wimpy".

On November 18, 1934, Dolores Delaney returned to Havana by plane with her dog "Wimpy".

About December 4, 1934, Karpis told Dolores Delaney that he had seen a G-man in Havana so she and Karpis packed their things that night and left Varadero Beach about 7:00 o'clock the next morning. Karpis instructed Dolores Delaney to proceed to Miami by plane and to pick him up

DOLOROS DELANEY, Cont'd (3)

Either the next day or the day after at Homestead, Florida, Karpis stating that he was going to proceed to Key West by boat and then travel by train from Key West, to Homestead. Dolores Delaney proceeded to Miami and upon her arrival registered at a small hotel about a block and a half from the El Comodoro Hotel. Karpis had told her not to register at the El Comodoro Hotel but to check in some other hotel and inquire at the El Comodoro Hotel and find out if the rest of the gang were there. Dolores Delaney went to the El Comodoro and inquired for Ma Barker and Fred Barker under the names they were usually using, and was advised by the clerk that they were not there, but that the Summers were living in the hotel. Dolores Delaney went up to the room of the Summers and met Wynona Burdette.

On the morning of December 5, 1934, Dolores Delaney went down stairs to see Adams to borrow a car in accordance with the instructions she had received from Karpis before she left Havana. Adams was busy at the time and while Dolores Delaney was waiting for him, Willie Harrison came into the lobby. Dolores Delaney and Willie Harrison talked together and then went into Adams' office together. Adams asked Dolores Delaney concerning Ray and she told Adams that she was going to meet Ray on the night of December 5th. Adams then told Willie Harrison that George and his wife were registered at the hotel. ("George" being the first name of Harry Campbell).

Willie Harrison and Dolores Delaney then went to Wynona Burdette's room and shortly thereafter went to ~~Room 405~~ Willie Harrison's room, No. 405, and there saw Doc Barker. Dolores Delaney will state that about the evening of December 6, while she was in Room 405, with Wynona Burdette, Karpis, Doc Barker and Willie Harrison, Adams came to the room and at that time Karpis told her to go in Room 404; that Adams stayed and talked with the boys about 20 minutes.

On the evening of December 5, Dolores Delaney went in Doc Barker's and Willie Harrison's car to Homestead, Florida, and picked up Karpis as he got off the train and returned him to Miami. They went to the El Comodoro Hotel but did not register -- they went up to Willie Harrison's room. Later that evening, Dolores Delaney and Karpis moved into Room 404, the room adjoining 405 which was occupied by Doc Barker and Willie Harrison. Karpis told Willie Harrison and Doc Barker about having seen a G-man in the Park View Hotel and that they had had to leave Cuba.

DOLORES DELANEY, Cont'd (4)

That evening Wynona Burdette, Willie Harrison, Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney were in Room 405 and had a general conversation.

About three or four days after December 5, Dolores Delaney states that Max Ma Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell arrived at the El Comodoro Hotel and checked into Rooms 1004 and 1005.

On the morning of December 11, Dr. Nichols attended Dolores Delaney in her room and at that time Karpis was present.

Karpis and Dolores Delaney continued to live at the El Comodoro for a few days after December 11. During this time, Karpis told Dolores Delaney to keep quite and stay in the room; that he did not want her running around the hotel--about this time a large radio was sent up to the room of Dolores Delaney and Karpis with compliments of the management.

Dolores Delaney will state that during this time that they ate most of their meals in their room.

In the early part of December, 1934, Joe Adams, Karpis, and Dolores Delaney, went down to a car where Adams told Delaney and Karpis that he had located a house which he thought would please them. Adams then drove Dolores Delaney and Karpis out to the house at No. 1121 Northeast 85th Street, where Adams introduced Dolores Delaney and Karpis to Mrs. Thomas, the owner, as Mr. and Mrs. Green. At this time Dolores Delaney and Karpis rented the house from Mrs. Thomas for \$750.00 rental for the season. A few days later they moved into the house.

About the time that Dolores Delaney and Karpis moved into the house on 85th Street, Karpis told Dolores Delaney that Joe Adams was going to drive him up to see Kate Barker and Fred Barker.

While Fred Barker and Harry Campbell were staying and Karpis and Dolores Delaney at their house on 85th Street, a few days before Christmas, Joe Adams visited their house and at that time Adams, Karpis, Fred Barker, and Harry Campbell, talked together in the living room of the house for about half an hour after which Adams left--Dolores Delaney did not hear any of the conversation because Karpis told her to go out in the kitchen while they were talking.

DOLOROS DELANEY, Cont'd (5)

A couple of days after Karpis and Dolores Delaney moved into the house on 85th Street they hired Thoresa Carmichael as a maid and nurse and she worked for them during the time they lived in the house.

About January 13, 1935, Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell visited Karpis and Dolores Delaney at their home for two or three days.

On January 16, 1935, after hearing on a radio about the gun battle with the Barkers at the Bradford House at Oklawaha, about 3:00 p.m., the telephone rang and a voice asked for Ray Green. Dolores Delaney told him that he was not in but that she was Ray Green's wife. The voice then told Dolores Delaney to "leave the house immediately".

After the telephone call, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette packed their bags, put them in Harry Campbell's Ford, and kept driving around the neighborhood until about 7:00 p.m., at which time they met Karpis and Harry Campbell returning from a fishing trip. Dolores Delaney told Karpis and Harry Campbell about the shooting and the telephone call, whereupon Karpis and Campbell left in the Buick and Karpis told Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette to follow them. Karpis told Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette to drive their car to a dog track and get Doc Randall, and to bring him to a street near the race track, where Karpis and Campbell would be. Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette went to the race track and Wynona Burdette went inside to see Duke Randall. Wynona Burdette came back and she and Dolores Delaney drove to a spot outside of Miami and met Campbell and Karpis. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney told Karpis that Duke Randall could not come at that time as he was working on one of the windows at the Kennel Club. Karpis and Campbell left in a Buick and returned in about an hour and a half with Duke Randall. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney stayed in the car while Campbell, Karpis, and Randall held a conversation in the Buick car.

At this time Dolores Delaney gave Karpis \$500.00 which she had and Karpis told her, in the presence of Duke Randall, that Duke Randall would give her a \$1000.00 the following morning. Karpis then told Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney to follow Duke Randall who had would take them to a place where they would spend the night and instructed Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette that they were to take a train the following morning for Atlantic City, where they would register at the Danmore Hotel and that Dolores Delaney

DOLORES DELANEY, Cont'd (6)

would use the name of "Louise Graham" as Karpis stated that he would get in touch with her at that hotel.

Shortly after this conversation, Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, in Harry Campbell's Ford Sedan, followed Duke Randall in his Ford coupe (which Dolores Delaney said was likewise owned by Karpis) to the Tamiami Hotel located near the El Comodoro Hotel. Randall took Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette into the hotel and introduced them to the clerk as his sisters. He then took them to his room where they stayed overnight.

The next morning, Randall came to the room while Wynona Burdette was in the bath room and gave Dolores Delaney an envelope which contained \$800.00 in one hundred, fifty, and twenty-dollar bills. Randall stated that Adams could not get the money from where he was supposed to, also, that Adams had taken this money from the hotel; that he would try to get the remainder to Dolores Delaney some time. Randall at this time gave Dolores Delaney two notes, one addressed to people at the Danmore Hotel at Atlantic City, N.J., telling Dolores Delaney that the note stated that Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney were good friends of his, Randall's, and that they should take care of Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney.

(NOTE: DOLORES DELANEY will IDENTIFY THE OTHER NOTE IN GREEN INK HANDWRITING ON STATIONERY OF THE TAMIAM HOTEL AS ONE OF THE NOTES DUKE RANDALL GAVE HER AT THIS TIME)

Dolores Delaney at this time gave Randall \$150.00 to be used for the purpose of purchasing railroad tickets and a drawing room to Atlantic City. Randall went out and returned shortly with the tickets, and gave them to Dolores Delaney.

Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette boarded the train and went to Atlantic City where they registered into the Danmore Hotel and at this time used one of the notes by giving it to William A. Morley.



WYNONA BURDETTE

Will state that in the fall of 1934 she was a member of the gang and knew the following: Alvin Karpis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Slim Gibson, Ma Barker, Dolores Delaney, William Weaver, and Volney Davis.

Will testify that she is the same Wynona Burdette charged in the present indictment, and that she pled guilty to conspiracy to harbor Karpis and is now serving her sentence in Milan, Michigan.

Left Ponca City, Oklahoma, with Harry Campbell in a Ford V-8 Sedan, and drove to Miami, Florida. Waited outside in the car while Campbell went into the hotel. Campbell came out in about 5 minutes and took her up to their room.

During the period Wynona Burdette was in the El Comodoro Hotel, Joe Adams addressed her as "Mrs. Summers, though they had never been introduced.

During this period, Harry Campbell frequently met Joe Adams on the 10th floor of the hotel. During this period Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell ate practically all of their meals in their room because they were afraid they might be recognized by some Bureau agent. |||

While Wynona Burdette was living at the hotel, Chicago newspapers containing pictures of the gang were delivered to her room by a bell boy by the name of Johnson.

On the evening of December 4, 1934, Dolores Delaney came to the room of Wynona Burdette and spent the night with her. The following morning, about 11:00 o'clock, Dolores Delaney went down stairs, came back about an hour later with Willie Harrison, and later on that day Wynona Burdette went to Room 405 where she saw the following present: Willie Harrison, Doc Barker, Dolores Delaney, and Alvin Karpis.

On one occasion while Wynona Burdette was in Room 405, with Doc Barker, Karpis, Dolores Delaney, Willie Harrison, JOE ADAMS came to Room 405 at which time Karpis told Dolores Delaney, in her presence, to go to Room 404. Thereupon Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette went into Room 404. Adams remained about twenty minutes.

WYNONA BURDETTE, Cont'd (2)

Wynona Burdette will state that Kate Barker and Fred Barker moved into the hotel about December 8th, and stayed until December 11, when they left there and all went to Oklawaha. Fred Barker, Ma Barker, Harry Campbell, and Wynona Burdette, drove to Oklawaha, in Harry Campbell's Ford.

She will state that Willie Woodberry was working for the Barkers at the Bradford House.

About two or three days after Wynona Burdette arrived at the house at Oklawaha, Joe Adams came to the place, with Alvin Karpis, in a coupe. Wynona Burdette returned to the house about 1:00 o'clock and Adams and Karpis were there at that time. Adams talked with Karpis, Fred Barker, and Harry Campbell, in the boat house, for about 30 minutes or an hour--Adams departed about sun-down, and Karpis stayed. Before Adams left, he and the boys came to the house, drank some beer, and sat around.

She will state that on January 10, 1936, Adams came to the Bradford House in a coupe and stayed about an hour. While she, Fred Barker, Ma Barker, Harry Campbell, and Joe Adams, were on the front porch, she heard Joe Adams say to Fred Barker and Harry Campbell that "there were some government men in Miami and that they had better get out of the place in Oklawaha as the government men might find out that they were there". Fred Barker said that he did not believe it, whereupon Joe Adams became angry and said to Fred Barker, "Well, this is the last trip I am going to make up here to warn you".

She will state that when she and Ma Barker returned from their trip over part of the State of Florida, Willie Woodberry handed a note, in a sealed envelope, to Ma Barker, and Wynona Burdette will state that the note was signed "Joe"; that the note was destroyed by being thrown into the fireplace. She will state that the note was in substance as follows: "that we had better get out of the place and stay out of there as the place was 'hot'"; also, "that he was getting tired of warning us; that he wanted to see the boys at the hotel as soon as they got back".

WYNONA BURDETTE, Cont'd (3)

About January 13, Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell visited Dolores Delaney and Karpis at the house on 85th Street. On January 16, while Campbell and Karpis were out fishing, and after hearing about the shooting at Oklawaha, she and Dolores Delaney packed their things and drove around in the Ford of Harry Campbell until Karpis and Campbell came back about 7:30. After she and Dolores Delaney talked to Karpis and Campbell, Karpis instructed Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette to drive to the dog track and see Duke Randall and tell him that Karpis wanted to see him. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney drove to the track and Wynona Burdette went inside and told Duke Randall that Ray wanted to see him as soon as possible. Duke Randall stated that he could not get away and that Ray should come to the track. Wynona Burdette told Duke Randall that Ray did not want to come there and Duke Randall said for her to tell Ray for him to come to the track through the back way; that an old man there will be waiting for him. Wynona Burdette returned to the car; she and Dolores Delaney drove to a place and met Campbell and Karpis. Wynona Burdette gave Karpis Duke's message, whereupon Campbell and Karpis drove away. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney waited at a point about a mile from the track and after a while they returned with Duke Randall. After Karpis, Campbell, and Randall, had a conversation (which Wynona Burdette did not hear), Campbell instructed Wynona Burdette to follow Randall into town; that he would keep Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette that night, and send them to Atlantic City the following morning. At that time Campbell gave Wynona Burdette some money.

Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney then followed Randall in Campbell's Ford sedan to the Tamiari Hotel. On arriving, Wynona Burdette drove the Campbell car into a drive way near the hotel and asked Randall what she could do with the car. Randall told her to leave the keys and he would take care of it, and Duke Randall later told her that he would get rid of the Ford coupe by running it into the ocean. Randall then took Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney into the hotel and introduced them to the clerk as his sisters and stated that the girls were going to stay in his room overnight.

On the following morning, about 8:00 o'clock, Randall returned to the room and accompanied Wynona Burdette and

WYNONA BURDETTE, Cont'd (4)

Dolores Delaney down stairs, where they took a taxicab to the station and went to Atlantic City where they registered in the Danmore Hotel.

While Wynona Durdette was living at the Bradford house with the Barkers, Chicago, Miami, and St. Paul, newspapers were received through the mails. She will state that all three of the papers were wrapped in one bundle and that Harry Campbell stated that they came from the El Comodoro Hotel.

WILLIE WOODBERRY

Willie Woodberry lived most of his life at Oklawaha. In the latter part of November, 1934, Woodberry began working for Barkers at the Bradford House in Oklawaha.

Witness will identify pictures of Ma Barker and Fred Barker as persons he worked for.

Witness will identify pictures of Slim Gibson and Doc Barker as persons who visited Bradford house the day before New Years.

Some time in the latter part of December, 1934, Woodberry saw Joe Adams drive up to the Bradford House in a Ford coupe. There was a man with him and Woodberry states that the picture of Karpis, to the best of his knowledge, is the picture of the man who was with Adams. Woodberry asked Adams, "Is this Mr. Adams?" to which Adams said, "Yes".

Adams told Woodberry that he wanted to see the Blackmans. Woodberry told Adams that they were not at home, and that the Blackmans were on the lake fishing and he, Woodberry, would go look for them. Woodberry was gone about 30 minutes looking for the Blackmans and he returned and told Adams that he could not find them, whereupon Adams drove away and the other man stayed.

During the time Woodberry worked for the Barkers, he went to the post office for mail and brought home a newspaper which was received through the mail at the post office--each evening the newspapers were burned in the fireplace.

Some time in December, 1934, Duke Randall drove up to Blackman's House at Oklawaha in a Ford Coupe. He asked Woodberry where the Blackmans were. Woodberry told Randall that they were not at home. Randall asked Woodberry where they were and when they would return, and Woodberry told him that he did not know. Randall got out of the car and walked about the premises for some time and then asked Woodberry to get some oranges for him. Randall and Woodberry put the bag in a rumble seat in the back part of the Ford coupe.

WILLIE WOODBERRY, Cont'd

About two days after Randall's first trip to Blackman's house, he came again in the black Ford coupe and asked Woodberry where the Blackmans were, to which Woodberry replied that he did not know. Randall then drove away.

Some time in December, 1934, Duke Randall came again in a Ford coupe to the Blackman's house at Oklawaha. He talked to Woodberry and gave him a note, telling Woodberry to deliver the note to Mr. Blackman when he returned and also told Woodberry to tell Blackman to call up the Elcomodoro Hotel as soon as he got back.

Woodberry took the note and put it on the living room table, and when the Barkers came back, he told Ma Barker about the note.

Witness will identify photographs of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell.

WILLIAM FRYAN BOLTON

Will testify that he was indicted for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, pled guilty, and is now serving a term of three years.

Will state he knows the gang who kidnapped Bremer and that he joined the gang about June 12, 1933.

Will identify the photographs and will testify that the following were members of the Karpis-Barker gang: Karpis, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Bill Weaver, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Slim Gibson, and Dolores Delaney.

Bolton will state that he and the rest of the gang, during the latter part of the year 1934, were hiding out to keep from being apprehended by the Department of Justice, and THAT DURING THIS TIME HE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GANG WERE HIDING EACH OTHER AND DOING EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE ARREST AND APPREHENSION OF ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GANG BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Note: Ask Bolton if in December, 1934, he knew whether or not Karpis-Barker gang had a contact in Miami, Florida.

Bolton will testify that the gang contact in Miami, Florida, was Joe Adams, Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel.

Bolton will state that around December 18, 1934, he, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Russell Gibson, and Doc Barker, met in Toledo, Ohio, and held conversations with respect to Bolton coming to Miami, Florida. At this time Karpis asked Bolton if he would come to Miami, Florida, in order that Karpis could use Bolton for the purpose of renting houses and "fronting" for Karpis and the gang.

Note: Ask Bolton if during this conversation, Karpis did not instruct him that Bolton should contact Joe Adams ~~with~~ at the El Comodoro Hotel, and to register as a commercial man, that Adams upon noting this fact, would come to the room and collect additional rental.

During this conversation, Karpis stated it was necessary for him to get out of the El Comodoro Hotel because Adams was charging him \$15.00 a day.

P. C. DUNN

Is Agent of the Department of Justice.

Will identify and introduce in evidence signed statement of Duke Randall, dated January 26, 1935, and will testify that this statement was taken in the Lade County Jail on the date mentioned, in the presence of himself and L. J. Metcalf, and at the time he warned Randall, before he made the statement, that anything he said would be used against him.

R. L. JONES

Will testify he was with the Department of Justice During January, 1935.

Will identify and introduce in evidence \$1000.00 bill which he received from Adams on January 21, 1935--bill has his initials and Hanson's initials on it.

Johnson will testify respecting search of Randall's room, interviews with Adams and Randall, if necessary.

*Wyn - use own judgment  
2-4 pages act  
original ticket.*



S. K. MC KEE

Will state that he is an Agent of the Bureau;

That during May, 1935, he personally examined the records of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, and there copied telegram as follows:

"(Received at Miami, Flo.)  
4:34 A.M. January 1, 1935.

JOE H. ADAMS  
PENTHOUSE FLORIDA NAT BANK BLDG  
MIAMI FLO

HAD TOUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT  
MADE IT OK MET HARRY AND EVERYTHING IS  
FINE LEAVING ON 6 O'CLOCK PLANE AND ARRIVE  
1205 IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN HOTEL WHEN  
I GET IN

DUKE\*

McKee will state that he later interviewed Duke Randall at which time Randall freely and voluntarily admitted that he had sent this message to Joe Adams while in Atlanta, Ga., enroute from Knoxville, Tenn., to Miami.

Will identify and introduce in evidence letter dated October 13, 1935, written by Duke Randall, signed "Henry Stern", directed to R. A. Alt.

Will testify that on May 3, 1937, showed the letter to Duke Randall and at that time Randall stated it was in his handwriting and he had written the letter.

J. H. HANSON

Is Special Agent of the Department of Justice and has been employed for eight years.

Went to Duke Randall's room in the Tamiami Hotel about 8:00 a.m., January 21, 1935, accompanied by Agent Jones, and others. Hanson telephoned Randall's room and told him that he, Hanson, wanted to see him, whereupon Randall asked Hanson to come up stairs, which he did, knocking at his door, and Randall invited him in. Hanson introduced himself as Special Agent of the Department of Justice; also introduced Jones and the two detectives. Hanson told Randall that he and the officers were investigating Randall's connections with Karpis. Randall replied, "Fine, I had planned to go to the Police Department this morning to see if they wanted me for questioning in this case", adding that he had seen his name in the newspapers in connection with the escape of Karpis to Atlantic City.

Permission was requested of Randall by Hanson to search the room, and Randall's effects, to which Randall replied, "Go ahead".

Hanson will identify and introduce in evidence the following items which he found in the room of Randall and Godomo at that time, these items being found in Randall's Bureau drawer:

- (iv) 1. Six letters from Joe Adams to Duke Randall;
2. Statement of El Comodoro Hotel, dated 12/10/34, addressed to Duke Randall, indicating bill to El Comodoro Hotel, \$122.35 for room and cafe service for a period 11/11/34 to 12/10/34;
3. Receipt of Sutton Jewelry Company, dated 12/22/34, indicating sale to Joe Adams of 2 bar pins at cost of \$260.00;
4. Receipt of Ungar Buick Company, dated 12/22/34 showing sale to Leroy Morrison of Model 1935--48 Buick coupe.

J. H. HANSON, Cont'd (2)

Hanson, or some other agent, will testify that the following exhibit was returned to Randall and if receipt for exhibit, signed by Randall, is found, same should be introduced in evidence:

5. 1935 Florida automobile registration card showing Florida tag No. 38656 had been issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, on January 14, 1935, on Ford coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480.

NOTE: Hanson, or some one else will testify the following exhibit was returned to Randall and a receipt received:

6. Florida Certificate of Title No. 950615-A, Application No. 53671, dated Tallahassee, Florida, November 20, 1934, showing Ford coupe, Motor 18-1037480, issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel.

- OK 7. Card of Miller D. Bishop, Ungar Buick Company. *pk #5*

*In Evidence* Hanson will state that on January 2, 1935, in the presence of Agent Jones, Randall admitted that the memorandum in ink on the stationery of the Dinkler Hotel, showed the expenses incurred by him on a trip to Etowah, Tennessee, for Joe Adams.

*In Evidence* Hanson will state Randall admitted to him, in the presence of Agent Jones, that passenger coupe, Ticket 3021, issued by Eastern Airlines, was a ticket Randall used in making trip to Atlanta, Enroute to Etowah, Tennessee.

*In Evidence* On January 2, 1935, about 4:00 p.m., Joe Adams was interviewed by Hanson, in the presence of Agent Jones, and at that time Adams took the following receipt out of his bill fold: receipt, dated December 2, 1934, of the Florida Reptile Institute. Adams at this time stated that the deer head had been ordered for him by Blackburn, but that he had never received it.

Hanson will testify respecting interview with Adams on January 25, at the El Comodoro Hotel in the presence of Agent Jones. Hanson will refresh his recollection from notes in his own handwriting made at the time of the interview.

Be sure to bring out that near the end of the interview, Hanson asked for signed statement, Adams said that he wanted to consult his friends and a lawyer to which the Agents agreed to.

J. H. HANSON, Cont'd (3)

On the following day, between 9:00 and 10:00 in the morning, at Adams' request, Hanson and Jones went to the Ilcomodoro Hotel for Adams, and at Hanson's suggestion proceeded to the Halcyon Hotel, Hanson's room. At that time, Adams stated that he had not told Hanson the truth the day before and was now ready to tell the truth.

NOTE: Hanson will relate the conversation with Adams had during this interview on January 26, 1935.

Adams' statement regarding knowing William Harrison.

Interview on this date was carried on until lunch time when Adams and Jones went out to lunch and after they came back, Hanson will state they talked a very short time, whereupon Adams stated he had some business to attend to at the hotel and thereupon left.

Adams was not interviewed on Sunday, January 27.

On January 28, Adams was interviewed by Hanson but does not remember at what place.

On January 29, Adams arrived at the Cortez Hotel, about 9:00 o'clock and signed the written statement about 7:00 o'clock that same day -- bring out fact that Hanson wrote this statement in long hand and therefore took considerable time. Hanson will introduce and identify written statement signed by Adams.

Hanson will testify that at the time he searched Randall's room, and with Randall's consent, he asked Randall (about 8:00 o'clock, January 21, 1935) if he would accompany Agents to the Alcazar Hotel for the purpose of being questioned. Randall stated he would be glad to. Thereupon Randall accompanied Agent Jones to the Alcazar Hotel and in Room 611, Hanson, in the presence of Jones, began to question Randall.

Hanson will state that no one told Randall he was under arrest or did any of the agents during that day place Randall under arrest.

Hanson will state before he began questioning Randall he warned him that anything that he said or gave would be used against him, whereupon Randall said "That was all right with him, that he understood".

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Randall remained in the room during the day he was questioned and about 11:00 o'clock signed statement.

After Randall signed the statement, Hanson told him that they would have to file a complaint against him and put him in the county jail. (this occurred about 11:00 o'clock at night) or that he could stay with them in their hotel room, providing he would consent to be handcuffed. Randall stated that he would rather do this as he did not like to go to jail and also because he was afraid that if he was put in jail that Joe Adams or members of the gang might try to dispose of him there.

Note: Bring out from Hanson that at that time of night it would have been difficult to have filed a complaint.

About 9:00 o'clock the morning of the 22nd, Agent R. L. Tollett sent in information about a gun, and Randall was then questioned by Hanson about this gun and after making the additional statement, Hanson took the signed statement of January 21st, took the last page which was signed by Randall off, and added the additional statement of that morning and then Randall signed that statement.

Note: If necessary, Hanson will identify the portion of the statement that was added. Randall signed this statement around 11:00 o'clock.

HAVE HANSON IDENTIFY AND INTRODUCE IN EVIDENCE SIGNED STATEMENT OF DUKE RANDALL, JANUARY 2, 1935.

Note: On April 10, in the morning, while Hanson was in the office of Mr. Barlow, Joe Adams came in at that time, in the presence of Hanson, told Barlow that he had told the agents all he knew about the case and that he had given the statement, and that it was true.

Around April 10, 1935, Hanson was present in the Office of the United States Attorney, with McKee and Barlow, at which time Randall was interviewed. At this time Randall stated that the statement he had given on January 2, 1935, was true.

R. D. BROWN

will state he is an Agent of the Department of Justice.

On January 16, 1935, he inspected the Bradford Home after the shooting and there found an envelope of the El Comodoro Hotel which contained three statements.

Note: Brown will identify and introduce in evidence the following three statements:

- 1: One dated October 27, 1934, showing bill for room No. 1004, for Mrs. G. Ryan;
- 2: Second statement, dated October 17, 1934, issued to Mrs. Summers and Blackburn for Room 1005.
- 3: Third statement, dated December 1, 1934, issued to G. Summers and wife for Room 905.

Brown will identify and introduce in evidence letter he found in Bradford House on January 16, 1935, which is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Adams,

I received your cablegram last night and was very glad to hear from you. If that party and Willie intend to come over here on the boat Friday, or whenever they are coming, wire Mr. Heller the day they leave and I will go down to the pier and meet them, with Mr. Heller, who will take care of everything so they will not be detained by the Customs. Tell each of them to bring a couple of cartons of cigarettes and all such things as hair tonics, razor blades, etc., that they may need while here as the prices on such things are impossible.

If that party is not coming over here some time this week, tell Willie to come and I will pay his expenses.

The weather has been fairly nice lately and no bombings or anything of that sort. We listened to the Miami news reports and they

*Show that he was  
not registered at  
the hotel at R. D.  
Brown in Dec.  
1934.  
Same as to  
H. C. Campbell  
on Dec 8-34  
Same as to W. Nichols  
on Dec 21-34  
Brown Dec 25-34*

R. D. BROWN, Cont'd (2)

greatly exaggerated the trouble here.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mr. Wagner."

Brown will testify that he found and will introduce in evidence the following telegram:

"3JN BX 5  
MIAMI FLQ 345 P Dec 29 1934  
T C BLACKBURN  
CARE CARSON BRADFORD OCKLAHAMA FLQ  
LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY  
CASH  
406P"

NOTE: Will identify and introduce in evidence three additional statements of the El Comodoro Hotel.

Brown will identify and introduce in evidence a note he found in the Bradford House, on January 16, 1935, after the shooting, which is as follows:

"I do hope you will enjoy this little bunch of flowers.  
"Is there anything we can do for you?  
Mr. Adams"

7-574-11381

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

May 8, 1936.

Mr. John H. Hanson,  
FBI U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
320 Federal Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

By letter dated May 4, 1936, addressed to the Birmingham Office, the Bureau forwarded to this office copies of a memorandum containing evidence expected to be produced by you during the hearing of a motion to suppress the statements obtained from Joseph H. Adams and Henry Luke Handell.

The Bureau instructed that this memorandum be studied so that the Agent would be prepared to testify and that any other pertinent information which might be recalled should be noted. The Jacksonville office was instructed to bring this memorandum to your attention immediately and it is being forwarded to you at Birmingham, inasmuch as it appears that you will be in that vicinity for several days.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
R. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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DIRECTOR

SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE BREKID. ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH BEING RELEASED HERE THIS AFTERNOON ORIGINATING  
HOT SPRINGS STATING GRACE GOLDSTEIN RETURNED HOT SPRINGS TODAY AND WHEN QUESTIONED  
BY REPORTERS CONCERNING HER DISAPPEARANCE STATED SHE HAD BEEN HELD BY GOVERNMENT  
AGENTS QUOTE WHILE THE <sup>alvin</sup>KARPIS GANG WAS BEING ROUNDED UP UNQUOTE. DISPATCH FURTHER  
QUOTES HER AS STATING AGENTS TOOK HER TO ST PAUL AND SO MANY PLACES SHE COULD  
NOT REMEMBER AND THAT SHE WAS QUOTE BROUGHT BACK AND RELEASED CLOSE BY UNQUOTE  
AND QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT MEN SEEMED TO THINK THEY COULD CAPTURE THE KARPIS GANG  
BETTER IF I WAS OUT OF THE WAY UNQUOTE ABOVE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ASSOCIATED  
PRESS HERE WHO CALLED FOR VERIFICATION AND WAS ADVISED I KNEW OF GOLDSTEIN BUT  
KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HER STATEMENT

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 7, 1936.

Postmaster,  
White Deer, Texas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the cover placed  
by Special Agent D. W. Gleason December 11, 1935, on  
the mail of R. E. Gibson and Mrs. R. E. Gibson may be  
cancelled.

Please accept our thanks for your co-  
operation.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

May 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your two letters dated May 1, 1936 requesting photographs of certain individuals.

In view of the recent apprehension of Sam J. Jaker and Harry Campbell the following number of photographs are being forwarded to you for possible use in the investigation of harboring charges in your Field Office District, and in those of the Offices receiving copies of this letter.

In this connection I am forwarding herewith three (3) copies of the photographs of Eddie Brennan and Joe Rich together with the originals forwarded by you to this Office. One (1) copy of the above photographs is likewise being forwarded with a copy of this letter to the Little Rock, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Kansas City and New Orleans Offices. I likewise am forwarding herewith six (6) copies, with the originals of the photographs of Edward Siemund and Jake Gilmore. Two (2) copies of these photographs are being forwarded with a copy of this letter to the Little Rock, Oklahoma City, Dallas, San Antonio, and Cincinnati Offices, and one (1) copy is being designated for the St. Paul, Pittsburgh and New Orleans Offices. A copy of each of the above mentioned photographs is likewise being transmitted to the Bureau with its copy of this letter.

The original photographs of Grace Goldstein and Connie Hama are being returned to your Office. Copies of these photographs are not being transmitted to the Field Offices receiving copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY

Special Agent in Charge

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326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 5, 1936, in connection with information furnished you by Dr. F. B. Ricketts, of the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding a man by the name of "Johnson" and two women who were living at 2912 Prytania Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, a large apartment house operated by Mrs. S. C. Brothers.

Kindly be informed that Special Agent W. L. Buchanan interviewed Mrs. S. C. Brothers, who advised that Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson and daughter, Rosemary, rented an apartment from her on October 28, 1935. Mrs. Brothers stated that the Johnson family were rather peculiar people, in that they did not associate with any of the roomers of the house, and that Mr. Johnson had been sick most of the time he had lived in her house. She further stated that Rosemary, age eighteen, was employed as a clerical employee and worked in the P.W.A. office located at Washington Avenue and Prytania Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. Brothers advised that the cracking noise heard at night was made by Mrs. Johnson, who had also been sick, and was taking a certain kind of yeast medicine that she would powder with a small hammer before taking.

Mrs. Brothers stated that the Johnsons seemed to be very nice people, had no automobile, and did not seem to have any friends whom they visited here, and that shortly after the Johnson family moved into her apartment house she was advised by Mrs. Johnson that Mr. Johnson was formerly employed by the Ford Motor Company, address unknown, and that he had had a nervous breakdown and had moved to New Orleans to take a rest.

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FBI NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. Brothers advised agent that Miss Bingham had recently moved from her apartment house and was now living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Miss Bingham is a saleslady for the Mapleine Company and travels the State of Louisiana.

After talking with Mrs. Brothers, who seemed to be a very nice lady, agent is of the opinion that the Johnson family are nice people, and for this reason they were not interviewed by agent.

Mr. F. J. Johnson is described as - age, about 45; height, 6 feet; weight, 165 pounds; hair, dark; complexion, medium.

Mrs. F. J. Johnson is described as - a small slender woman with reddish hair, about forty years old.

Rosemary Johnson is described as - about eighteen years old, brown hair, fair complexion.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 7, 1936.

Mr. David E. Cecil,  
Postmaster,  
Pampa, Texas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the cover placed  
on the mail of Mrs. R. E. Gibson, Mrs. Mildred Campbell,  
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Mackie, and Eula Bee Campbell may be  
cancelled.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your  
splendid cooperation in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio** **St. Louis** FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-15, 20, 23, 29-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. S. BUSH JSB:F</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O.#1218;          DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.#1232;          HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases I.O.#1236; et al          EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF          FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;          NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mrs. Genevieve French or Mrs. Jack French, a correspondent of Dorothy Fisher confined in the Women's State Prison at Tehachapi, Calif., who formerly resided at 3740 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. is presently receiving mail as Mrs. J. H. French, Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Investigation in the vicinity of 3740 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. indicates that no one resembling William Elmer Mead has been seen in that neighborhood.</b> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><b>P.</b></div>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, Calif. dated 3-12-36.          Teletype from the Indianapolis Office dated 3-19-36.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>In an effort to procure information with reference to Mrs. Genevieve French or Mrs. Jack French 3740 Olive St., St. Louis, Missouri, who, according to the report of reference, had corresponded with Dorothy Fisher at the Women's State Prison, Tehachapi, California, agent interviewed various persons at the College Station Post Office, Grand and Lindell, St. Louis, Missouri including mail carrier George Jordan. Mr. Jordan stated that 3740 Olive St. which is a small two story brick building owned by Mrs. Teresa Trunk, is operated as a rooming house and that Mrs. Trunk, as well as the two or three additional elderly persons residing there are very peculiar and have refused to open the door on several occasions when he had packages for delivery at that address. He stated that he knew nothing regarding the occupations of the individuals residing at that address, however that he remembered having received letters occasionally for a person named French but had never seen this individual and did not know whether this person was a man or a woman. Photographs of William Elmer Mead, as well as those of other individuals</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Newman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7 1576 +11388</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>MAY 11 AM</b>  <i>ONE</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>MAY 12 1936</b> </div> </div>	
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involved in this case were exhibited to Mr. Jordan, however he stated he had never seen anyone resembling these individuals at that address.

Special Agent (A) G. A. Stevens and reporting agent called at 3740 Olive St., St. Louis, Missouri and ascertained that Mrs. Teresa Trunk operates this building as a rooming house, however at the present time she has only one roomer whose name is Donald Jones and who is approximately 40 years of age. Mrs. Trunk is approximately 65 years of age and her brother-in-law August Clar, age 74 and the latter's wife also room at that address. Mr. Clar stated that Mrs. Jack French is his wife's niece and that the last time she had been seen in St. Louis was approximately one year ago at which time she came here with Jack French from some point in Florida. He stated that Jack French, who was approximately 40 years of age, died thereafter and he had not heard from Mrs. French since French died, furthermore that he and his wife do not expect to hear from her owing to the fact that they do not get along. Mr. Clar as well as the other persons interviewed at that address, stated that no mail had been received at that address for Mrs. French for two or three months and that the last letter which was directed to her at that address was returned to the sender owing to the fact that they did not know where to forward the letter. Mr. Clar stated that he does not expect to hear from Mrs. French, however that she may return to St. Louis at some future date.

Mr. George Jordan was contacted on several occasions thereafter and it was ascertained that a letter had been mailed to Mrs. J. H. French, White Apartments, 24th and Chester Ave., Cleveland, Ohio bearing return address of Charles M. Ryan, Paul Brown Building, St. Louis, Missouri, which letter was forwarded from Cleveland to 3740 Olive St., St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Jordan stated that he placed this letter in the mailbox at 3740 Olive St. and it had not been returned to him, therefore he was of the opinion that possibly someone at the Olive St. address was either opening the mail addressed to Mrs. French or forwarding this mail to her at some unknown address, therefore agent interviewed Mr. Charles M. Ryan who is a St. Louis Attorney who stated that the property at 3740 Olive St., St. Louis, Missouri was owned by Agnes A. Ullman now deceased and that although the estate is of very little value, he was employed in connection with the settlement of the estate by Mrs. Clar and Mrs. Trunk who were the daughters of Agnes Ullman. He stated that Mrs. J. H. French's maiden name was Genevieve Ullman and that she had married J. H. French several years ago, however that shortly after the death of J. H. French, she married one Johnson, but divorced Johnson in Cleveland, Ohio during the month of May, 1935. With reference to Mrs. J. H. French, Mr. Ryan stated that she had corresponded with him on two or three occasions



within the past year regarding the estate and that the last address she furnished him was the White Apartments, 24th and Chester Ave., Cleveland, Ohio and that he had addressed a letter to her at that address recently, but received no reply. therefore he had concluded that her mail was being forwarded to the Olive St. address in St. Louis and that either Mrs. Clar or Mrs. Trunk was opening this mail. He stated that Mrs. French called at his office approximately one year ago regarding the estate and he described her as being approximately 35 years of age, dark and slender. He further stated he had learned that when she lived in St. Louis a number of years ago, she associated with one Mark Gumpertz, a gambler who operated the Fauna Flora at Kirkwood, Missouri and indicated to agent that it was his opinion Mrs. French lived with Gumpertz as well as several other men in various sections of the country. In this connection, he stated that she is the impulsive and nervous type and of questionable character. Mr. Ryan stated that Mrs. French will probably contact him at a later date with reference to the estate of Agnes Ullman and that he will immediately notify this agent in the event he procures information with reference to her present whereabouts.

Subsequent to the interview with Mr. Ryan, it was ascertained from Mr. Jordan that he had picked up a letter from a letter box in the neighborhood of 3740 Olive St., addressed to Mr. J. H. French, Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, therefore the Cleveland Office is being requested to endeavor to locate Mrs. French to ascertain the identity of all her associates. It is observed the Cleveland Office was furnished copies of the report of reference.

Immediately upon receipt of the teletype of reference from the Indianapolis Office indicating that one Fer L Ahman who was seen in Evansville, Indiana is identical with William Elmer Mead, a memorandum was sent to law enforcement officials in the St. Louis District furnishing the description of Charles Levi as well as the description of the automobile in which they were traveling.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio is requested to locate Mrs. J. H. French, Carter Hotel or through the White Apartments, 24th and Chester Ave., and ascertain the identity of her associates.

PENDING.

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
May 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to the letter from the Bureau to all field offices dated April 23, 1936, relative to checking unsolved bank robbery files for any information concerning new or uncut currency that may have constituted a part of loot in such cases, this is to advise that a check of the files of the Kansas City office fails to reflect any pertinent information in regard thereto.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of an anonymous communication from Toledo, Ohio, dated May 6, 1936, which indicates strongly that police officers or members of other law enforcement agencies may have been associated with Harry Campbell prior to his apprehension. I am, therefore, forwarding to you herewith photostatic copies of the anonymous letter, with the request that the information contained therein receive very vigorous and thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cincinnati (with photostatic copy of inclosure)  
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago (with photostatic copy of inclosure)  
St. Paul (with photostatic copy of inclosure)

Inclosure No. 11418

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*This should be looked  
into. J. G. H.*

E. A. TAMM - 5742.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Toledo, Ohio, May 8, 1936.

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

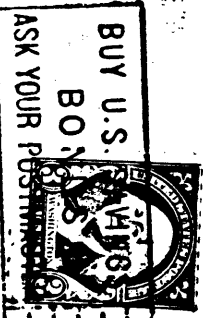
Dear Sir: Yesterday after the capture of the kidnapper on Monroe Street, there were several young women talking the matter over, and one of them said, "what seems so funny to me is that I have seen a city policeman and two women come out of that place more than a dozen times, about six thirty in the morning when I go to work, he had on a uniform with three gold stripes on his sleeve, and they were always carrying what seemed to be a fireless cooker, and drove away in a Terreplane auto? -- evidently feeding the bird. Very sorry to knock our own police department, but a crook is a crook no matter where he is located, and if this evidence is of any value to your department, hope you use it to twist the necks of some of our week kneed police, who always advertise in the news papers just when they are going to make a raid, and far enough ahead to make it perfectly safe.

Set. Cleveland,  
cc - Cincinnati, Mr. Con  
nelly of Chicago, &  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
U.S. Secret Service Dept.,  
Washington, D.C.

Louisville, Ky.  
5/9/36.

Dear Sir:

## Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sir I am.

*Remedy*

a writing you a few lines in regards of this man William Mahan. Which was apprehended. I am the man really was the cause of these men being captured. Alvin Karpis was captured here in Louisville Ky. Between third and Farth Street on Jefferson. I turned him over to the authority of the Law. I am in rolled with the institute of Applied Science with Mr. F. G. Cooke, at 1920 Sunnyside Ave. Ravenswood Station, Chicago, Illinois. My name is David A. Powers my address is 435 East madison Street Louisville, Ky. I am a poor man. have no job. I finished the course by selling newspapers here. I am sending you a clip which was run in the newspaper. Louisville times.

David A. Powers 1977-D  
435 E. Madison St.  
Louisville, Ky

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May 15, 1936

Mr. David A. Powers,  
436 East Madison Street,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 9, 1936, in which you advise that you are responsible for the apprehension of William Mahan and Alvin Karpis and in which you further advise that Karpis was captured in Louisville, Kentucky, I wish to inform you that the apprehension of each of these individuals was the result of investigations conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

William Mahan was apprehended by Special Agents in San Francisco, California on May 7, 1936, while Alvin Karpis was apprehended by Special Agents in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 1, 1936.

I wish to thank you for the newspaper clippings which you forwarded to me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Miss Gandy .....

Time - 11:15 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned the Cleveland Office and talked with Special Agent Wynn, inquiring of him if the letter had been sent to the Bureau last night of the memoranda submitted by the Agents concerning their knowledge of the Toledo Police Department. He said that due to certain delays, this letter did not leave the office until three o'clock this morning, but that it was sent air mail, special delivery. In this letter was the memorandum from Mr. Wynn relative to the hospital incident involving the Post Office Inspectors.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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U. S. Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

I am transmitting herewith the original and three copies of a verbal statement taken by Special Agents W. L. Buchanan and R. L. Tollett at the New Orleans Bureau Office on May 3, 1936, from Fred Hunter, indicating Hunter's association with Alvin Karpis, Subject Campbell, and others, since the early part of the year 1935.

Hunter refused to sign this statement but informed the agents that it was a correct and true statement.

Two copies of this statement will be forwarded to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, Ohio, marked personal and confidential.

The remaining copies will be placed in the personal and confidential file at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WLB:cw.  
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New Orleans, La.  
May 3, 1936.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

While Special Agent R. L. Tollett and the writer were questioning Fred Hunter, he made a brief statement which was put in writing, but he refused to sign it. He admitted to agents, verbally, that about two and one-half months after Karpis and Campbell were jumped by the Atlantic City, New Jersey, Police, during the early part of 1935, they contacted him at the Hollyhock Night Club in Warren, Ohio, and that Karpis told him he had been sent to Hunter by a friend, and he wanted Hunter to help them secure a hide-out. Hunter further stated that at the time he met Karpis and Campbell, he thought Campbell was Tommy Touhy, but he found out shortly afterwards that he was Harry Campbell; that a few days after meeting Karpis and Campbell at Warren, he, Hunter, left for Hot Springs, Arkansas, to receive treatment for a venereal disease, and he told Karpis that he would look around while in Hot Springs and make an effort to locate a place for him to stay. Hunter stated that he left for Hot Springs about the latter part of May, 1935, and stayed in Hot Springs about five weeks, stopping at some small hotel near the Hotel Como. On returning to Warren, Ohio, sometime during the first part of June, he met Karpis and Campbell, and at that time they seemed to have had a falling out and split up and Campbell left. A few days later, Hunter and Karpis left Warren, Ohio, driving a 1935 model Chevrolet Coupe which belonged to Karpis, and they drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, arriving there sometime about the middle of June, 1935. Hunter stated that before leaving Warren with Karpis he was aware of his identity, as well as Harry Campbell's identity, and that he knew Karpis was wanted by the federal government for kidnaping. Hunter refused to furnish the name of the person who had referred Karpis and Campbell to him.

Hunter stated that somewhere on their trip between Warren, Ohio, and Hot Springs, Arkansas, they bought a newspaper which carried a story of some robbery, and that Karpis seemed to be very nervous and they drove quite a distance out of the way in order not to be stopped by officers. On arriving at Hot Springs, Hunter stated he used the name of Harold King and Karpis used the name of Ed King. He did not recall which one of them suggested using these names. He stated they rented a cottage near Lake Hamilton, which is located about eight or ten miles from Hot Springs, he thought on highway #7 but was not sure of this. This house is located a short distance from the highway. Hunter advised that Karpis stayed in pretty close the first few days they were in Hot Springs, and that he, Hunter, rented the house and bought the groceries and other things that they needed, but after a few days he and Karpis went to a house of prostitution located on Central Avenue in Hot Springs, which was operated by one Grace Goldstein. Hunter stated that he did not recall who referred them to this place but he thought it might have been some bar tender or cab driver, and that he and Karpis visited this place quite often. Karpis did not go with any of the girls in the place except Grace, as far as he knew, but he, Hunter, started to go with Connie Morris shortly after he met her and

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was with her most of the time from then until his arrest in New Orleans.

Hunter stated that he made several attempts to buy a short wave police radio for his automobile but that the different places where he made inquiry questioned him pretty closely as to why he wanted a short wave set, and he was never able to purchase one. He stated that Karpis always had a radio installed on his car for the purpose of catching news flashes during the day and night - which might be of value to him.

Hunter advised that they read most of the papers where they were, and also several detective magazines, which usually carried some stories about Karpis and other criminals, and at different times Karpis would become very angry about some of the stories mentioned in the magazines and newspapers.

Hunter stated that some time about the first of September, Karpis drove him to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he, Hunter, caught a plane to Cleveland, Ohio, and from Cleveland he proceeded to New York on the Pennsylvania Railroad and attended the Baer-Louis prize fight and stayed in New York for about a week. He did not remember the name of the hotel at which he stopped. On leaving New York he caught a plane back to Cleveland, and from Cleveland he caught a bus back to Hot Springs, where he again contacted Karpis, who was still living at the cabin near Lake Hamilton, and that sometime about the middle of November, he and Connie Morris hired a plane at Hot Springs and flew to San Antonio, Texas, and visited Connie's sister, Mrs. Glen Kirkpatrick for about a week. On leaving San Antonio, he and Connie traveled by bus to Corpus Christi, Texas, and stopped at the Princess Louise Hotel, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Harold King, where they stayed for about two weeks.

Hunter would not admit that he bought a Ford Coupe at Corpus Christi, but he did say he had a 1936 Ford Coupe stashed at Corpus Christi, but would not state where. He stated that after leaving Corpus Christi, he and Connie drove to Galveston, Texas, where they stopped at Hawkins' Tourist Camp for several nights, and then drove to New Orleans and stopped at the Arrow Tourist Camp for one night. Hunter stated he was intending to stay in New Orleans longer but shortly after arriving at the Arrow Tourist Camp some uniformed officer began to look his automobile over and he, Hunter, became suspicious and afraid he would be arrested, and he left early the next morning for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he stopped at the Mountain View Tourist Camp, using the name of Mr. and Mrs. Harold King. He said that Karpis and Grace Goldstein visited him and Connie while they were staying at the Mountain View Tourist Camp, on several occasions, and about ten days later he and Connie drove to Frederick, Oklahoma, and Connie proceeded by bus to Davidson, Oklahoma, to visit her parents, and he stopped at the Frederick Hotel in Frederick, Oklahoma, staying there about a week and leaving a day or so before Christmas, returning to Hot Springs, where he spent Christmas day, again stopping at the Mountain View Tourist Camp. Karpis and Grace Goldstein visited them on several occasions.

Hunter stated that sometime in early January, 1936, he and Connie drove to Corpus Christi, Texas, in his, Hunter's, Ford Coupe, and stopped at the Grande Tourist Camp in Corpus Christi, he and Connie occupying one cabin. On arriving at Corpus Christi they met Karpis, who had driven down either in his new Buick Sedan or his Chevrolet Coupe, the one they drove from Warren, Ohio, to

Hot Springs in June of 1935. Hunter stated that he was not positive which car Karpis used on this trip.

Hunter stated that they stayed a few days in Corpus Christi and Karpis decided to go to Galveston, Texas, to do some fishing and was supposed to meet Hunter there, but Hunter missed him some way and drove to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, where he stopped at the Tropical Inn. Hunter stated that he had an agreement with Karpis before leaving Corpus Christi that he would meet him at a later date in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and on leaving Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, he and Connie drove on to Tallahassee, Florida, stopping at a tourist camp for one night, and then drove to Osceola, Florida, and spent a night and part of a day, and then drove on to Orlando, stopping at a tourist park near Orlando, where he stayed for about three weeks, fishing nearly every day at Lake Apopka. On leaving Orlando he drove to Tampa, Florida, and stopped at a rooming house on Nebraska Avenue. This was during the fair, and they stayed there about ten days or two weeks. On leaving Tampa he drove to Naples, Florida, and stopped at a tourist camp at the edge of town, staying there one night. On leaving there he drove to Homestead, Florida, and spent about three days fishing at Key Largo. On leaving Homestead he drove to Melbourne, Florida, and stayed at a tourist camp overnight, then drove on to Daytona Beach, where he again stopped for a night and left for St. Augustine, where he spent one or two days. On leaving St. Augustine he stopped at Live Oak, Florida, for a day and then drove to Biloxi, Mississippi, staying there for a night and leaving for New Orleans the following day, arriving in New Orleans about the 5th of March, 1936.

Hunter stated that he did not hear from Karpis during the time he and Connie were in Florida for a period of about ten weeks. Hunter stated that he stopped at the Dixie Tourist Cabins at the edge of New Orleans and spent about a week there, when he and Connie left and drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, stopping at a tourist camp about two blocks from the Mountain View Tourist Camp, but he was unable to recall the name of this place where he stayed for about two days. On arriving at Hot Springs, Connie called Grace and told her they were back in town and shortly afterwards Karpis contacted him at this tourist camp. Karpis informed him that he had rented a house about eight miles from Hot Springs near Lake Catherine, which Karpis referred to as the house on the hill. About two or three days after he and Connie arrived in Hot Springs, they moved out to the house on the hill with Karpis, where they stayed until about the 26th or 27th of March, at which time Connie obtained some information from a man by the name of Brock, to the effect that the officers were close on their trail. Hunter stated that a few hours after receiving this information from Connie, which was late one afternoon, about four or five o'clock, they packed hurriedly and he and Connie left in his Ford Coupe and drove to Alexandria, Louisiana, and spent the night, leaving early the next morning for Rockport, Texas, where they met Karpis, who had driven from Hot Springs to Corpus Christi, Texas, in his red Buick Sedan. Hunter stated that he had an agreement with Karpis before leaving this place that he would meet him at the tourist camp at Rockport the following day. Hunter stated that Karpis knew this Buick would be too hot for him to drive and they stored it in a garage at Corpus Christi, and after staying at Rockport for approximately two weeks he and Karpis and Connie drove to New Orleans, where he, Hunter, rented an apartment at 3343 Canal Street under the name of Edward O'Hara, where he and

Connie lived until their arrest.

Hunter stated that Karpis rented an apartment at 3300 St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans, but that he spent most of his time and took most of his meals with him, Hunter, and Connie. Hunter stated that on Monday afternoon, April 27, he and Karpis were listening to the radio at his, Hunter's, apartment, when a news flash was broadcast to the effect that Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Harry Campbell and others were wanted by the Post Office Department for participating in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, and that Karpis left the following morning for some point in Mississippi, to be gone about ten days on a fishing trip, and that he did not see or hear from Karpis until Friday morning, May 1st, at which time Karpis came to his apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans.

Hunter stated that he was aware of Karpis' identity and knew that he was badly wanted by the federal government for kidnaping in the Hamm and Bremer cases as well as several other jobs, and that on numerous occasions they would hear news flashes over the radio about certain jobs that Karpis was wanted for and that he remembered particularly Karpis became very angry on reading an article in a magazine about Ma Barker and her sons, Fred and Arthur, and that Karpis talked quite a bit about the Bremer kidnaping at this time. Hunter stated that he could not recall just what Karpis had said and it should be noted that when agents questioned him closely, he was reluctant to talk.

Hunter stated that he thought he and Karpis were in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at the time William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, subjects in the Bremer case, were arrested in Florida, and that Karpis was a little nervous at this time as the newspapers carried a big story giving an account of Weaver's arrest and also a large picture of Karpis and other subjects who were still wanted in this case.

While Hunter did make a short statement, he refused to sign it, but the admissions made by him, as contained in the statement and this letter, were heard by Agents Tollett and Bowman, as well as the writer.

Hunter stated that he thought he would plead guilty to the harboring charge as he knew this Bureau had a good case against him, and that as he was arrested with Karpis, it would be useless for him to try to fight the case. He seemed to be very much disturbed about the mail robbery job that he was wanted on and stated that even if he did produce alibi witnesses, he would be convicted. Hunter denied any knowledge of this mail robbery and refused to make any statement.

Hunter was shown the picture of Harry Campbell on I.O. 1236 and stated that this was a very poor picture of Campbell and that he looked too fat; that the last time he talked with Campbell in June of 1935, he was very skinny and thin faced; that his jaws were sunken and he still walked with a bad limp.

Hunter admitted seeing Milton Lett in Hot Springs one time but was very reluctant to talk about Lett and claims he did not know him by that name.

Hunter was shown Dr. Joseph P. Moran's picture and stated that he did not know Doc Moran but that Karpis had often stated he would like to run across Moran;

that Karpis seemed very mad at Moran on account of his plastic operation, which was performed by Dr. Moran and was a complete failure. Hunter stated that Karpis never told him when this operation was performed nor where it was performed but that on several occasions he had stated that he would like to meet Doc Moran and talk to him. Hunter stated that Karpis was of the opinion that Moran was still living.

Hunter stated that Karpis had informed him that Moran had cut his, Karpis', fingertips nearly to the bone, explaining that he shaved them like sharpening a pencil, and that Karpis had said the operation was very painful. Hunter stated that Karpis had told him on numerous occasions that Willie Harrison, a subject in the Bremer case, was somewhere in South America.

*W. L. Buchanan.*

W. L. Buchanan,  
Special Agent.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

*Sam McIntire*

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

I am transmitting herewith, by air mail special delivery, personal and confidential, signed statement secured from Ruth Ham Robison, alias Connie Morris, alias Ruth Ham, which statement was secured by Special Agents W. L. Buchanan and R. L. Tollett at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 3, 1936.

Two copies of this statement are being forwarded personal and confidential to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, Ohio. The remaining copies are being retained in the personal and confidential file at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

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

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.  
May 3, 1936.

I, Ruth Hamm Robsion, also known as Connie Morris, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agent W. L. Buchanan and Special Agent R. L. Tollett, after being informed as to my constitutional rights and told that I do not have to make a statement:

I was born November 25, 1917, at Davidson, Oklahoma. My father's name is J. L. Hamm, and my mother's name is Gertrude Hamm. I have four sisters and four brothers. I attended school at Davidson, Oklahoma, to the Ninth Grade, at which time I married Melvin Robsion, of Frederick, Oklahoma, on October 23, 1932, and lived with him for about one year, at which time I quit him and hitch hiked to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On arriving at Hot Springs, Arkansas, I got acquainted with a man by the name of "Floyd" who worked at a gasoline filling station. He gave me some money and sent me to a hotel, and a day or two later he introduced me to Grace Goldstein, who at that time was running a house of prostitution located at 1338 Central Street. I stayed at the above mentioned address for several weeks and Grace moved her location to 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, where I filled dates up until the end of June 1935.

Early in June 1935, and about two or three weeks before Grace Goldstein moved from 123 Palm Street, I met two men who introduced themselves as Harold King and Ed. King, whom I now know to be Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis.

Grace Goldstein moved her house and her business to the Hatterie Hotel about the first of July 1935. Hunter and Karpis made about eight visits to the house at 123 Palm Street, and continued their visits after we moved to the Hatterie Hotel. Hunter and Karpis told me and the others around the house that they were night club operators from Ohio and often kidded us about giving us jobs. I had two or three dates with Hunter at 123 Palm Street, although I never had a date with Karpis there or at any time since then.

About August 1, 1935, I went to the hospital to receive treatment for a venereal disease. Between the time that I met Fred Hunter and the time I went to the hospital we had become quite good friends and he told me that he would pay my hospital bill. I stayed about two weeks in the hospital the first time, and then returned to the Hatterie Hotel, where I stayed for only about a week, when it became necessary for me to again go to the hospital, at which place I was operated on on August 26, 1935. I was operated on by Dr. T. N. Black, whose office is in the Medical Arts Building at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Fred Hunter paid all of my hospital and doctor bills and also gave me spending money while I was in the hospital. Both Hunter and Karpis sent me flowers while I was sick.

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When I first met Hunter and Karpis they were living at a cabin on Lake Hamilton near Hot Springs, Arkansas. They had a 1935 Ford Coupe which they later traded for a 1935 Hudson Coupe. Both of them used the same car. Hunter never dated any of the girls besides myself at the Hatterie Hotel, and I do not believe that Karpis dated any of the girls either.

Karpis and Grace Goldstein became very friendly and Grace and I often visited Karpis and Hunter at their cabin on Lake Hamilton. At no time did I ever see any men other than Hunter and Karpis at the cabin on Lake Hamilton, and the only woman I ever saw there was Grace Goldstein.

On one occasion when Karpis and Hunter came to the Hatterie Hotel, they had two men with them, one of whom they called "Tommie," and I don't remember by what name they called the other man. I remember Tommie to be about twenty-two years of age, about five feet ten inches tall, of medium build, and he had dark hair. I believe I could recognize a photograph of Tommie if I were shown one. He was neatly dressed. I do not know where he was from and I have not seen him since that time.

The only thing that I remember about the other fellow with Karpis and Hunter was that he was just an ordinary looking young man.

When I got out of the hospital I returned to the Hatterie Hotel. I have never lived with anyone in Hot Springs other than Grace Goldstein, with the exception of the few weeks I lived with Fred Hunter.

Shortly after I left the hospital, Hunter made a trip out of town. He advised me that he went to New York City to see the Baer-Louis fight. I do not believe that Karpis accompanied him on this trip.

I do not know exactly how Karpis and Hunter ever came to visit Grace Goldstein's place at 123 Palm Street, but as I recall they were sent there by some bartender in Hot Springs. When Hunter returned from his trip we continued to see each other until about November 15, 1935, when he and I went to visit my sister in San Antonio, Texas, in an airplane which belonged to someone in Hot Springs. Although I saw Hunter and Karpis regularly between the time I left the hospital and the time of my departure for San Antonio, Texas, I did not see them every day. I believe they were still living at Lake Hamilton during this time. Hunter and I stayed about one week with my sister in San Antonio, Texas. My sister's name is Mrs. Glenn F. Kirkpatrick, and at that time she was living on San Pedro Street. Both Hunter and I stayed with my sister, whom I advised that we were married.

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Hunter and I went from San Antonio to Corpus Christi, Texas, by bus and stopped at the Princess Louise Hotel where we registered as Mr. and Mrs. Harold King. We were at this hotel about two weeks, during which time Hunter bought a 1936 Ford Coupe. While in Corpus Christi we did not see Karpis or anyone else previously known to us. After our two weeks' stay in Corpus Christi, we went to Galveston in the Ford Coupe and stayed two or three nights at Hawkins Tourist Cabins. We drove from there to New Orleans, Louisiana, where we stayed one night at the Arrow Tourist Camp. We went from New Orleans back to Hot Springs, Arkansas, going through Mississippi. Upon arrival in Hot Springs we stopped at the Mountain View Tourist Camp, registering there as Mr. and Mrs. Harold King.

I visited Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel while we were stopping at the Mountain View Tourist Camp. Grace Goldstein visited us at the cabin and so did Karpis, although they were never there together.

After about two weeks Hunter drove me as far as Frederick, Oklahoma, from which place I took a bus and visited my mother at Davidson, Oklahoma. Hunter remained in Frederick, Oklahoma, where he stayed at the Frederick Hotel. I left my mother's home a day or two before Christmas 1935 and Fred Hunter and I were back in Hot Springs for Christmas Day. We again stopped at the Mountain View Tourist Camp.

Karpis was in town and we saw him as well as Grace Goldstein.

After about a two weeks' stay in Hot Springs, Arkansas, I accompanied Karpis and Hunter in Hunter's Ford Coupe to Corpus Christi, Texas, where Hunter and I stayed in a cabin at the Grande Tourist Camp. Karpis occupied another cabin in the same camp. After a few days in Corpus Christi, Fred Hunter and I left in the Ford Coupe for a trip to Florida. We left Karpis in Corpus Christi.

We went to Florida by way of Houston, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana. We spent the first night at the Tropical Inn near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

The next night we spent at a tourist camp at Tallahassee, Florida, another night at Ocala, Florida, and spent quite a while at Orlando, Florida, probably two or three weeks, going to Lake Apopka to fish. We stopped at Tampa, Florida, staying at a rooming house on Nebraska Avenue, during the Fair, and at Tampa Springs, for a period of about two weeks. We stopped at a tourist camp one night at Naples, Florida, and stayed at a hotel at Homestead, Florida, for two or three days, going to Key Largo to fish. We stopped at a tourist camp at Melbourne, stopped overnight at Daytona Beach, stayed one day at San Augustine, Florida, stopped at Live Oak, Florida, through Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi, arriving New Orleans, Louisiana, about March 5, 1936.

While we were in Florida I do not recall Hunter meeting anyone that he had known previously. We fished and saw the scenery and took life easy. I think Hunter received one letter from Karpis while we were some place in Florida.

While at Orlando, Florida, we made plans to be back in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras and I telegraphed Grace Goldstein at Hot Springs for Ruth's address in New Orleans. I do not know Ruth's correct name. She formerly worked for Grace at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where I met her. My telegram to Grace was not answered. Upon our arrival in New Orleans we stopped at the Dixie Cabins, where we spent about a week. We had no contact with any people previously known to us while staying at New Orleans.

From New Orleans we went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where we stopped at a tourist camp which is about two blocks from the Mountain View Tourist Camp. We were there only two or three nights. I called Grace upon our arrival but she was out. I called her again the next day and she came over to the tourist camp and took me to the Hatterie Hotel where I visited with the girls. Karpis was in town and had rented a house located across the road from Lake Catherine about seven or eight miles from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Hunter and I went out there to live with him after spending two or three nights at the tourist camp.

Hunter took me out to the house by Lake Catherine the first time I went out there. Karpis was there, although I do not know how he got back from Corpus Christi, Texas. I stayed at the house for a few nights.

One night I got tight and drove Hunter's car to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He and I had a fuss about my driving the car into town and I stayed at the Hatterie Hotel after that. Grace and I often visited Karpis and Hunter at the house near Lake Catherine after I began to live at the Hatterie Hotel. At no time did I ever see anyone other than we four at this house.

On or about the 26th of March, 1936, a taxi driver named Brock who lives in Hot Springs, Arkansas paid me a visit at the Hatterie Hotel. He drank considerable beer but I did not drink anything. He got quite drunk during the evening and told me that I had been running around with Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis.

Although I referred to Karpis and Hunter in the preceding parts of my statement, up until this time I knew them only as Harold King and Ed. King.

I was quite excited at what Brock had told me. Grace did not come in until the next afternoon, at which time I advised her of what Brock had said. We made arrangements to immediately notify Karpis and Hunter. I took a taxi from the Hatterie Hotel to the Marquette Hotel, where I got out and went in the front door. I went through the lobby and out the back door where I got in the car with Grace Goldstein, who drove me to a night club about four blocks from the house where Karpis and Hunter were living near Lake Catherine. When Grace let me out she probably went back to town. I walked alone to the house where I told the boys about what Brock had said. Immediate plans were made for departure. I don't remember who left first, nor did I know where Hunter and I were going when we left. Hunter and I spent that night in Alexandria, Louisiana. At about 6 p. m. the next day Hunter and I arrived at a tourist camp near Rockport, Texas. Karpis was already there and I suppose he came in his red Buick Sedan, which was there. We all three stayed there for about two weeks. We were contacted by no people that we had previously known.

Karpis left his Buick at Corpus Christi, Texas, and Hunter, Karpis, and I came to New Orleans, Louisiana in Hunter's Ford Coupe. Upon arrival in New Orleans, Louisiana, Hunter rented an apartment for him and me at 3343 Canal Street. Karpis got an apartment at another address in New Orleans.

Grace Goldstein spent about a week in New Orleans shortly after Hunter, Karpis, and I came there, and while in New Orleans she visited Hunter and me on Canal Street. I do not know how she found out where we were nor how she came to New Orleans, and neither do I know how she returned to Hot Springs.

While Hunter and I were living at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, we used the name of Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Hara.

Karpis visited Hunter and me at 3343 Canal Street and took some of his meals with us at New Orleans, Louisiana. I do not know where his apartment was and I was never over there. I know that he made trips out of town but I do not know where to.

I was arrested on the afternoon of May 1, 1936, in the apartment on Canal Street, #3343 Canal, New Orleans, Louisiana, just after Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis were arrested as they were entering Hunter's Plymouth Coupe parked at the side door.

Hunter obtained the Plymouth Coupe after our arrival in New Orleans. Karpis purchased a Terraplane Coupe after our arrival in New Orleans.

During the times I traveled with Hunter I noticed that he carried a pistol but I did not think this unusual since many travelers carry guns.

I thought the rifles that Karpis carried were for hunting.

*Ruth Hansen  
Robison*

Witnessed:

*W. L. Buchanan*  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*A. L. Tollett*  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
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As a matter of record, it may be stated that on the evening of May 6, 1936, I received a telephone call from a representative of the Metropolitan Police Department's 9th Precinct here in Washington to the effect that he has an informant who has tentatively identified a person thought to be Campbell as being in that vicinity. He was advised an Agent would contact him.

I subsequently contacted Acting SAC Thompson at the Washington Field Office, advised him of the above, and requested him to have an Agent take care of this.

On the morning of May 7, 1936, Mr. Thompson advised me that investigation revealed there is nothing to this lead. I told Mr. Thompson I was sure of this, for the reason that Campbell was taken into custody at Toledo, Ohio about five o'clock on the morning of the 7th.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, 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; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;">P.</div> <p>Chief of Police, Corinth, Miss., advised on April 19, 1936, that five persons traveling in two Oldsmobile Sedans, were stopping at Waldron Hotel, Corinth, Miss., and that he had information from Chief of Police at Vicksburg, Miss., that these persons were to pull some kind of job in or near Corinth. Investigation made at Corinth with view that the above persons may have been subject Karpis and associates, however, investigation revealed persons referred to by Chief of Police at Corinth were gamblers and had no connection with subject. Charlotte Roddy at Clarksdale, Miss., identified photographs of Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris, stating Connie is Karpis' woman.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>About 10:30 on the morning of April 19, 1936, Chief of Police Joe C. Daniels of Corinth, Miss., telephoned the Birmingham office and advised Special Agent L. A. Obenshain that he had just received information from the Vicksburg, Miss. Police Department to the effect that a party of men had left Vicksburg and were proceeding to Corinth, Miss., for the purpose of pulling some big job at that city or vicinity. One of the cars driven by this gang was described as a 1936 black Oldsmobile Coach, bearing 1936 Tennessee license 12-781.</p> <p>Special Agent L. A. Obenshain and the writer immediately proceeded to Corinth, Miss. Through the cooperation of Mr. McCullough, Manager of the Waldron Hotel, it was ascertained that the occupants of the 1936 Oldsmobile Coach, bearing 1936 license 12-781, were registered there as Mr. and Mrs. Jack Westbrook; that the true identity of these parties had been ascertained as</p>			
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being Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt. Accompanying these people were three men who had proceeded to Corinth in a 1936 Maroon colored Oldsmobile, bearing Missouri license No. 348476. These parties had registered as Colonel Patterson, Clayton and Ray Anderson. Upon later investigation, it was ascertained that their true identity was B. E. Patterson, Ray Barton Swafford and Van A. Swafford.

Chief of Police Daniels checked with the Memphis Police Department, and ascertained that the Oldsmobile car bearing license 12-781, had been issued to one Frank Hunt of Memphis, Tenn. With the cooperation of the Sheriff's office and the Police Department at Corinth, all of the above mentioned parties were located and interviewed. In this connection, it also should be stated that Mr. Nichols, the desk clerk at the Waldron Hotel, overheard a conversation which indicated that these parties were planning to proceed to Enville, Tenn., on the following morning, at which place they were apparently preparing to pull some sort of a job.

Jack Holt advised that he is a professional gambler; that he travels to different parts of the country patronizing gambling houses; that he is particularly adepted to dice games and that he is so well known in different sections of the country that he must, of necessity, use a fictitious name when appearing at a new town. He stated that he had heard that there were easy pickings at Corinth, Miss., and he accordingly informed Ray Swafford at Sikeston, Missouri, that he would meet him at Corinth on Saturday, April 18, 1936. Holt stated that he and his wife left Sikeston at about 10:10 A. M., on April 18, 1936, and arrived at Corinth about 3:20 P. M. the same day, a distance of about 265 miles. Holt further advised that he married his wife, the former Miss Beulah O'Callighan, at Tupelo, Miss., about five years ago; that they have been residing for the most part during this period at 760 Adams Street, Memphis, Tenn. He stated that he had bought the Oldsmobile car from the W. S. Oldsmobile Company of Memphis about forty-five days ago; that the company had taken care of the issuance of the license plates and that he had no knowledge that the same were recorded under the name of Frank Hunt.

Mrs. Jack Holt advised that she and her husband have been residing since their marriage at Cabot, Ark.; that her husband had been employed off and on for the past four years by the Earnest Bailey Chevrolet Company at Cabot and at other times has been engaged in the sale of cosmetics at various drug stores. She stated that she and her husband had only been located at Memphis for about two weeks, at which time they resided at 617 Popular Street and her husband was employed by the Keystone Cosmetic Company of that city. Mrs. Holt advised that her early home was at Tupelo, Miss., and her mother is Mrs. Ola O'Callighan, who presently resides there. She stated in connection with her appearance at Corinth, that she and her husband had only stopped there for the night to rest and were en route to Tupelo to visit her mother.

Ray Swafford advised that he and his brother, Van A. Swafford, were professional dice men, and have traveled to different parts of the country, playing at gambling houses. He stated that he is originally from Amarillo, Texas, where his deceased father was former sheriff. He listed a sister as Mrs. J. D. Morgan, Route 1, Shamrock, Texas, and his mother as Mrs. Emma Swafford.

He advised that his brother, Van A. Swafford, together with Col. Patterson, left Sikeston last Thursday, April 16, 1936, and had proceeded to Corinth, where they were scheduled to meet Jack Holt. He stated that he had been informed that there was easy money at Corinth and that he and his party expected to clean up at the local gambling house there.

Van A. Swafford, who is totally deaf in his right ear, substantiated the comments of his brother, stating that the latter has traveled with him for a number of years.

Van A. Swafford also stated that the evening prior to arriving at Corinth, they had spent the night at Vicksburg, Miss., and the night before that at Jackson, Miss.

Col. B. E. Patterson advised that he resides at Morehouse, Missouri, where he operates the ~~Casino~~ Casino Night Club, six miles south of Sikeston, Missouri. He stated that he also owns and operates a number of farms in the vicinity and is engaged to a great extent in buying and selling mules. He also admitted to the practice of professional gambling.

In this connection, he stated that he and the Swafford brothers had left Sikeston, Missouri, as above related, and had stopped the first night at the Robert E. Lee Hotel at Jackson, Miss., the next night at Vicksburg Hotel, Vicksburg, Miss., and then proceeded to Corinth, Miss. He stated that he knew of no arrangements between the Swafford brothers and Jack Holt to meet at Corinth, Miss., but that he had made the trip because of the fact that he enjoys gambling. He advised that he is well known in the vicinity of Morehouse, Missouri.

The five suspects heretofore mentioned were fingerprinted by agents and the fingerprints have been forwarded by air mail, special delivery, to the Bureau for the purpose of ascertaining whether these parties have substantial criminal records and are wanted in any places. It should also be stated that the fingerprints were compared with the classifications of the known members of the gang traveling with Karpis, but no identifications were effected.

Sheriff Potts advised that he would not hold these parties in jail pending the return advice from the Bureau relative to the fingerprints, but he stated that he would confiscate both cars for such

period. The suspects were instructed to remain at the hotel pending further advice from Sheriff Potts.

Mr. C. W. Galvraith, local manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., was contacted with the view to ascertaining whether any long distance calls had been made or received by these suspects which would prove of material assistance in this case. Mr. Galvraith advised that he was not authorized to furnish such information without appropriate subpoena. He called the District Manager at Meridian, Miss., and the State Manager at Jackson, Miss., for the purpose of obtaining the necessary authorization, but was informed that such authority would not be granted.

The description of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt, Van Swafford, Ray Swafford and B. E. Patterson, are as follows:

Name	Jack Holt, alias Jack Westbrook	Mrs. Beulah Holt, alias Mrs. J. L. Westbrook
Residence	Cabot, Ark.	Cabot, Ark.
Age	34 (11-27-1902)	31 (3-6-1905)
Height	5'6 1/2"	5'5"
Weight	118 lbs.	107 lbs.
Hair	Brown	Black
Eyes	Blue	Brown
Complexion	Fair	Dark
Build	Slender	Slender
Nationality	American	American
Glasses	None	None
Scars & Marks	Broken left arm set crooked.	Small scar on upper lip
Teeth	Upper front teeth protrude.	

Name	Van A. Swafford, alias R.D. Anderson	Ray Swafford, alias Ray Anderson
Residence	Takoka, Texas.	Amarillo, Texas.
Age	43 (7-17-1892)	29 (12-6-1906)
Height	5'9 1/2"	5'9 1/2"
Weight	165	143
Hair	Brown, streaked gray	Brown
Eyes	Blue	Grey
Complexion	Ruddy	Ruddy
Build	Slender	Slender
Nationality	American	American
Glasses	Octagon shaped, rimless.	None
Scars & Marks		Mole on right side of bridge of nose.

Name	B. E. Patterson, alias Colonel Patterson,
Residence	Morehouse, Missouri.
Age	43 (7-18-1893)
Height	6'
Weight	220 lbs.
Hair	Dark chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Nationality	American
Build	Heavy
Glasses	None
Scars & Marks	Long scar top of head covered with hair. End of left index finger off.

Hotel registration card signed by the above parties were obtained from Mr. Nichols, Clerk at the Waldron Hotel, and are being retained in the Birmingham file.

Mr. J. C. Carter of the 1200 Tire Company, Clarksdale, Mississippi, on interview informed that on Sunday, April 19, 1936, two men and a woman appeared at his service station in a gunmetal colored 1936 Ford coupe, this car bearing 1936 Arkansas license plates, #68-424. While obtaining gasoline, the party driving the car asked Mr. Carter for directions to Greenville, Mississippi and also requested information as to the exact distance from Memphis, Tennessee to Clarksdale, Mississippi. Carter described the man driving the car as follows:

Age	25 to 26
Height	6'
Build	Slender

The other man was described as follows:

Age	32
Height	5' 8"
Weight	155#

Carter's only description of the woman was that she was about 25 years of age and a medium blonde.

On receipt of the photographs of Connie Hamm, alias Morris, and Grace Goldstein, these were exhibited to Mr. Carter, who stated that the photograph of Connie Morris, particularly the snap shot in the standing position, resembled the girl who was in the car at the time.

On receipt of this information, S. A. C. Guinane of the Birmingham office telephonically communicated with S. A. C. Chapmon Fletcher of the Little Rock office, and requested that Arkansas license plates #68-424 be checked to determine whether the parties to whom this plate was registered had any connection with the subjects of this case. This information was received on May 3, 1936 at which time the newspapers had carried the story of the capture of Karpis, but it was not definitely known whether Connie Morris was in custody.

The photographs of Connie Morris and Grace Goldstein were shown to others at the Hotel Alcazar, as mentioned in the report of Special Agent F. T. McIntyre, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama dated April 16, 1936, but no identification was effected.

Mr. R. W. Brooks, sales representative of the Goodrich Tire Company, with a small office at the 1200 Tire Company, was also shown the pictures of Morris and Goldstein. He could not make any identification of the women, but on seeing the Hot Springs license plate in the snapshot of Grace Goldstein, he desired to know the nature of the case. He was informed by agent that the same pertained to a White Slave Traffic case. Brooks then stated that by reason of his constant travels he had met up with a number of prostitutes and that he was personally acquainted with two prostitutes from Hot Springs, Arkansas, namely; Pauline Hargraves and Charlotte Roddy, who periodically register at the hotel Alcazar in Clarksdale, for the purpose of plying their trade. Brooks stated that he is confident that either of these girls could furnish pertinent information relative to the photograph of the woman standing along side the automobile. He further advised that one of these prostitutes, Charlotte Roddy, was due to arrive at Clarksdale the following Monday.

Upon receiving authority, agent contacted Brooks again, who advised that Charlotte Roddy had arrived in Clarksdale and was staying at the Alcazar Hotel, and was due to leave for Memphis, Tennessee early the following morning. At this time Karpis had been apprehended, but it was thought that some information might be obtained relative to Campbell or other associates of Karpis and Campbell, and agent, in company with R. W. Brooks contacted Charlotte Roddy at the Alcazar hotel and was introduced by Brooks as a Mr. Jackson, District Manager of the Goodrich Tire Company in Birmingham.

During the course of considerable small talk, it was ascertained that Charlotte Roddy has not been to Hot Springs, Arkansas for about two months; that she has previously stopped there on two different occasions at the Hattaris Hotel; that she is originally from Memphis, Tenn., and travels throughout Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee plying her trade.

Agent mentioned the fact that he had a couple of girl friends at the Hatterie Hotel and displayed pictures of Grace Goldstein and Connie Hamm, alias Morris, whereupon the prostitute Roddy immediately identified both pictures, calling Grace and Connie by their names. She then took a photograph from her grip and displayed the same to agent, stating that undoubtedly agent knew who this party was. This photograph showed a blonde girl in a stooping position, holding up a brown pekingese dog. Agent advised that the girl's picture was very familiar, whereupon Charlotte Roddy advised that this girl was Greta Gillstrap and that the pekingese dog in the picture belonged to Connie Morris. She also stated that she was confident that the girl taken by Federal Agents at the time of the capture of Karpis was none other than Connie Morris. When asked how she arrived at this conclusion, Charlotte stated that Connie kept company with Alvin Karpis; that the description of the girl "Ruth" in the papers answered the description of Connie Morris. No further information was obtained of value from the prostitute, and the latter advised agent that she was leaving for Memphis, Tennessee the following morning, Sunday, at 4:00 O'clock A.M. and that if agent should come to Memphis in the near future, he might probably contact her at the Tennessee Hotel there.

With reference to this matter, attention is invited to the late report on this case, indicating subsequent investigation at Clarksdale upon receipt of information from the Nashville office as to the owner of Postoffice box 590, Memphis, Tennessee. It will be noted in this connection that on April 16, 1936 information was received that a letter was received at the Hatterie Hotel addressed to Greta Gillstrap postmarked Clarksdale, with return address thereon as postoffice box 590, Memphis, Tenn.

It appears that the prostitute Charlotte Roddy might be the party who wrote to Greta Gillstrap, inasmuch as agent has been informed by Mr. Brooks that the Roddy woman periodically visits Clarksdale. It was also ascertained that the other prostitute, Pauline Hargrave, is due to arrive at Clarksdale on Monday, May 4, 1936, and the writer will also interview this party, employing the same pretense.

Charlotte Roddy is described as being about 25 years of age, 5' 6" tall, 140 to 150 pounds in weight, build medium stout with broad hips, blue eyes, hair decided blond, teeth good, regular.

In view of the apprehension of Subject Campbell, no further investigation is being made in this matter.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1936.

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 5:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: CHARLES LONG, associate of  
William E. Meade in the  
Bremer Case.

With reference to the above named subject, who is in custody at Chicago, and who is about to be turned over to the State authorities, I telephoned SAC Ladd at the Chicago Office and told him to give out a release there in Chicago recording the apprehension of Long, and the fact that we are turning him over to the State authorities.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Sidney Kalnitsky  
2803 Mermoid Ave  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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Dear Sir:

I am a student taking a vacation.  
Printing (Classification and filing) as a vacation.

I would appreciate it very much if I can obtain a copy of Alvin Karpis' Fingerprint, also Can you please send me material pertaining to it.

Oct. 5/8/36  
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Edmund George

I am interested in the extension  
in the Henry System as used in  
the Bureau.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly  
Sidney Kalnitsky

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Mr. Sidney Kalnitsky,  
2803 Hermaid Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

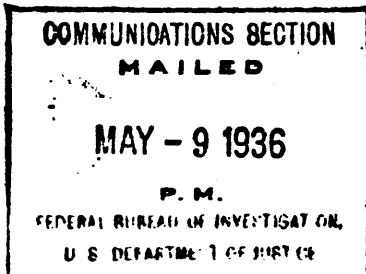
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter received at this Bureau on May 6, 1936.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the Identification Order #1218, which was prepared by this Bureau concerning Alvin Karpis. You will note that fingerprint impressions and other pertinent data are contained in this Identification Order. This may be of some assistance to you in your study of fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

EL PASO, TEXAS

FILE NO. 62-66

REPORT MADE AT <b>Denver, Colorado</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-5-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-2-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. R. GERE</b> <span style="float: right;">RM</span>
TITLE <b>REGIL W. McCOLLUM (McCULLOM) alias HARRY DOWNS;                  WELLINGTON DOW alias WELLINGTON DAWSON alias                  MARVIN C. BOWERS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF                  STOLEN AIRPLANE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subjects known to have a Waco cabin plane, license #NC15246 in their possession at La Junta, Colo., and Pueblo, Colo., and left La Junta on 4-29-36, allegedly for Troy, Ohio.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from El Paso Office dated 5-1-36.

**DETAILS:**

AT PUEBLO, COLORADO.

Agent interviewed Don Davis, age 27, dispatcher of the Varney Air Transport Company, and he stated that on Wednesday, April 29, 5 men arrived at the airport while he was absent in town and that they were at the airport when he returned about 11:30 AM; that they had a Waco cabin plane, capacity 4 passengers, but that there were 5 men with the plane; that the ship was a light blue color with a silver effect and with a dark blue wide stripe on both sides of the ship; that it had a sort of grey appearance; that the men with the plane did not say from where they had come, and he asked them if they had damaged the landing gear on the field at Pueblo, and the pilot in charge of the plane said that he had not; that they damaged the landing gear in landing at some out-of-the-way places; that W. Edward Nollenberger, Field Manager of the Wyoming Air Service, who was in Denver, Colorado, at the time of Agent's interview with Mr. Davis, asked them if they wanted the airport at their destination notified of their leaving Pueblo, and the pilot said to him in a gruff voice and curt manner "No, I don't know where we're

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going"; that Francis Eastman, in charge of the Department of Commerce radio station at the field asked the pilot in which direction they were going to fly, and he said they were going east from Pueblo, but that it was noticed that their direction when they left the field was south; that they left about 12:15 PM on April 29; that the record of the sale of gasoline and oil to the plane by Mr. W. Edward Nollenberger showed the following: Name, W. Dow, Washington; pilot, same; license #NC15246, Waco cabin plane; date, April 29, 1936; 83 gallons of gasoline @ 29¢, \$24.07; 6 quarts oil @ 37¢, \$2.22; paid cash \$26.22.

He stated that neither the pilot nor any of the four men with him mentioned the airport at El Paso, Texas; that the pilot and the men with him seemed to be rather impatient about getting away from the airport at Pueblo; that the pilot borrowed tools from him to repair the landing gear, the "pants" over the wheels on the right hand side having been damaged by some object in landing, apparently in some rough field.

Mr. Davis stated that the pilot was about 25 years of age, height 5-9, weight about 140, light complexion, light brown hair, and wore a light pea-green pullover sweater. Mr. Davis also furnished descriptions of 3 of the other 4 men with the pilot, but as later investigation developed that the 4 men with the pilot, Wellington Dow, were local residents of La Junta, Colorado, their descriptions are not being incorporated in this report.

Francis M. Eastman, radio operator, in charge of the Department of Commerce radio station at the airport, was interviewed at his residence 2234 Grand Avenue, and he gave the description of the pilot in question as being 28 to 30 years of age, height about 5-7, slender build, weight about 140 pounds, medium light brown hair, medium complexion, wore sweater and an odd pair of pants, dressed rather informally rather than in the usual manner of a pilot flying a plane; that his disposition seemed to be somewhat sour; that he asked the pilot a couple of questions, and his answers were short and curt; that he asked him where he was going, but he would not say; that he said he was going east but that he pointed his finger towards the south.

He stated that the pilot said he had a radio and could get the weather reports himself; that he told the pilot that the weather was "closed in" at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and asked the pilot if he was going towards Kansas City, and he said "No, I am just going out east of here"; that the pilot seemed half worried and fretful and kept walking around and over to the Administration Building and back to the plane and seemed rather

impatient to get away and seemed to be irritated because he had to wait for a few minutes for Mr. Don Davis to return to the airport from town before the pilot could get gasoline for the plane.

AT LA JUNTA, COLORADO.

Chief of Police Dave H. Houghton stated that he knew Cecil McCollum, an aviator who formerly resided with his parents south of La Junta, Colorado, and who left for California about 10 years ago; that Cecil McCollum, age about 28 or 30, was at La Junta during the forepart of the week of April 26 and carried passengers in his plane at La Junta, and that Cecil McCollum and the man with him left La Junta on Wednesday afternoon, April 29; that Cecil McCollum is about 6 feet in height, weighs about 170 to 175 pounds, dark complexion, dark brown hair, grey eyes, and that he wears a bridge or partial plate in front on his lower jaw.

J. K. Johnson, 922 Raton Avenue, advised Agent that Cecil McCollum arrived in La Junta on Monday, April 27, and stayed two night at his house and left La Junta on Wednesday afternoon, April 29; that Cecil McCollum's pilot stayed at the Kit Carson Hotel, and that he understood his name was Bowers or some such name; that Cecil McCollum said he was enroute to Troy, Ohio, with his Waco cabin plane, which had a seat for two passengers in front and one wide seat in the rear which would accommodate 2 or 3 passengers; that Cecil McCollum said he was going to Troy, Ohio, to bring back a new demonstrator; that Cecil McCollum claimed he was formerly a Lieutenant in the United States Army, and that was where he learned to fly, and that he was now selling these Waco planes for a firm at Troy, Ohio, and exhibited a large number of duplicate receipts showing where he had delivered airplanes, one of which was in Spokane, Washington, where the purchaser was shown to have paid \$500.00 on the plane.

Mr. Johnson said that Cecil McCollum stated he got the job as a salesman with the airplane company at Troy on account of his Army record, and that they sold the planes direct from the factory, but that he was delivering them. He said that the Waco cabin plane in his possession was a demonstrator, and that he was going to take it back to Troy, Ohio, and bring back a new model. He also said that he had to pay \$8,100.00 for the plane in his possession, but that he would get credit for the same when he turned it in; that he gave the impression that the man with him had been with him for a long time and was his mechanic, but the man with Cecil McCollum stated that he had only been with McCollum a short time and had got in touch with him at Spokane, Washington, or Pocatello, Idaho. -

Mr. Johnson stated that Cecil McCollum has a brother, Marvin McCollum, who owns a garage at Everett, Washington, and that their mother also resides at Everett, Washington; that Cecil McCollum stated he left Everett, Washington, on Saturday, April 25, via San Francisco, and that he was enroute to Troy, Ohio, when he left La Junta, Colorado, on the afternoon of April 29.

Edward Ayres, age 21, 1022 Cimarron Avenue, stated as follows:

"I saw Cecil McCollum when he arrived at La Junta, Colorado, at 9:05 PM, Monday, April 27, with his mechanic named Dow in a Waco cabin plane, license #NC15246, and I talked to him the next morning. On Wednesday, about 10:30 AM, Alex Wuntz, Pearl Elliott, Wes Brown, and myself, accompanied Dow in the Waco cabin plane to Pueblo, Colorado, to get gasoline. Cecil McCollum did not go with us to Pueblo. He stayed here with Mr. Johnson.

"Cecil McCollum was at the airport when we left La Junta, and he was there when we returned to the field at La Junta, and he drove my Austin automobile from the airport to town, and he brought Mr. Johnson's married daughter, Ruth, out to the airport with him, and they were both there when we got back to La Junta at 12:45 PM on Wednesday, April 29. We left Pueblo at 12 noon just as the whistle was blowing.

"Cecil McCollum and Dow left La Junta in the Waco cabin plane after 3 PM on Wednesday afternoon, April 29, but they did not tell us where they were going. My brother, Everett Ayres, was at the airport when they took off. Dow is from Wenatchee, Washington. Dow is about 28 years of age, height 5-8, weight 140 to 150 pounds, light brown hair, light blue eyes, light complexion. Cecil McCollum is about 28 years of age, height about 5-11, weight 180 pounds, dark complexion and heavy-set, dark brown hair, almost black, dark hazel eyes, false teeth on lower jaw.

"Cecil McCollum said something about Chihuahua, Mexico, but they did not tell me where they were going. They said they were going east but they went south, so my brother Everett told me. According to the log book in the Waco cabin plane, the ship had flown 132 hours."

At the Kit Carson Hotel, the Manager, Frank H. Frey, exhibited registration cards showing that on April 27, 1936, Wellington Dow, Route 4, Wenatchee, Washington, registered and also registered again on April 28, 1936, and checked out on April 29, 1936.



A resume of the information obtained at La Junta, Colorado, concerning Subjects, was sent by teletype on May 2, 1936, by the Denver Office to the Bureau and to the El Paso, Chicago, Cleveland, and Portland Offices.

A kodak photograph of Subject Cecil McCollum, a kodak photograph of the Waco bi-plane in Subjects' possession at La Junta, and a card bearing the signature of Wellington Dow, Route 4, Wenatchee, Washington, were obtained from J. K. Johnson and Edward Ayres at La Junta, Colorado, and are being forwarded with copies of this report to the El Paso Office.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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CHICAGO

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/6/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/14, 19-25, 30/36.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. P. SULLIVAN</b> <span style="float: right;">DES:RP</span>
TITLE <b>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.</b> <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
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Chicago, but denies knowing Alvin Karpis or having any information concerning the Barker-Karpis gang. Nate Treger on interview states that he was in Detroit, Michigan, in the fall of 1934 and heard that Bruno Austin was likewise in that town frequenting the Bohemian Restaurant. Treger denies the truth of the statement made by Austin that both of them were in Toledo, Ohio. Willie Heene interviewed and admits knowing Jack Peifer, Fred Goetz, Harry Sawyer, Charles J. Fitzgerald and "Big Homer" but denies being acquainted with or having any information concerning other members of the Barker-Karpis gang. [redacted] provided information which was not verified that Karpis visited the home of John Keller, 4643 Fulton Street on the afternoon of April 30, 1936, and there planned a robbery of a money shipment from a train of the Michigan Central Railroad. Maud Karcher, Greyhound Tourist Cabins, Elmhurst, Illinois, denies knowing any members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Pertinent conversations of Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz from April 19 to April 25, 1936, set out herein. Brothers of Louis "Doc" Stacey interviewed, but deny acquaintance with Alvin Karpis and other members of gang.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 30, 1936.</p> </div> </div>			
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**DETAILS:**

In connection with reference report Agent interviewed Mrs. Maud Karcher, Greyhound Tourist Cabins, Elmhurst, Illinois. It may be noted that Bruno Austin when interviewed stated that Alvin Karpis and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang frequented and stayed overnight at a tourist camp on Lake Street near the Elmhurst Airport in the fall of 1934. From the description of this tourist camp provided by Bruno Austin, a survey of the neighborhood mentioned by him indicated that he was referring to the Greyhound Tourist Cabins. Mrs. Karcher upon interview was shown photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang which she was unable to recognize. She stated that she is the owner of the Greyhound Tourist 1934, she leased this tourist camp for one year to 1934. That in May this time she was not residing at the tourist camp and had no information regarding the persons who stayed at the camp while she was away. She thoroughly examined the photographs shown her and promised to telephone the Chicago Bureau Office should any person represented by these photographs call at her tourist camp.

It may be mentioned that "Blackie" Dimenza, who was arrested some time ago for participating in the robbery of the First National Bank of St. Charles, St. Charles, Illinois, provided information to the effect that his gang with Karpis intended to rob the Electric Light Company at Peoria, Illinois, and he stated that Martin Quirk was in his opinion the contact for the gang with Alvin Karpis. Previous investigation has failed to show any definite connection between the above mentioned gang and Alvin Karpis. For this reason Martin Quirk, who is presently confined to the Bridewell Jail at Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed.

He was shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang which he failed to recognize. He stated, however, that he has been acquainted with Bruno Austin for many years. He likewise admitted knowing "Blackie" Dimenza, "Little Sneeze" Friedman, but denied being acquainted with Fred Hansen. He stated that he was of the opinion that he had met Russell Gibson on one occasion at a cocktail lounge located at the southwest corner of Monroe Street and Wabash Avenue; that he was at this cocktail lounge on one occasion and was introduced to a tall, slender man but paid no particular attention to this person; that about six months after Russell Gibson was killed, the man who introduced him told him that he had been

introduced to Russell Gibson on the above mentioned occasion. Quirk stated that this was the only occasion when he had seen Gibson. He had no information concerning members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Quirk was at this time questioned concerning the identity of the persons responsible for the Hamilton State Bank robbery, but denied having any knowledge concerning this crime. Quirk, although professing his willingness to provide any information in his possession, evidently would not make any statements to Agent that would tend to incriminate himself, however, Agent believes Quirk was truthful when he stated that he was not acquainted with any members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Nate Treger called at the Chicago Bureau Office and advised that his brother, a member of the firm of Spak, Trobe and Treger, had advised him that an Agent of this Bureau desired to interview him. Treger was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran and the writer and he stated that he was born and raised in Chicago; that he had formerly been closely connected with hoodlums and racketeers. Treger advised that in the year, 1922, a hoodlum friend of Al Capone had threatened his life on several occasions; that he became tired of this continued bother and thereupon killed the man; that as a result he was sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, where he served some seven years; that when released he came to Chicago and opened a tavern; that on various occasions the Capone syndicate had offered to put him on a salary, but he had refused to be connected with them. Treger stated that because of his refusal to cooperate with the syndicate they made it so hot for him in Chicago that he finally decided to go to Detroit about three years ago; that he afterwards returned to Chicago and was in a restaurant at 901 South Halsted Street during the summer of 1935; that while there a drunken patron was waving a gun and after an argument ensued between this man and another customer, the intoxicated man killed one of the patrons; that immediately after the shooting Treger grabbed the gun from the man and was found by the Police with the gun when they entered the restaurant a few minutes later; that as a result he was charged with murder, but this charge was dismissed in December, 1935; that since that time he has been in Detroit and only recently returned; that during the season he is employed by his brother as a fur salesman. Treger stated that he can be reached through his brother any time that an interview is desired with him. Treger stated further that in the fall of 1934 he was in Detroit, Michigan; that he at that time heard that Bruno Austin, accompanied by a member of the Barker-Karpis gang was likewise in Detroit and was frequenting the Bohemian restaurant. Treger stated that he did not see Austin at

this time nor did he know where Austin was residing. While frequenting Detroit Treger stated that he did not visit Toledo, Ohio, during the fall of 1934 and has no information concerning the tavern that Bruno Austin stated was frequented by both him and Treger at Toledo, Ohio, in the fall of 1934. Treger at this time stated that he has known Bruno Austin for many years; that he was incarcerated in the County Jail with Austin during the late summer and fall of 1935; that Austin is a braggart in his estimation and the most ignorant man in the world; that Austin concocts imaginative stories of his exploits. Treger appeared to be in earnest when he stated that Austin falsified when he stated that both he and Treger were frequenting the same tavern at Toledo, Ohio, in the fall of 1934.

It may be here mentioned that Austin upon interview stated that it was at this same tavern at Toledo, Ohio, that the death of Dr. Joseph P. Moran was plotted by Arthur R. Barker and Russell Gibson on or about September 1, 1934. Treger was shown photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang which he failed to recognize, stating that he had no information concerning either the identities or activities of this gang.

On April 15, 1936, the National Security Bank of Chicago forwarded to this Office a letter reading as follows:

"To Mr. E. F. Kostka

My dear friend:

We just came to city from Dalles Texas, and the G-Men right on ours heels, but we have to get some money before they get we are afraid to go to the loop bank but got plan to clean up few places on west side, so we want know how much money they have in your bank, and if there isnt any hemicalgasses they might install while I was away I know they didnt have any that time, in case they have some kind gas told the other guys not release just pretent to be exated and dont forget when we got good cleanup you will get your share

Make appointment call Canal 8877 ask for Al.

With very best wishes and personal regards yours

Truly friend

Alvin Karpinski

Alias Karpis

The envelope containing this letter was addressed to the "National Security Bank, Ogden and Chicago Avenues, Chicago, Illinois" and was postmarked Chicago, Illinois, April 14, 1936. The above letter was forwarded to the Technical Laboratory to be processed for any latent fingerprints of Alvin Karpis which might appear on the letter.

In an effort to obtain further information concerning the source of the above mentioned letter, Agent interviewed Mr. E. F. Kostka to whom this letter was addressed, at the National Security Bank of Chicago, Ogden and Chicago Avenues. Mr. Kostka is a teller at this bank. He was shown the above mentioned letter and stated that he could not provide any information concerning the person who would write such a letter; that he was not acquainted with Alvin Karpis; that he could only believe that someone had written him the letter as a practical joke.

John L. Brichetto and Norman B. Collins, President of the National Security Bank, were interviewed and stated that Kostka was formerly Assistant Cashier of a now defunct bank, but had been employed by the National Security Bank for the past four years; that he is a capable, honest and industrious young man. He felt certain that he would provide any information he might possess helpful to this investigation.

It may be noted that the letter states, "Make appointment call Canal 8877 ask for Al." Canal 8877 is listed to the Midwest Grocery, Inc., (wholesale), 2434 South Western Avenue.

Kostka, when interviewed, stated that the Midwest Grocery Company is a cooperative grocery firm and that they formerly had an account with the Security Bank four or five years ago; that occasionally as receiving teller, he receives relief checks that are made out to the above mentioned firm. He was questioned closely, but stated he could not recall any argument or trouble that he had ever had concerning any of these checks nor could he recall being acquainted with anyone employed at the Midwest Grocery Company.

At the Midwest Grocery Company Agent interviewed A. A. Zdrojewski, part owner of this firm. Mr. Zdrojewski is commonly known under the name of "Al." Mr. Zdrojewski was shown photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang including the photograph of Alvin Karpis, which he was unable to recognize. He called in his secretary who was likewise interviewed at this time, but neither of these parties were able to suggest the name of any person who would write such a letter as the above mentioned letter.

It may be mentioned that the letter set out above was typewritten; that evidently a combination red and black ribbon was used, which resulted in each letter being typed half red and half black. Mr. Zdrojewski stated that there were no typewriters in his office equipped with red and black ribbons; that he did not believe that the letter had been written by anyone in his office.

On April 21, 1936, Dan M. Ghilain, residence Braidwood, Illinois, who is a railway mail clerk, Commission Card 10895, called at the Chicago Bureau Office and was interviewed by the writer.

He stated that he is well acquainted with George Scheibner, who operates a dry goods store at Wilmington, Illinois; that Scheibner had advised him on various occasions in the past year or more that his wife was a close friend of Dorothy Wimpoon Kly. Ghilain stated that the Kly woman formerly was a telephone operator at Wilmington, Illinois, and had mentioned to Mrs. Scheibner that during the time that Irene Dorsey was living with George Ziegler (Fred Goetz), Simon Cinotto, uncle of Irene Dorsey, on several occasions wired amounts of money up to \$500.00 to Goetz during the time that he was visiting in Florida. Ghilain stated that from the information he received he believed that this must have been during the year 1933.

Ghilain further stated that Irene Dorsey has recently married Henry Stanley, and that she and her husband are living in an apartment over the Krause Funeral Parlor, next to the First National Bank at Wilmington.

Ghilain further stated that information had come to him from various rumors at Wilmington that approximately \$50,000 of the Bremer ransom money had been hidden in Cinotto's garage after the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Ghilain stated that one

Reilly, who formerly was an attendant at an oil station located directly south of Cinotto's residence and who is presently employed at the Northern Illinois Strip Mills two miles west of Wilmington, Illinois, had stated on one occasion that he had seen Alvin Karpis, who had visited Wilmington, Illinois, on several occasions prior to the past two years.

Ghilain further stated that Ed Scott, who is employed as a mill hand in the paper mills located in Wilmington, mentioned to him about three months ago that he had seen Campbell at Wilmington shortly before this incident that was mentioned. Ghilain expressed the opinion, however, that he did not believe Scott had seen Campbell at Wilmington.

In connection with the above information, it may be mentioned that at various times rumors have been received from the residents of Wilmington that Cinotto was closely connected with the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, probably because of the fact that the Bremer ransom money was hidden in his garage for a short while after the kidnaping. In this connection Ghilain mentioned that various people at Wilmington had stated that shortly after the kidnaping of Bremer Cinotto had locked his garage and told some of the neighbors who used to keep their tools in his garage that they were not to enter.

Willie Heeney and his wife, Flo, who reside on the second floor, 1538 South Austin Boulevard, Cicero, Illinois, were interviewed in connection with the Hanap case. A separate report has been submitted on this interview in connection with the Hanap case. Heeney at this time was likewise interviewed concerning his knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang and kindred subjects. Heeney stated that he had been acquainted with Charles Joseph Fitzgerald since about 1927; that at about the time of the Tunney-Dempsey fight in Chicago he was operating a tavern located on the south side of Chicago and that at about this time he first met Fitzgerald and "Big Homer." Heeney stated that he generally saw these men together; that thereafter he saw "Big Homer" and Fitzgerald, who was commonly known as "Big Fitz" on various occasions when they stopped at his tavern; that he knew "Big Homer" likewise under the name of Henry Wilson; that he believed that "Big Homer" was at that time running liquor up to Iowa. Heeney stated that he did not know whether Fitzgerald was connected with "Big Homer" in the purported liquor activities of "Big Homer";



that he had very little information concerning "Big Fitz" and refused to admit that he knew that Fitzgerald was a bank robber. Heeney stated that he has not seen Fitzgerald more than ten times in the past six years; that on these occasions Fitzgerald would stop by his place of business and might not be seen again for five or six months. Heeney stated that he was acquainted with Fred Goetz, having known him for some years because of Goetz' connection with the Capone syndicate; that, however, he was not acquainted with Bryan Bolton, although Bolton was well known among hoodlums living on the west side of Chicago. Heeney stated that he was not acquainted with Alvin Karpis, Fred or "Doc" Barker and at this time was shown photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang which he stated that he was unable to recognize; that he had no information concerning these individuals or their criminal activities. Heeney stated that he has relatives residing at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and ordinarily spends Christmas with his wife in the Twin Cities; that he has been acquainted with Jack Peifer for some years; that he is likewise acquainted with Harry Sawyer and "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt, having met these men through his connection with the illicit liquor business during Prohibition days. Heeney stated that he was likewise acquainted with "Three Fingered Jack" White whom he referred to as Willie White. Heeney stated that he did not believe that Charles J. Fitzgerald was acquainted with White, although he had no positive information in this respect.

At this time Mrs. Heeney stated upon further questioning that in the fall of 1933 she believed that "Three Fingered Jack" White was living somewhere on Austin Boulevard north of 15th Street in Cicero, Illinois. Mrs. Heeney was questioned further in this respect, but was unable to give the exact address where White formerly resided.

Heeney was likewise questioned concerning "Old Gus", but he denied knowing anyone by this name, stating that the only person he ever knew who could possibly be this individual was "Old Mac" Martin, who died in the year, 1931. Heeney stated that he did not believe that Alvin Karpis would be harbored by anyone connected with the syndicate, stating that Karpis and Campbell were too "hot" for the syndicate to have anything to do with them at this time.

It was apparent from statements made by Heeney that he would not provide any information of value in locating Alvin Karpis, although he professed a desire to cooperate in this investigation.

Mrs. Flo Heeney, who was likewise interviewed at this time, professed almost a complete ignorance of the identities of her husband's acquaintances. She denied knowing Charles J. Fitzgerald but admitted that she was acquainted with "Big Homer" Wilson, but was unable to provide any information in addition to that provided by her husband concerning this individual. She likewise stated she was not acquainted with or had any information concerning members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Michael "Slugs" Stacey, brother of Louis "Doc" Stacey, who resides with his mother in the second house east of Wolf Road on the north side of Lake Street just outside Melrose Park, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran and the writer. Stacey denied being acquainted with Alvin Karpis, "Doc" Barker, or other members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He stated that he had seen photographs of various members of this gang in the newspapers, but was not acquainted with them; that he had no information concerning either the Bremer kidnaping case or the Hamm kidnaping case. He denied that any members of this gang had ever stayed at his house overnight. Stacey was interviewed thoroughly, but he advised that he had no information indicating that any members of this gang ever frequented or had connections at Melrose Park, Illinois; that if such were the case he believes that he would know of it. Stacey stated that he was presently employed in a "bookie" joint located in the defunct Citizens Bank Building on Main Street in Melrose Park, Illinois. He stated that "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn formerly had a part interest in this "bookie" prior to his death a few months ago when he was shot down in a gang killing. Stacey at this time was likewise interviewed in connection with the Hanap case. Pertinent portions of this interview will be set out in a separate report in that file.

Rocco Stacey was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran and the writer at his place of employment at the American Can Company, 13th Avenue and St. Charles Street, Maywood, Illinois. Rocco Stacey resides at 1514 North 20th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. Rocco Stacey was shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang which he stated he was unable to recognize. At this time Rocco stated that he served an enlistment in the United States Navy during the World War. At the termination of this enlistment he returned home; that his brother, Louis "Doc" Stacey, at that time was engaged in the liquor business and invited Rocco to likewise become

engaged with him in this illicit traffic. Rocco stated that he refused to do so; that thereafter he obtained employment at the American Can Company and worked with this firm up until about the year, 1930; that he was employed for approximately a year and a half and later engaged in the business of buying and selling cattle; that he lost a great deal of money in this business and thereafter drove a garbage wagon at Melrose Park, Illinois, for approximately sixteen months, from the fall of 1932 to about November, 1933; that thereafter he got his job back with the American Can Company where he has been employed since.

Rocco Stacey mentioned that he has never been sympathetic with the hoodlums that have frequented Melrose Park, Illinois; that he classes his brothers as hoodlums and thieves and stated that he has absolutely no sympathy for his brother, Louis "Doc" Stacey, has not corresponded with him since his incarceration at Leavenworth Penitentiary; that the criminal activities of his brothers have caused him a great deal of embarrassment; that he is willing and eager to provide any information that he may possess to any law enforcement agency concerning the activities of hoodlums in the vicinity of Melrose Park. Rocco stated that he had no information indicating that Alvin Karpis or "Doc" Barker had ever stayed overnight at the home of any of his brothers; that his younger brother, Johnny Stacey, formerly was employed as a bartender at the Club Spanish which was formerly operated by "Doc" Stacey; that Johnny Stacey is presently employed in a "bookie" located somewhere in downtown Chicago.

Rocco Stacey here mentioned that Johnny Stacey is still a young man about twenty-five years of age; that he has attempted to persuade him to avoid the company of hoodlums, but that he is afraid that his brother will eventually become involved in some violation of the law.

Rocco Stacey mentioned that the DeGrazia brothers are his first cousins; that his mother is a sister of Mr. DeGrazia. Rocco stated that Rocco DeGrazia originally was released from Leavenworth Penitentiary after serving a sentence for income tax evasion and has returned to his home located somewhere in Oak Park, Illinois. Rocco Stacey provided the names of the other DeGrazia brothers, stating that Joseph DeGrazia operates a real estate firm at 21st Avenue and Lake Street, Melrose Park, Illinois; that Joseph DeGrazia is honest and reliable; that Nick DeGrazia resides somewhere in Maywood, Illinois; that Tony DeGrazia is wanted on a murder

charge and has been a fugitive for four years. Rocco Stacey stated that the other brother, Andy DeGrazia, lives in the middle of the block on the east side of 24th Avenue between 14th and 15th Street at Melrose Park, Illinois. Rocco Stacey stated that of the DeGrazia boys, Joseph DeGrazia is the only one that is legitimate; that the rest of them are hoodlums and thieves; that he has no dealings with them and considers them as being in the same class with the other hoodlums located in the vicinity of Melrose Park.

Rocco Stacey stated that his wife's maiden name is Derrico; that one of her brothers used the name of Frank Meccia and served ten years at Leavenworth Penitentiary for participation in a mail robbery at Evergreen Park, Illinois; that her other brother, Mike Derrico, is likewise a hoodlum and no good and served eighteen months in Leavenworth Penitentiary for counterfeiting; that Mike Derrico is not now in custody and is driving a garbage truck at Melrose Park, Illinois. Stacey stated further that one other brother, Rocco Derrico, was killed about two years ago and in this connection mentioned that one evening some men brought Rocco Derrico to his home. Derrico apparently was seriously injured and these men mentioned that he had been in an automobile accident; that while he was examining Derrico he noticed some blood and as he turned to question the men who brought the Derrico boy to his home they were gone; that upon calling the Police authorities it was discovered that Rocco Derrico had been shot and had died from his wounds. Rocco Stacey mentioned that as a result of this incident he was questioned by the Police who believed that he and his wife had killed her brother, Rocco Derrico. Stacey stated that because of such incident he had a thorough hatred for hoodlums and their nefarious activities; that he could provide little information concerning the criminal associates of his brothers because he had always made a practice of staying away from any persons with whom they were acquainted because he feared that he might become involved with the law.

Johnny Stacey, who likewise resides with his mother, Angeline Stacey, on Lake Street east of Wolf Road, Melrose Park, Illinois, called at the Chicago Bureau Office and was interviewed. Johnny Stacey was shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but he stated he was unable to recognize any of these individuals as any persons he had ever seen. He stated that during the latter part of 1932, up until the latter part of 1933, he was occasionally employed in helping his brother at the O. P. Inn; that,

however, his brother Louis "Doc" Stacey did not introduce him to any of his friends and that he was not acquainted with the persons who frequented the above mentioned Inn. At the present time Johnny Stacey mentioned that he is employed in a "bookie" joint located on Lake Street in Chicago, but he stated that he did not desire to provide Agent with this address, fearing that any inquiry for him at this address might result in his losing his job; that, however, he can be located at any time at his home.

Johnny Stacey was questioned at length, but professed ignorance of the activities of the various hoodlums residing in and frequenting Melrose Park, Illinois, and denied that he had any information that Alvin Karpis or Arthur "Doc" Barker had ever stayed overnight at his home or the home of either of his brothers during the summer of 1933. Johnny Stacey denied that he was acquainted with Frank Nash, Frank Keating, Tommy Holden, Verne Miller and other hoodlums who have been known to frequent the O. P. Inn.

It was apparent that this individual would not provide any information of value to this investigation.

The plant located above the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, parents of Alvin Karpis, has been maintained continuously since the last report was submitted in this case. Special Agent V. E. Criss and his wife, with Anthony Viatkus, interpreter, have been residing at this plant. The pertinent conversations between Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and other members of the family overheard during the period between April 19, and April 25, 1936, are being set out herewith.

On the evening of April 19, 1936, Anthony Viatkus overheard a conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz. This conversation was apparently a family argument which resulted because Mr. Karpavicz had been away from the apartment all day. Mrs. Karpavicz complained that Mr. Karpavicz would not stay home but went out and remained away all day. She complained that he spends money while she deprives herself of dresses, shoes, etc. Mr. Karpavicz stated in reply that she could buy whatever she needed, whereupon Mrs. Karpavicz stated that she would take \$100.00 of Alvin's money and buy herself everything. Mrs. Karpavicz at this time made mention of "always waiting" but did not mention whom she was waiting for. Mr. Karpavicz thereupon mentioned that

she has been waiting for the last few years and is always at the window.

On the evening of April 22, 1936, Anthony Viatkus overheard the following conversation:

Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz were engaged in another family quarrel. Mrs. Karpavicz during the course of this quarrel accused Mr. Karpavicz "for what Alvin is today," whereupon Mr. Karpavicz defended himself, saying it was not his fault; that he never told Alvin to do bad things whereupon Mrs. Karpavicz said "like father like son" and Mr. Karpavicz replied, "like mother like son."

On the evening of April 23, 1936, Clara Venute, sister of Alvin Karpis, called the Karpavicz apartment and spoke with Mrs. Karpavicz. Clara Venute stated that she could be reached by calling Seeley 1676.

On the afternoon of April 25, 1936, Anthony Viatkus overheard the following conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz:

This likewise resulted in a family quarrel during the course of which Mr. Karpavicz wanted to know why she had to go out during the night even though it is 12 o'clock. Mrs. Karpavicz thereupon started blaming Mr. Karpavicz for Alvin's conduct when he was young and that he did not take care of the home financially years ago. Whereupon Mr. Karpavicz stated that he did as much as he could.

On the night of April 30, 1936, [REDACTED] communicated with Special Agent R. C. Suran by telephone and advised that he had been in contact with Edward Otis and Otis had advised him that about 4 p.m. on April 30, 1936, he had been called to the home of John Keller, who resides in the 4600 block on Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois; that the purpose of this visit was to arrange with Keller a robbery of an American Express shipment of money which is shipped into Chicago by the Michigan Central Railway; that Otis advised him that at Keller's home was a man whom Otis identified as being Alvin Karpis and there was another man there, possibly sixty years of age who sat in the back room and Otis did not get a good look at him. [REDACTED] Otis was positive that the man he saw was Karpis, although Keller did not introduce him as Karpis and the name which Karpis was supposed to be using

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was not known [redacted] advised that the information was obtained from Otis to the effect that Karpis had appeared at the Keller home in a Ford V-8 automobile, presumably a Sedan, bearing Wisconsin license plates. [redacted] stated that Otis advised him that Keller was down in Texas about two months ago and there met Karpis at which time arrangements were made with Karpis for him to proceed to Chicago, Illinois, and participate in the contemplated robbery. [redacted] advised that John Keller has a criminal record and was photographed by the Chicago Police Department in a group photograph of one Joseph Sullivan; that John Keller's true name was Capola; that Capola is an Italian although he does not have the appearance of being one.

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Upon the receipt of this information Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Special Agents G. H. Wilson, H. S. Boone and R. C. Suran proceeded to the vicinity of the 4600 block of Fulton Avenue and there observed a DeSoto Sedan bearing 1936 Illinois license plates No. 927-156. This car was parked in front of 4643 Fulton Avenue. A check of the license number revealed that it was issued to John Keller, 4340 Flournoy Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a DeSoto. The car as described by [redacted] bearing Wisconsin license plates, could not be observed in the vicinity.

At the Austin Post Office Sub-station, 5444 West Madison Street, Carrier Abbs, who delivers mail to 4643 Fulton Avenue was interviewed and he advised that John Keller and his wife and young son have resided at this address for six or seven years. Carrier Abbs stated that Keller apparently owns the building inasmuch as he receives tax bills. Abbs further stated that Keller was arrested in Chicago three or four years ago in connection with a hijacking of some slot machines; that Keller goes under the name of Capola or Cappola; that he believes Keller was arrested under the name of Capola and at the time of his arrest was impersonating an officer; that he is engaged in the business of selling disinfectants and maintains his office at his residence; that various men stay at his residence; that these men presumably are engaged with Keller in selling disinfectants. Abbs stated that occasionally mail was received at this address for Joseph Sullivan, whose identity Abbs does not know. Abbs stated further that Mrs. Schweitzer, who lives next door at 4641 Fulton Avenue is in his opinion reliable. Photographs of Alvin Karpis, Edward Otis and various members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Carrier Abbs, but he was unable to identify them.

Mrs. Schweitzer, 4641 Fulton Avenue, was interviewed. She stated she has resided at this address for four or five months and is casually acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Keller who live next door; that she and her husband have noted numerous men, whom she described as being "shifty-eyed" calling at the Keller residence. Mrs. Schweitzer could not recall any cars containing out of state license plates parked outside the Keller residence, but she stated that she would willingly make a note hereafter of any such license plates or any Illinois license plates on automobiles parked outside the Keller home. She was shown photographs of Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang which she was unable to recognize. She stated that she felt certain she had not seen any of these persons call at the Keller residence.

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

May 9, 1936.

RE: MOR  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

"BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
E. J. Wynn dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 4-22-36 in the above entitled  
case, which indicates on page six that Sergeant Mack of the Ohio  
State Highway Patrol intimated that he had checked the license  
number on one of the Bureau cars.

I wish to advise that Special Agent E. D. Harris  
of this office was recently at Columbus, Ohio, at which time a visit  
was made to Mr. E. M. Huber, Auditor of the Bureau of Motor  
Vehicles, who personally keeps the records pertaining to licenses  
issued to this Bureau. Mr. Huber advised that it would be impossible  
for anyone to secure information concerning these license plates,  
except from him, personally. An inquiry had been made of Mr. Huber  
through the State Police concerning one license plate issued to the  
Cincinnati Office, which license number was erroneously reported  
on an automobile involved in an accident and Mr. Huber contacted  
this office before furnishing the State Police with information,  
in this instance. He advised that there has been no other instance  
where the State Police have requested information on license plates  
issued to this Bureau, and stated that even though such further  
requests should be received, he would first advise the Bureau  
office concerned of the request, before furnishing any information.

Very truly yours,

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Chicago

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E. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge	
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
May 7, 1936.

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Unit 1

Time - 11:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Frank Waldrop telephoned me and wanted to know if there was going to be a release on the apprehension of HARRY CAMPBELL made here in Washington. I told him that I did not know about this, advising that you would be back in town this afternoon after having released the information in Ohio.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 8, 1936.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
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Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
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Mr. Egan	✓
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Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau and Mr. Connelley, there is enclosed herewith a typewritten copy of a statement executed by L. M. Lynch, a Special Watchman of Hot Springs, Arkansas, to George C. Bolton of the Hot Springs National Park Service, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which was forwarded to this office by Mr. Bolton.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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5/1/36

10:15 AM

John McTaggart

&

L. W. Lynch - Spl. Watchman  
121 Linwood St. (Quapaw & Prospect)

Karpis et al.

Akers - In front of Creasons Res. on Quapaw  
Akers approached down Violet St.  
(At night) 9:30 PM-Saturday 3/21/36

During regular neighborhood patrol when I met McTaggart who has a watch adjoining mine we were comparing notes & talking when Herb Akers & Charley Sellers came down Violet St. & got into a car parked on Quapaw in front of W O Creasons House. He called me to his car & told me that he had been watching the house known as the Judge Davis home for 4 nights & that Karpis was supposed to be therein that I was not to throw any torch light around the house or into cars nearby or investigate anything around there that Karpis had never left town & for us to keep the matter quiet & say nothing to anybody whatsoever, but give him, Akers all the information I had or gathered as to what transpired at Judge Davis house. I later went to Police Hdq. Hot Springs & requested Akers to let me see their photos & identification papers on Karpis & he refused to give it to me saying he would have some more & later dope in a few days. He stated Karpis was driving a Packard Car. If you see anything that don't look right you call me. That same night about 10:30 PM a large car drove into the garage of the Judge Davis home, he turned on the light as he got into the garage to see how to take out 2 large & heavy suit cases; He got them out the car, switched off the light & took the cases into the house. I saw 3 or 4 men through the windows welcome this man. I left and went to the residence of Major Green, who is on duty at Army & Navy Hospital & called Akers. He said all right & that was all. Later on, 30 minutes, the men all left in a car that had been parked in front of the house. Nothing else of interest transpired up to 3: A.M. next morning when I went off duty. Akers informed (when I asked for Picture) me that that man I saw had left town the next night. I told him about the crowd leaving 30 minutes after I had called him & he said nothing except that he would have some more dope.

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There is a car with Illinois license number - - - that is still at the house & which comes & goes at intervals. I am suspicious of the whole matter & make this statement of my free will & accord as I am employed by the Residents of this neighborhood & I don't want any battle start in my district which might endanger them. The folks whom are the tenants of the Judge Davis house are going under the name of Robinson & the place is still occupied being lighted late at night. I see a servant taking care of a little girl & a lady & some times a man, all playing a game of cards at times. The number of this house is either 207 or 209 Violet St. the 1st house on left hand side going up from Quapaw there is an alley from Fern St to Violet St which goes past the garage. The place in rear is open with a hedge fence no wiring, around the garden or house plot of the Davis home.

(Signed) L. M. LYNCH

Major Green - Interviewed at Army & Navy Hospital AM 5/1/36  
Violet & Prospect. Residence

States that Lynch came to his house & asked to use the phone, that he called a number & asked for Aker. He reported a man arriving in a car at garage the Judge Davis house & taking 2 heavy suit cases into the house. After which a party started. Major Green states that he had chipped in \$1.50 per mo to Lynch as payment as private watchman. That he thinks he talks too much but otherwise seemed OK.

(Signed) Bolton



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May 21, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

Dear Sir:

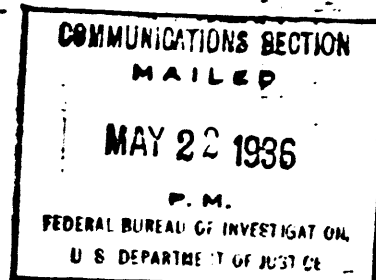
Reference is made to your letter of May 8,  
1936, in which you enclosed a copy of a statement executed  
by L. M. Lynch, a Special Watchman of Hot Springs, Arkansas,  
relative to certain experiences he has had with Herbert  
Akers, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Hot  
Springs, Arkansas.

It is desired that you immediately arrange to  
have L. M. Lynch thoroughly interviewed and submit the  
results of this interview to the Bureau at an early date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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



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*Edw G Bremer  
Harry Campbell*

FBI STPAUL 5-9-36 5-40P ERM  
DIRECTOR AND CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO  
PHONE. BREKID. CAMPBELL CONTINUES TO DENY GUILT. QUESTIONING  
OF CAMPBELL WILL BE CONTINUED AT STPAUL OFFICE UNTIL AT LEAST  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 7, 1936.

Time - 3:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harry Campbell.

SAC Brown telephoned me from the Denver Office and said he just received a telephone call from the Sheriff at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, who advised that this morning, a stranger in town came into the Post Office there and asked that all mail for George Blackburn be held for him. They had just received the circular on Harry Campbell, and it is believed this person is as a matter of fact Campbell.

I told Mr. Brown that this could hardly be Campbell for the reason that Campbell was taken into custody at five o'clock this morning at Toledo.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 9th, 1936

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BRKID

Special Agents L. F. Malone and W. John McNulty arrived at Oklahoma City to-day at 9:55 A. M. with Sam Coker. They were met at the train by agents of this office, and Coker was immediately brought to the Bureau office here. Coker was questioned further, but without results. He repeatedly stated that he knew nothing, and had no information to give.

Agents McNulty and Malone delivered to this office money and personal property belonging to Sam Coker, which is itemized on a receipt given by this office to Agents McNulty and Malone, a copy of which receipt is attached hereto for the Bureau's file.

The officials at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, had requested that Coker be placed in the County Jail at Oklahoma City, where they would take custody of him. Coker was taken from this office, and locked up in the County Jail in this city. Deputy Warden J. F. Dunn took custody of Coker at the County Jail in Oklahoma City on this date. Mr. Dunn was given the cash and other property belonging to Coker, for which Mr. Dunn executed a receipt, a copy of which is also attached hereto for the Bureau's file.

You are further advised that Special Agents V. I. Parry and M. W. Acers were withdrawn from the house at 805 S. Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 8, 1936, where they had been maintaining a surveillance on the house occupied by the parents of Harry Campbell.

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Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley  
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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 9, 1938

Received from E. H. Butterworth, Special Agent, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation, Oklahoma City, the sum of \$1922.05, at the  
Oklahoma City Bureau Office on May 9, 1938, itemized as follows:

Fifty	\$20.00 bills	\$1000.00
One	\$100.00 bill	100.00
Eighty-two	\$10.00 bills	\$820.00
Two	\$1.00 bills	2.00
One	coin	.05
		<u>\$1922.05</u>

Receipt is also acknowledged of the following described property:

Bulova Wrist Watch  
Cigarette lighter  
Fountain Pen and Pencil set.

This property belongs to Sam Coker, and is being delivered to officers  
of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, for the  
account of Sam Coker.

*J. B. Dunn*  
Deputy Warden  
Oklahoma Penitentiary

WITNESSES:

*John A. Wells*  
*L. B. Reed*

7-576-11406

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 9, 1936

Received from L. F. Malone and W. John McMulty, Special Agents,  
the sum of \$1922.05, at the Oklahoma City Bureau Office on  
May 9, 1936, itemized as follows:

Fifty	\$20.00 bills	-	\$1000.00
One	\$100.00 bill	-	100.00
Eighty-two	\$10.00 bills	-	\$820.00
Two	\$1.00 bills	-	2.00
One	coin	-	.05
			<u>\$1922.05</u>

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Bulova Wrist Watch  
Cigarette lighter.  
Fountain Pen and Pencil set.

This property belongs to Sam Coker, and will be delivered to officers  
of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, for the  
account of Sam Coker.

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R. J. BUTTERNORTH,  
Special Agent.

WITNESS:

L. B. Reed  
L. B. REED,  
Special Agent.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
May 7, 1936.

R. WHITLEY,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
607 U.S. COURT HOUSE,  
FOLEY SQUARE,  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

BREKID RE FRANKIE FOSTER AUTOMOBILE OF VOGLER CARRIES NEWYORK NINETEEN THIRTY.  
SIX LICENSE NINE ONE DASH FOUR SIX.

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LITTLE ROCK ARK 929A MAY 8 1936

DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BREKID. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES AKERS HOT SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED GRACE GOLDSTEIN RETURNED HOT SPRINGS LAST  
NIGHT STATED HAD NOT TALKED TO HER AND NO ACTIVITIES CONNELLEY  
ADVISED

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 8, 1936.

Mr. George C. Bolton,  
Hot Springs National Park Service,  
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of May 1, 1936, with enclosure, pertaining to the case  
of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.

The transmittal of this enclosure and interest  
taken in this case by your department is appreciated and  
the matter mentioned in your letter is receiving the  
attention of this office.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As of possible interest, there is attached a copy of an editorial entitled "The Federal Way" which appeared in the May 5, 1936, issue of the New York World-Telegram, relating to the capture of Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Enclosure #1144725.

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### THE FEDERAL WAY.

**T**HERE is another big lesson for the country in general and for State law enforcement in particular, we think, in the highly efficient, clean-cut, non-fumbling way J. Edgar Hoover and his federal G-men dealt with Alvin Karpis under the federal kidnaper law.

No games of tag with justice across State lines. No jurisdictional tangles. Nothing to halt the swift conveyance of Karpis from New Orleans to the custody of the federal authorities in St. Paul.

No \$1,000-a-day costs, as in the case of getting "Lucky" Luciano back from Hot Springs, Ark., to New York County.

No local clumsiness or unseemly publicity stunts, as when the late John Dillinger was photographed in the encircling arm of a smirking prosecuting attorney at the Crown Point, Ind., jail, from which the desperado shortly after escaped.

No nonsense of any sort.

When Mr. Hoover points to politicians and their hand-picked appointees as the bane of law enforcement, when he says, "Politics itself is Public Enemy No. 1," he obviously has in mind what too often happens in State criminal jurisdictions. There's sharp meaning and contrast in his statement:—

"Federal Department of Justice agents capture more than 5,000 persons annually charged with various federal violations. It is difficult to rate them. To us they are all 'rats.'"

*Why not give the people of these United States even greater benefits from this cold, quick, non-political federal efficiency in dealing with criminals who become public enemies?*

*For example, why not extend federal law to bring into federal jurisdiction any man convicted anywhere of three major felonies who is fleeing across State lines to escape trial for a fourth?*

That would be a speedier remedy than getting slow-moving States to adopt uniform extradition laws. Far speedier than cutting what Mr. Hoover describes as "the links of the underworld to politics and at times to law enforcement officials."

Few States at the present time can afford to despise federal aid and federal expertness of the kind shown in more captures than that of Karpis. Certainly not this State.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE  
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May 5, 1936

Time: 6:50 P.M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM**

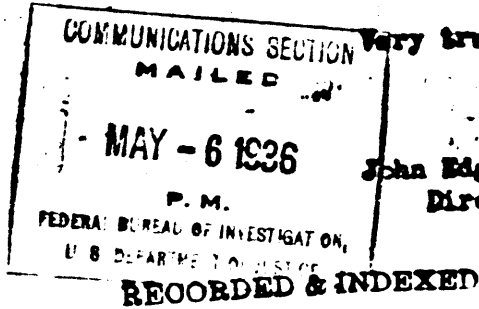
RE: United States Attorney  
at Cleveland, Ohio.

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Cleveland and inquired the name of the person reported as going to New Orleans from the United States Attorney's office at Cleveland according to a newspaper story which Mr. Connelley had previously informed me of. Mr. Connelley stated that it was Assistant United States Attorney Wiedemann and that the story also reported a man named Hettrick and a man named Cordray as having accompanied Mr. Wiedemann. Mr. Connelley stated that he had a short while ago verified the fact that Hettrick had not left the city but that he had not been able to locate Mr. Wiedemann. I stated that Mr. Freed, the United States Attorney, had denied to Mr. Keenan having sent anyone to New Orleans; that Mr. Keenan had asked Mr. Freed to stay out of any controversy and that the matter was one to be handled by the Department of Justice. Mr. Connelley stated that he had talked with Mr. Magee at New Orleans and was advised that someone had called the New Orleans Office asking for Mr. Cordray but that there was no indication of Mr. Wiedemann being there. I asked Mr. Connelley to check the matter.

I asked Mr. Connelley if he had forwarded the memorandum concerning the cooperation of the Post Office authorities. Mr. Connelley stated that it was being prepared but that it would be forwarded air mail as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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May 6, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. QUINN

I would like to have immediate steps taken to survey our field offices in order to determine whether those offices which are located in Federal Buildings have the necessary facilities available to effect the degree of efficiency necessary for the proper handling of our work.

I recall that we have had correspondence with our Salt Lake City Office relative to its inability to obtain elevator service in the Post Office Building, and I noted at New Orleans when I was there that we did not have elevator service in the Federal Building after 4:30 p.m. In New Orleans we were located on the sixth floor and obviously it was inconvenient to take prisoners up and down stairways, which were blocked with photographers and newspaper men. It also incurred a hazard because it is entirely possible that associates of Karpis might easily have mingled with the crowd which would have resulted either in gunfire or the possible escape of Karpis.

At St. Paul we have already noted that it is impossible to carry on a telephone conversation in that office without it being heard in the hallway. In both the New Orleans and St. Paul Offices there were no detention rooms. I want steps to be taken at Salt Lake City, St. Paul and New Orleans at once so as to locate these offices in privately owned buildings where we can have the proper kind of service and the proper accommodations. If there are any other of our offices which cannot have the proper service, which are located in Federal Buildings, steps should be taken at once to remove therefrom.

In connection with the Boston situation, appropriate consideration should be given to moving out of the Federal Building at once due to the leak which occurred there relative to the gun training of our Agents at Boston.

The above matters are most important and I do not want any delay or procrastination in the handling of the same.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith the April, 1936, expense account of Special Agent W. John McNulty, in which it will be noted that an item of air travel appears.

In explanation of this travel, you are advised that it was necessitated by an emergency development at Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the investigation of the Bremer and Hamm Kidnaping Cases, upon which Agent McNulty was engaged. Information was received by the Bureau which made it imperative for this Agent to proceed to Cleveland from Little Rock, Arkansas, with all possible speed since any delay resulting from the use of common carrier to perform the same travel would have been a serious impediment to the successful completion of the investigation. It was therefore essential that Agent McNulty travel from Little Rock to Cleveland in the manner indicated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. HANAP. KARPIS DELIVERED US MARSHAL FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY  
AND IMMEDIATELY CONFINED RAMSEY COUNTY JAIL IN DEFAULT TOTAL BOND  
OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ON INDICTMENTS IN HANAP AND BREKID.  
TWENTY FOUR HOUR GUARD BY AGENTS BEING MAINTAINED AT JAIL ON KARPIS  
AND HE IS TO SEE NOBODY EXCEPT AN ATTORNEY WHEN HE RETAINS AN  
ATTORNEY.

B. W. DORN RETURNED STPAUL TODAY AND WILL BE CONTACTED TOMORROW  
MORNING IN LINE CONVERSATION SAC CONNELLEY.

WILL ADVISE TOMORROW WHEN AGENT S K MCKEE WILL REPORT WASHINGTON.  
HE ANTICIPATES ARRIVAL THERE FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

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*Rec'd of Joe Rose, who runs a Honky Tonk place on Broadway in Toledo - bootlegger, murderer and hoodlum - operated at Middle Island with the Angus brothers - harbored and protected this Karpis mob.*

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## ARRESTS NEAR, 'Scram, Detective,' CAPITAL SAYS G-Men Order Officer

'Crooked Ohio Connections  
Blamed for Escape of  
Karpis, Campbell

So Green Almost, But Not Quite, Assists in Capture of  
Notorious Harry Campbell Here.

The Toledo Police Department almost got in on the federal raid early yesterday that resulted in the capture of Harry Campbell.

WASHINGTON, May 8 (UP)—Revealing that arrest are imminent in the "Cleveland area" as a result of the "harboring of the Karpis-Campbell-Barker gang" by persons accepted as respectable in their communities, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men, today put Washington on its toes for expected sensational disclosures.

He intimated no persons who have aided the fugitives captured in yesterday's G-man's field day would escape.

He revealed that Karpis, taken May 1, and Harry Campbell, taken yesterday at Toledo, escaped months ago only because they had been aided by "crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections."

Washington accepted his statements as an indication that the next field of operations for the G-men will be the shadowy zone that is known to connect criminals and politicians and officeholders.

### Emph Mahan to Trial

Meanwhile, the criminals who have harassed the nation for more than three years were reduced to one fugitive of major importance, Thomas Robinson, the kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll of Louisville.

Hoover pressed a federal roundup of all persons who have har-

Detective Owen Green was driving home with some friends at the moment when J. Edgar Hoover assembled his G-men outside the apartment at 2132 Monroe Street in which Campbell and his wife were nabbed.

"Gee, those guys have got ma-

though Karpis was more notorious as a gunman.

He explained that while Karpis was a "smart" man, and probably would surrender without making trouble if he saw there was no chance of escape—just as he actually did when he found himself surrounded by federal agents—Campbell was a "small town punk who had a big head" and would likely try to shoot his way out.

Hoover indicated that his agents and postoffice inspectors had encountered difficulty in working together.

"We haven't had a bit of help of any kind from any postal inspector in making these arrests," Hoover said grimly.

Hoover revealed that Karpis had protested vigorously against being called a "rat."

"Anna Sage, who squealed on Dillinger, was a rat," Hoover said Karpis asserted, "but you've got no right to call me one."

chine guns. It looks like a stick-up," one of his companions said to Green.

The detective circled around, stopped his car and walked up to investigate.

He halted when one of the men carrying a machine gun wheeled around and aimed the weapon at him.

"We're federal agents. Scram," he barked at Green.

"Well, I'm a city detective. Can I be of any help to you?" Green answered.

Another of the agents came up to him. Green believes that this was Hoover himself.

"We're grateful to you for your offer," he said courteously. "but we've got everything all lined up. We're all set. We really don't need your help and I think it would be better for you to go."

Green went.

It was not until he awakened yesterday afternoon that he learned whom the G-men were after in the raid.

And it was not until he made a report on his experience still later in the afternoon, that heads of the Police Department learned by how little they missed being represented in the raid.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1936.

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Time - 11:21 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I contacted SAC Connelley at Chicago and told him you desire him to get in touch with the Agents who have been working with him in the vicinity of Toledo and obtain from them statements today of all incidents of which they have knowledge which would indicate a corrupt or disorganized or otherwise undesirable situation in the Toledo Police Department. I mentioned to him the incident mentioned to you about the Police Captain having a lot of money in a savings account, etc., and Mr. Connelley said this Captain is at Cleveland instead of Toledo, and that he is being given hearings on the matter at this time. I also mentioned to Mr. Connelley you heard the Agents had to interview certain of the police officers at their homes because the officers couldn't be contacted at the police station for fear there would be advance information given to the underworld. I told Mr. Connelley that any other information on this subject should be furnished in these memoranda.

I told Mr. Connelley you also desire a memorandum of all available information concerning the activities of Sheriff O'Reilly in connection with Campbell — any indications of guilty knowledge on his part, and any other information which is available concerning O'Reilly.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Harry

Re: Capture of Mahan and Campbell

The MARCH OF TIME radio broadcast at 9:30 pm last night WJLV gave their version of the capture of Campbell, dramatized in their usual style.

Quoted Director in answer to question from Campbell of "How did you find me".

"There was a reward of \$2500. Looks like your pal Alvin Karpis is entitled to it."

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At 10 pm the ESSO REPORTER gave a spot news broadcast of the apprehension of Mahan and Campbell

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May 6, 1936.

Time - 5:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Alvin Karpis.

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SAC Fletcher telephoned from Little Rock and advised that he had received a call from Mr. Brantley who stated that Agent Frank Smith had received a telegram from "Dutch" Akers stating "Believe I have located lock box of parties you were looking for here - would bear an investigation". Mr. Fletcher stated he went to Hot Springs and Akers stated he referred to Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris who had been seen going into the Arkansas National Bank and that he, Akers thought that one of them had a lock box there. Mr. Fletcher stated he told Akers the Bureau had this information and that no action would be taken unless Mr. Hoover so wished; that Akers became very unpleasant and was told that the Bureau was capable of picking up people without any assistance from him; that Akers then became profane and made derogatory remarks about the Director. Mr. Fletcher stated he told Akers he would transmit his message to Mr. Hoover; that he also told Mayor McLaughlin of the incident; that on his return to Little Rock Akers called and apologized, stating he lost his temper because he had just read in the Tulsa papers that the Hot Springs Police Department was blamed for the escape of subjects at Malvern, Arkansas. Mr. Fletcher stated he had told Joe Wakelin who stated to come to him when assistance was needed. Mr. Fletcher further stated that in the meantime the United States Commissioner had telephoned and stated that Wakelin had spent the night with Grace Goldstein at the house at Malvern on the night before the raid. I told Mr. Fletcher to find out from the Commissioner where he obtained the information.

Very truly yours,

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May 10, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On May 9, 1936 Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland of the Cleveland Bureau office telephoned and requested that the Chicago Bureau file in this case be reviewed for all information pertaining to the lack of cooperation between law enforcement authorities at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio and the Bureau, in the investigation of this case, and any efforts on the part of such organizations to hinder the search for Karpis and Campbell.

It was likewise requested that any information in the Chicago file indicating corruption in the Police Departments or Sheriffs' offices at Toledo and Cleveland be set out in memorandum form and forwarded to the Bureau.

In accordance with the above request I am attaching hereto memorandum submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan of this office, setting out the results of a review of the Chicago file.

A memorandum which was submitted by the same agent on May 9, 1936 and forwarded to the Bureau, contains additional information concerning these matters.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 10, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
E. J. CONNELLEY:

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The Chicago Bureau office file has been reviewed and the following additional information indicating connections between hoodlums, especially members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and law enforcement authorities at Cleveland, Ohio, as well as Toledo, Ohio, has been obtained and is set forth in the following memorandum. It may be mentioned that the memorandum of the writer dated May 8, 1936 which was forwarded to the Bureau by letter the same date, sets out information concerning the connections, especially with the Barker-Karpis gang, and hoodlums with law enforcement officials at Toledo, Ohio. In accordance with Bureau instructions the following memorandum is broader and likewise includes information in the file concerning the corruption of law enforcement authorities at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

Reference has been made on several occasions to the incident occurring on September 5, 1934 following the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette by the Cleveland Police Department. Early the following morning, September 6, 1934, the male members of the Barker-Karpis gang left Cleveland, Ohio. There is an indication that the gang was tipped off by the Police Department in some manner. In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936 where on Page 18, paragraph 3, is set out the following information: "Inspector Frank Story of the Cleveland Police Department has been cooperating closely with the Cleveland office in this matter, and recently advised Special Agent C. E. Smith and this Agent that he had determined that a member of the police department, now deceased, made a call to the Harvard Club at the time of the aforementioned arrest of these women, it being Story's opinion that possibly this was an innocent call, inasmuch as the officer was of the opinion that the women were associated with some gambler employed at the Harvard Club. He further advised that the information was that on the following morning, Captain Potts, then captain of detectives, also called the Harvard Club with reference to the arrest of the women, but that he, Story, could not learn definitely the circumstances under which Potts called, or just what he said during the conversation".

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This information is borne out by the opinion of Frank J. Noonan head of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio who indicated to Special Agent R. D. Brown that he had information that a "tip" had come from the headquarters of the Detective Bureau in Cleveland. In speaking of Noonan, the following is quoted from the memorandum of Special Agent R. D. Brown to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland dated December 11, 1935 where in paragraph 2, on page 3, in speaking of this conversation the following is quoted: " - - - he stated he is satisfied the 'tip' came from the headquarters of the detective bureau in Cleveland. However, he did not give the writer any indication as to the identity of the person who gave this tip".

The circumstances under which Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang left Cleveland on the morning of September 6, 1934 indicate that members of the Barker-Karpis gang had some information of the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer. The following is quoted from the signed statement of Delores Delaney set out in the last paragraph on Page 15 in the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated February 6, 1936: "On or about September 5, 1934 Alvin and I went to bed about 9:00 P.M. Willie Harrison, who had been living with us, left Cleveland, Ohio, with some of his clothes four or five days previous. I do not know where he went. At about 11:00 P.M., while Alvin and I were in bed, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker and Doc Barker came to the house. Alvin went to the door to let them in. At this time Fred told Alvin that Wynona Burdette, Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and I had been arrested, and Alvin stated that I was not arrested, that I was in bed. Freddie then told Alvin that Wynona, Gladys, and Paula were arrested at the Cleveland Hotel for causing some sort of a disturbance. Alvin thereupon told me to get dressed and go into the living room and maintain a lookout. Harry Campbell and Doc Barker laid down to get some sleep while Fred and Alvin talked privately, none of which conversation I overheard. About an hour or so later Alvin and Fred went out and returned about 45 minutes later stating that there were cops and squad cars all around Fred's house. I was still maintaining a watch when I observed at about 4:30 A.M. two police squad cars drive slowly by the house, and it appeared that they were watching our place. They apparently drove up the block some distance and returned again driving slowly by the house. I immediately called to Alvin and told him of what I had seen. He then instructed me to start packing the things that we would absolutely need and to forget about the rest. I started to pack and about fifteen minutes later Alvin awakened Freddie, Doc and Harry and we departed at about shortly before 5:00 A.M. in three automobiles. Alvin and I drove away in our Pontiac coupe."

Noted  
W. L. Hall  
Sept 6, 1934  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Wynona Burdette  
Paula Harmon  
Gladys Sawyer

At any rate the house at 4419 West 171st Street, which Alvin Karpis and Delores Delaney occupied, was not raided until 5:00 A.M., Sept. 6, 1934 by a squad under Lieutenant Kirk Gloeckner.

In connection with the investigation conducted with reference to the Harvard Club an effort to identify Arthur W. Heberbrand and James "Shimmy" Patton as being contacts for members of the Barker-Karpis gang, information was incidentally obtained which indicated that these individuals had strong connections with the law enforcement officials at Cleveland, Ohio. In this connection mention may be made that Frank J. Noonan owner of the Detective Agency bearing his name, is likewise connected with the Heberbrand and Patton, and is reported to be retained by these men in connection with their gambling interests at Cleveland. Mention is made of the activities of Frank J. Noonan at Cleveland, Ohio in a letter signed "XYZ" and is apparently written by a member of the Cleveland Police Department to Mr. J. M. McGrath owner of a detective agency at Cleveland, which is quoted on Page 20 of the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936. Particular attention is directed to paragraph 2 of this letter which makes reference to a Rabshaw who apparently was formerly a member of the Cleveland Police Department, and the following is quoted: "Rabshaw is telling the race track people that if they do not employ Noonan Sheriff Hanratty will not let them race. The reason of this is that Rabshaw and Noonan and Joe Ball are going 50-50 on the profits. If the race tracks open watch these fellows work together". Paragraph 4 of the same letter is herewith quoted: "You can use this letter for whatever it is worth. Only last week Rabshaw and Noonan were at the Hollenden Hotel in a conference with Ed Stronge and his bunch making arrangements to protect Thistledown. If you want to know any further about Rabshaw ask Emmett Potts, Inspector Cody, Andy Hagan or John Toner".

Information obtained from a telephone tap maintained on the telephone of Arthur Heberbrand, 3909 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone Clearwater 0717 from February 6, 1936 to March 5, 1936, resulted in the information that Arthur Heberbrand was actively engaged in making plans to open a new gambling joint following the closing of his old gambling establishment called the Harvard Club in January, 1936; that as a result Heberbrand and Patton decided to open a gambling joint at 42nd Street and Harvard Avenue, Newburg Heights, which location is situated approximately four blocks from the old Harvard Club; that this new location was opened on approximately February 14th, 1936, but Heberbrand and Patton remained in the background.

The above information is contained in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated March 24, 1936, on page two. The first paragraph on page 3 of this report is quoted herewith: "Preliminary to opening the new location, the telephone conversations indicated definitely the fact that certain officials were being 'fixed', namely, the mayor of Newburg Heights, Jerry Sticha, and the village marshal, Frank Ptek. The latter, in a conversation with Art Hebebrand threatened to forestall the opening of the club unless his demands were met. However, several meetings were arranged between Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, the mayor and the marshal and things were worked out satisfactorily."

Referring to the raid made by local authorities on the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, in January of 1936, Mr. W. G. Harper, Operative in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Treasury Department, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agent E. J. Dowd on February 24, 1936. Mr. Harper had the following to say concerning the above raid on the Harvard Club, which information is contained on page 13 of the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated March 24, 1936; "Mr. Harper stated that Hebebrand, who has never been known to have welched on a gambling debt, is said to be a 'gentleman' gambler; that James 'Shimmy' Patton is an entirely different type, being hard boiled and not considered a friend of anyone; that when the Harvard Club was closed by the local authorities, information is that the raid was so planned so as to give Elliot Ness, recently appointed Safety Director of Cleveland, a political build-up".

With reference to the above mentioned raid which was conducted by the County Prosecutor's office on or about January 10, 1936, newspaper clippings from the Cleveland Press dated January 11, 1936 forwarded to the Chicago Bureau office by the Cleveland office giving details of the raid on the Harvard Club mentioned that John Sulzman, Sheriff of Cuyhoga County took no part in the raid, but the raid was conducted by the office of the County Prosecutor, who enlisted the cooperation and aid of 25 private detectives, and armed with search warrants endeavored to serve said warrants at the Harvard Club. However, they were met with forcible resistance by "Shimmy" Patton, who threatened to "mow down" the raiding party with machine guns, and held them at bay for six hours, during which time all the gambling equipment at the Harvard Club was moved away by trucks. It was finally necessary for the Safety Director of Cleveland to proceed to the Harvard Club, located just outside the city limits, with a party of policemen, to gain entrance to the club. This action was necessary because the Sheriff when called by the Prosecutor's raiding party for aid, refused to send assistance, even though his office was

notified that the prosecutor's raiding party had been threatened with machine guns. It is evident that the proprietors of the Harvard Club were closely connected with politicians and those in power in Cleveland Ohio.

The following is quoted from the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio dated June 1, 1935, page 4, which sets forth interview had with [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED] questioned as to close associates of Heberbrandt, Patton and the Mitchells. He stated that a gambler known as "Smoke" Sharkey, who also acts as a guard at the Harvard Club, appears to be a personal bodyguard of Art Heberbrandt; that this man is a former prize fighter, and resides somewhere near West 98th Street and Madison Avenue. He indicated that Sharkey is the outside contact for Heberbrandt and makes the necessary arrangements to meet the various politicians in Cleveland and vicinity who permit this gambling house to operate. [REDACTED] a detective whose name he believes to be Noonan, is a very good friend of both Heberbrandt and Patton. He advised that during the past three or four weeks Noonan has made frequent trips to the club at night and confers with both Art and "Shimmy".

Tony Amersbush, formerly an employee of the Harvard Club and reported to have been a bodyguard for Patton and Heberbrandt [REDACTED] is probably the "pay off" man for Heberbrandt and Patton in graft collected by officials in Cleveland, Ohio.

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland office to the Cincinnati office dated January 14, 1936, wherein mention is made that Tony Amersbush is one of the outstanding gangsters of Cleveland, Ohio and is very active around the Harvard Club, and once killed a Police officer at Toledo, Ohio for which offense he was sent to the State penitentiary. The following is quoted from paragraph 2, page 1, of the above mentioned letter:

"The confidential informant has been recently interviewed with reference to Tony and he advised that Tony is very close to Art Heberbrandt 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".

William J. Mitchell of the real estate firm bearing his name is likewise reported to have had an interest in the Harvard Club. In this connection it may be mentioned that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney rented two residences at Cleveland, Ohio during the time they resided there in the summer of 1934. During the time they resided at 18109 Flamingo Avenue they apparently were visited by C. N. Mitchell, a relative of William J. Mitchell. Reference is here made to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated April 9, 1935, which sets out interview had with Mrs. M. A. Dunn, 18113 Flamingo, who was questioned concerning the residence of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney at 18109 Flamingo. The following is quoted from this conversation: "She further advised that she had seen on several occasions Mr. C. N. Mitchell talking to this couple; that C. N. Mitchell resided at 18105 Flamingo, which is the first house on the same side of the street east and adjacent to the residence at 18109 Flamingo". Investigation to date has been unsuccessful in definitely showing that the houses rented by Karpis were rented from the Mitchell real estate firm, due to the hoodlum connections of this firm, but it is significant that Mitchell is reported to be financially interested in the Harvard Club.

It has been previously mentioned that Frank J. Noonan of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency was retained by the Harvard Club when Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney vacated their residence at 3973 West 140th Street early on the morning of September 6, 1934, after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon by the Cleveland Police Department. Pay envelopes of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency were found at this address, and a Bureau abstract of the criminal record number 30222 of Charles Carroll which was obtained by Frank J. Noonan through the Sheriff's office at Chardon, Ohio was found at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which premises were occupied by Paula Harmon, Fred Barker, Gladys and Harry Sawyer. See report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated December 21, 1934. Dolores Delaney has stated that Alvin Karpis carried with him during the time he was at Cleveland, a commission card bearing his picture, from the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency. Noonan has been interviewed on numerous occasions but has denied any personal acquaintanceship with Alvin Karpis.

Concerning the situation at Toledo, Ohio, this town has been notorious as a place of refuge for badly wanted criminals for several years. Reference is here made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan April 9, 1935, page 27, wherein interview is set out with Benny Hastings, 429 French Street, business address Coffee Shop Restaurant, Adrian, Michigan. The following is quoted:

He left there over a year ago, but has kept in very close touch with crime conditions in Toledo. He was not acquainted with any of the subjects in this case, but he advised the writer that Ted and Bert Angus were known in the underworld largely as men who hide criminals who are "hot" and went to cool off there, and are reported to have taken care of a lot of them. He stated it was generally their practice to place such individuals in private residences in Toledo, or to take them to Middle Island located in Canadian Waters on Lake Erie; that some two years ago Ted Angus used the residence of a sweetheart, Mrs. Addie Baystrom, located on Reed Road about one and one half miles south-west of Hillsdale, Michigan".

It appears from the file that the Angus Brothers have been notorious in Toledo for some years. Reference is here made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated September 25, 1934, and particularly page 4, which sets out interview with Detective R. L. Peters at his residence 1801 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. Peters therein gives information obtained from one Ben Wise, an informant. The following is quoted:

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"Wise however, told him that Theodore Angus was a notorious hoodlum and was one who would not hesitate to harbor anyone for sufficient remuneration.-----Wise further informed Peters that during the prohibition era Ted Angus was the Toledo agent of the Capone gang or syndicate, and had the franchise to sell liquor for that gang or syndicate; further that Ted Angus has a third brother whose name is not known who is in Chicago at the present time. This brother is a member of the Capone gang, still believed to be connected with the remains of that gang and residing in Chicago".

Concerning Middle Island, investigation has resulted in the information that this island formerly was operated for a time by the Angus brothers. One Guy Tibbles is reported to be part owner of this island. Concerning Tibbles, the following is noted from page 6 of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio dated July 27, 1935:

"The report of Mr. Reams' investigators further advised that Edith Barry and Theodore Angus are good friends; that the telephone number of Edith Barry's 524 Southard Avenue address is Adams 4612. The report also states that Ted Angus is friendly with one Guy Tibbles an ex-police sergeant of Toledo, who is a wholesale bootlegger residing, during the summer months on Kelly's Island, near Marblehead, Ohio; that Tibbles has speed boats and spends considerable time at Danbury, Sandusky, Port Clinton, Put in Bay, Pelee Island, Huron, Lorain, and

and Catawba, and has a home at Catawba Cliffs; also that he entertains the Angus brothers and others at Kelly's Island; that Tibbles is a known abetter of fugitives both from Canada and the United States. The report further shows that Ted Angus is a known bank robber, fence, etc.; that he was recently apprehended in Indiana with the loot from a Michigan bank robbery; that he paid off and the case never came to trial".

Joe Roscoe, who operates the Dutch Village Inn, and the 42nd Street Cafe at Toledo, Ohio is likewise reported to have an interest in Middle Island. This man is reported to control gambling operations at Toledo, Ohio, and also is reported to have connections with Heberbrandt and Patton at Cleveland, Ohio.

Investigation in this case has resulted in information, particularly in regard to Captain Timeney, more than other Police officers, probably because he is closely connected with Ted and Bert Angus. Captain Charles Hennessey of Toledo, Ohio, residence 4109 Kingsbury Ave. provided the following information, contained in paragraph 4, page 5, of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934:

Quoting Captain Hennessey: "He could supply no further information concerning Ted Angus or other people in connection with this case, but did advise that he had heard rumors and had ascertained from confidential sources that Captain George Timeney was an almost nightly visitor at the Casino Club operated by Ted Angus, and is supposed to have an interest therein; that they were inseparable friends".

Mention was made in the memorandum of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan submitted on May 9, 1936 bearing on the connection between members of the Karpis Barker gang and the law enforcement authorities at Toledo, Ohio, that Art Langdorff of the Toledo Police Department was reported to be an officer who was not honest and reliable. A tap placed on the telephone of the Casino Club in January 1935, resulted in the following information concerning Art Langendale. Langendale is undoubtedly identical with Langdorff. This information is set out on page 22 of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, February 25, 1935:

"On February 3, at 8 P.M. a call was received by Bert Angus at the Casino Club, the caller evidently being Art Langendale (phonetic spelling). Art asked Bert if Flo or Chloe was there. Bert answered

that they were and wanted to know if Art wished to speak to them. Flo then talked to Art and stated that she was eating dinner, and doing a little drinking. Art then asked Flo "Who do you have with you, Fitzgerald?". Flo laughed and stated "You know damn well I don't have Fitz with me". Art answered, "Well, we'll drop around in a little while. Will you be there?" Flo stated, "I am leaving right after dinner and won't be there. It's too bad Fitz picked on the girl he did". Art then asked her "Who do you mean?" Flo answered and said "You know who I mean. You've had her out riding". Art then asked "Do you mean the black haired girl?" Flo said "Yes". "She asked him, (Fitz) for \$100.00 to have a party. Then he offered my sister \$10.00 and of course, she refused". Art then said "he (Fitz) must be getting good in his old age. Where are you going after you leave the club?" Flo stated that she was going home right after dinner as she had baked a cake and had quite a bit of stuff to eat at home. Art then said "I will call you within an hour at your home and maybe will drop around. You know we were supposed to have dinner last night. Have whiskey sour in my drinking". Flo said she would."

The Fitzgerald mentioned is thought to be identical with Charles J. Fitzgerald. The black haired girl apparently has reference to Helen Ferguson, a Bureau informant.

A memorandum submitted by the writer and forwarded to the Bureau on May 9, 1936, contains additional information concerning the connection of hoodlums with the law enforcement authorities at Toledo, Ohio, and the corrupt condition of the police department in that city. There is little information in the Chicago office file regarding the events transpiring in the Cleveland office district in the past two weeks. It is assumed that information pertinent to the subject of this memorandum bearing on the recent arrest of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker at Toledo, Ohio will be covered in a separate memorandum submitted by the Cleveland office.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. P. Sullivan*  
D. P. SULLIVAN,

Special Agent.

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May 27, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

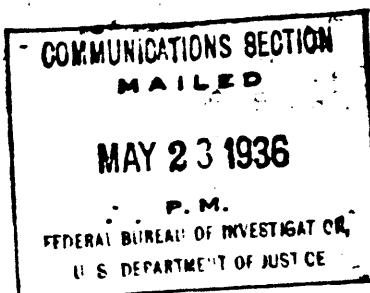
Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent  
D. P. Sullivan, which was transmitted to the Bureau by the Chicago  
Office under date of May 10, 1936, a copy of the letter of trans-  
mittal and memorandum being referred to your office.

It is noted that this memorandum states that the report of  
Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 27, 1935,  
reflects information to the effect that one Ted Angus is a known  
bank robber and that he was recently apprehended in Indiana with  
the loot from a Michigan bank robbery.

If the same has not already been done, the Bureau suggests  
that photographs of Angus be displayed to the witnesses of unsolved  
bank robberies in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

EJC:MMR  
7-45

May 11, 1936.

Mr. W. John McNulty,  
Boston, Mass.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

On the evening of May 1, 1936, at New Orleans, Louisiana, I instructed you to obtain the keys from Special Agent in Charge Magee to Bureau Hudson #9, which had been used by me on this date, in order that you could obtain from the compartment of this car Colt Super-Automatic pistol which was the property of the New Orleans office, in order that it could be placed in the office and avoid the possibility of the loss of same. Please advise me what you did in conformity with these instructions.

Today, Special Agent in Charge Magee, New Orleans advises me that he obtained this gun from the car on the night of May 1, 1936, but that he does not recall your advising him of anything in regard to this.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Alvin Karpis.

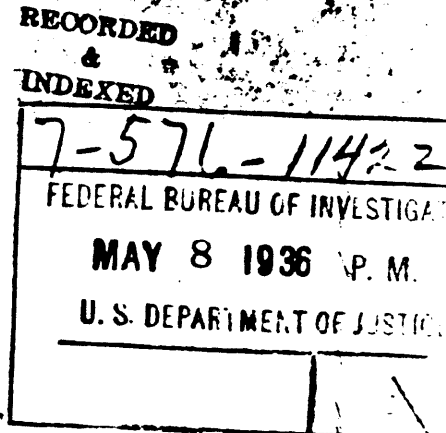
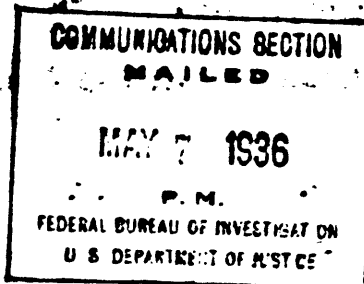
Mr. Keenan telephoned and stated he had wired District Attorney Freed at Cleveland to advise if Assistant District Attorney Wiedemann had gone to New Orleans or elsewhere on the Karpis case and had received an answer to the effect that Wiedemann had not left the city nor would any one do so in connection with the Karpis case. I told Mr. Keenan I would send him the article that appeared in the Cleveland papers; that I thought his action in warning them at Cleveland would help us dispose of the case.

I stated that Hunter was held on bond at New Orleans and that the U. S. Attorney is writing to the Department for instructions; that I thought it would be better to proceed with the harboring charges at New Orleans inasmuch as Hunter will undoubtedly plead guilty, and to then release him to the Postal authorities if desired. Mr. Keenan agreed stating that the U. S. Attorney at New Orleans had received a request from U. S. Attorney Freed at Cleveland; that the former had been advised the Department would issue instructions in due time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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PHONE BREKID CONNIE MORRIS TAKEN TO BATON ROUGE LOUISIANA  
LAST NIGHT CAUGHT MISSOURI PACIFIC TRAIN ELEVEN FORTY THREE  
TODAY FOR SAN ANTONIO CHANGING TRAINS AT HOUSTON TO SOUTHERN  
PACIFIC TRAIN. SHE INTENDS RESIDE WITH SISTER MRS. KIRKPATRICK  
AND SECURE MEDICAL TREATMENT ARRIVAL HOUSTON SEVEN FIFTY  
TONIGHT STOP UNOBSERVED BATON ROUGE

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E.J. Connelley, Cleveland Cincinnati  
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Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

May 11, 1936

NDH:SLB  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter from the Chicago Office dated May 8, 1936, in the above entitled case which transmitted a number of photographs to this office of Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich, Edward Sigmund, Jake Gilmore, Grace Goldstein and Connie Hamm.

I am likewise transmitting to you all photographs with the exception of one of each which is being retained in the Cincinnati Office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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627 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey

May 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram 5-4-36, in which you request the present location of Harry Heller, a necessary witness in a harboring case collateral to the above titled case.

Special Agent H. D. Wills ascertained from Mrs. Mr. Heller, Main Floor, Vermont Apartments, Vermont Avenue and Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey, that Harry Heller, her son, is presently located at the Colonial Theater, Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Heller was unable to give the name of the hotel in Boston where Heller is residing, or any details of his itinerary after leaving Boston.

On May 5, 1936, immediately upon receipt of the above information a telegram was dispatched to the Jacksonville and Boston Bureau Offices advising of the above and requesting that the Boston Office verify that address.

Very truly yours,

E. L. RICHMOND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On May 8, 1936 one J. W. Haydon, former Sheriff of Valley County, Montana, called at this office and advised me that he had certain information concerning the Karpis case.

At the request of Mr. Tamm, Mr. Haydon was referred to Mr. Foxworth.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

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Mr. Baughman .....  
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Mr. Clegg .....  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

AMK:ON

May 7, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: BREKID.

Late yesterday afternoon Mr. Kohn secured the fingerprints of Connie Morris, with aliases, who was arrested in New Orleans on May 1, 1936, in the company of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, for comparison with the latent fingerprints in the above-entitled case. As you were informed by Mr. Boardman yesterday, several latent fingerprints which were developed on articles seized in a raid on a house near Potash Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, on March 30, 1936, and which were submitted to the Bureau by the Little Rock Office, were identified by Mr. Kohn as those of Connie Morris.

The St. Paul, New Orleans, and Little Rock Offices, as well as Mr. E. J. Connelley, were informed of these identifications by wire.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

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May 6, 1936

MR. WILLIAM LUNDELL  
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
RCA BUILDING  
50 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA  
NEW YORK CITY

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REFERENCE YOUR VISIT HERE APRIL TWENTYSEVEN AND YOUR REQUEST IN CONNECTION WITH PARTICIPATION THIS BUREAU IN RCA MAGIC KEY HOUR BROADCAST ON SUNDAY MAY SEVENTEENTH YOUR REQUEST WAS TRANSMITTED TO MR. SUYDAM FOLLOWING OUR CONFERENCE AND IN VIEW OF CERTAIN OBJECTIONS RAISED BY HIM THIS BUREAU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED BROADCAST SINCERELY

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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R D BROWN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
722 MIDLAND SAVINGS BUILDING  
DENVER COLORADO

BREKID STATE CHARGE AGAINST CHARLES O. LONG BOLLE PROCEEDED TODAY  
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*Edwards G. Bremer*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 11, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below are copies of the following letters:

Letter written to Dolores Delaney by her brother, Robert Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 30, 1936.

Letter written by Dolores Delaney to Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, dated May 2, 1936.

Letter written by Wynona Burdette to her brother, Aaron M. Burdette, Co. 3, Wadsworth, Kansas, dated May 3, 1936.

The originals of the above letters are being returned to Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, to be forwarded as addressed.

There are also enclosed copies of a letter written by Dolores Delaney to Subject Karpis, the original of which was brought to the Detroit Office by Mr. Ryan, personally.

HHR:AM  
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Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke

Special Agent in Charge

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Letter Addressed:  
Mr. Aaron M. Burdette  
Co. 3  
Wadsworth, Kansas

Milan, Mich.  
May 3, 1936  
Box 1000

My Darling Bro:-

Just a few lines to tell you how sorry I am that I haven't answered your sweet letter sooner but I guess you know I would have written sooner if I could even though we are willing to pay our own postage we aren't allowed to write only four letters a month, sorry to say.

Yes, Aaron, I think you are right about keeping busy. I really think I should go mad if I didn't have something to do and brother o mine, it might please you to know I have dropped all of my old associates--and I am much more contented. I can think my own way and not be criticized now. Oh, just to make a long story short, I am so much happier since I'm away from it all.

Have you heard from Anna & Jim yet? When you wrote me you were expecting to hear from them.. You know, I wonder how they are getting along. Are you feeling better and how are you making out? Is your throat any better? I hope it is. One is so miserable when having trouble with their throat, don't you think?

Did you take your trip down to Mae's, if so how is she getting along? Poor Mae, I feel so sorry for her, she has suffered so long, do you think she is any better than she was when she was down home (out at the lease)? You know we were living out on No. Peoria, at the Restaurant the last time I saw Mae. I pray we kids might all be together again some day.

Yes, Aaron, I have a Bible and reading it helps me to keep out of trouble. Sometime I get very aggravated but I read a few verses in my Bible and forget all about it. I will admit if it wasn't for the Bible I would be having trouble most of the time up here. I read those chapters you sent for me to read, they have an awfully lot of meaning in them. Every time I read them I get more meaning out of them. It makes you stop and think.

From the way the Radio talks, the newspapers are bringing very good news to lots of people the last couple of days - I for one, go heavy on the (I). Nuff said.

I am so glad you have nice services there and I hope your throat will permit you to be back in your work when this letter reaches you. Gee, I'm so glad you have quit smoking. I certainly wish I had some of your will-power. Such a will-power as yours can only be had by faith in God.

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Brother of mine, have you heard from down home since I have heard from you? I can't imagine what can be wrong with them. Esther &

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Eunice usually write me every month but I did not hear from any of them last month and naturally I think something has gone wrong, the last time I heard from Eunice she said they were all feeling rotten. I have been worried pink about them. I had a letter from Art a couple of weeks ago and he said nothing about any of the kids. Oh, yes, I guess you know Esther has changed her address. It is now Hominy, Okla. Route B, instead of Aarondale. I can't remember whether she had it changed or not when you were down there. I write them all every month and I know that could not be the reason I haven't heard.

I suppose Esther has told you about my hair. I'm letting it grow. It is quite long now and I like it much better long. I do it up sometime in a plain knot & sometime in french braids around my head. I don't think I shall have it cut any more.

We have been painting our cells and doing an awfully lot of sewing lately. I have been too tired to do my laundry. I have my cell fixed up rather cute it is fixed in brown & white checks and I have the kids pictures sitting here & there. Oh, yes, I don't have a picture of you, do you have one you can spare? I have a picture of all my sisters & brothers except you & Esther, may I have one of you? please. I would love to have one of Jim & Anna too. The girls in here don't and can't understand our family. They say we are the most loving kids towards one another they ever saw. I told them we were raised that way. They think it so funny because I tell my pictures good nite. I am very proud of my family. Well I must close so I will have room for a little poem I found in one of the books Rev. Nelson gave us.

For countless blessings from above,  
From the Christ we dearly love,  
We would give our thanks most deep,  
So a Thank-offering Day we keep.

I think it is pretty don't you?

I will say bye-bye for this time. With loads & loads of love & kisses, from your little sis Nona B. F-36

Answer real soon and tell me all about yourself and all the news.  
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Letter addressed:  
Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz  
2842 No. Francisco Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

May 2 - 1936

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis:

I can't find the words to let you know how I feel. Everything seems so strange I can't seem to realize yet just what has happened. I feel so sorry for you all and only wish there was something I could do. I would gladly take Alvin's place if it were possible. There is nothing in the world I wouldn't do for him. I love him so very much and I know how you must feel.

I am trying to get permission to write him but if I don't won't you let him know how I feel and tell him I'll always feel the same towards him no matter what happens.

Please write me as soon as you feel up to it and let me know how things are going. Kiss my sweet son and try to find a little consolation in him.

All my love  
to you all

Dolores

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Letter from:  
Robert Delaney  
6045 Kimbark Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago, Ill.  
April 30, 1936

Dear Dolores:

I received your letter and was sure glad to hear from you. Did you get a letter from Mother yet she told me she wrote you one.

Boy it sure is nice here today it's about 85°. I sure hate to go to work when it's so nice. How is everything there.

I was over to see the baby about a week ago and he sure is fine. I am going over Sunday to see him again. You should see him he walks all over now. He will be talking pretty soon I guess. He sure is a good looking kid he looks just like his uncle. "What did you say."

I may get another job. Boy I sure hope so it will pay about \$26 to \$27 a week.

Well Dolores this is all the news I can think of for this time so I will close.

Love  
from Bud and little Ray

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J. P. MACFARLAND  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1448 STANDARD BUILDING  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

BREKID I WILL ARRIVE CLEVELAND SEVEN THIRTY AM TOMORROW

RJC:SLB  
CC BUREAU  
4:00 PM

CONNELLEY

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 11, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

Returned herewith are the following letters, the contents of which have been carefully noted by this office:

Letter written to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution by her brother, Robert Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Letter written by Dolores Delaney to Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 No. Francisco Avenue, Chicago.

Letter written by Wynona Burdette, also an inmate of your institution, to her brother, Aaron M. Burdette, Co. 3, Wadsworth, Kansas.

I desire to extend to you my sincere thanks for your continued cooperation in this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 11, 1936

Time: 3:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

RE: Alvin Karpis and  
Harry Campbell.

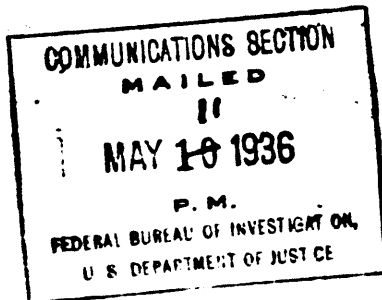
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In the course of a telephone conversation with Mr. Stanley Carroll I informed him that there was no truth in the rumor that Karpis had turned Campbell in to the Bureau. I informed Mr. Carroll that Karpis and Campbell were in St. Paul, Karpis in jail and Campbell still being questioned; that trial has not yet been set.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
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May 10, 1936

Edward J. O'Brien

W. L. Listerman,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
805 Postoffice Building,  
San Francisco, California.

RE: MIAMI ADVISES HARBORING TRIAL THERE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED NOTIFY MR. AND MRS. L. J. DUNN AT NOT TO RETURN UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED STOP SUGGEST ENDEAVOR DETERMINE AT WHAT THROUGH WHICH THEY CAN BE LOCATED IN FUTURE.

R. B. NATHAN

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261 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The New Orleans Bureau office is missing two pairs of Peckham handcuffs, numbers 92540 and 92538, which were used in the Brekid case at New Orleans, La.

All offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to check their supply and advise whether these handcuffs are found, and if so, transmit same to the New Orleans Bureau office.

The St. Paul office is requested to return one pair of Tovers adjustable double lock leg irons, together with the two keys furnished when Alvin Karpis was transported from New Orleans to St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Dunn,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
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Dallas  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Little Rock

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May 10, 1936

*Edward J. Bremer*

C. D. McLean,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1000 Postoffice and Court House Bldg.,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

RE MIAMI ADVISED HARBORING TRIAL THERE INDEFINITELY CONTINUED NOTIFY  
HARRY MILLER NOT TO BE OPT UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED STOP STOP AT INTERVIEW DETERMINE  
A TRIAL THROUGH WHICH HE CAN BE LOCATED IN FUTURE.

R B MILLER

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May 6, 1936.

Time - 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Connelley telephoned from Cleveland and stated that he had checked on the story that Wiedemann had gone to New Orleans; that Wiedemann is in the city today although he was away yesterday; that Wiedemann stated that he was not out of town. I told Mr. Connelley to forward the clipping on the story to me. Mr. Connelley stated that he has located Hetrick and Cordray in Toledo working on the case with their own men. Mr. Connelley further stated that the Post Office men were going to interview a man named Roscoe and an ex-sheriff named Taylor whose daughter was supposed to have married Campbell. Mr. Connelley stated that he has ascertained that this is not the right party; that they asked Mr. Connelley if they could go ahead with this and he told them that it was all right.

I inquired if Mr. MacFarland had been successful in getting a story in the Cleveland papers and Mr. Connelley stated that he has not seen the stories although Mr. MacFarland talked to a press representative. I advised Mr. Connelley of the story in the Washington papers this morning relative to the obstruction of our work by the Post Office Inspectors and the information received by the Bureau from the Post Office Department. I further stated that at the end of the story I was supposed to have been interviewed relative to the tip-off to the Bureau by the Post Office Department and that I was quoted as saying that there is not a scintilla of foundation to it; that we received no information from the Post Office Department and that I was quoted as saying further that as a matter of fact we had not received their cooperation. I told Mr. Connelley that

Mr. Nathan I was preparing a memorandum to the Attorney General from his, Mr. Connelley's letter and told him of other steps I had taken in connection with the lack of Mr. Tolson cooperation by the Post Office Department. Mr. Connelley stated that Hetrick Chief Clerk was quite frightened and would not do anything today without calling the Bureau. Mr. Clegg stated that Mr. Connelley stated that he has the situation covered with ten men; Mr. Coffey that Hall has been sent over to contact Coker who knows Campbell. I told Mr. Mr. Edwards Connelley to keep a close watch on the situation as I might want to come out there when the case breaks. I advised Mr. Connelley of the contact made with Mr. Foxworth United States Attorney Freed yesterday and that I was assured that no trouble Mr. Harbo would be experienced with him or Wiedemann.

Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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I advised Mr. Connelley that Akers wrote a letter to the Bureau claiming the reward and that I was writing him today telling him that neither he nor anyone else has any information leading directly to the apprehension of Karpis, and therefore the reward had been cancelled.  
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I told Mr. Connelley that I hoped the women would not talk, as I had publicly indicated there was no tip given and no reward paid. I stated the Bureau should always protect the informant. Mr. Connelley stated he would talk to her in a couple of weeks when she returns to the Little Rock district.

Mr. Connelley informed that they have arraigned Hunter in New Orleans and when they finish talking with him tonight, they will place him in a federal jail there. I told Mr. Connelley to have SAC Magee hold Hunter incommunicado. Mr. Connelley stated that the Post Office Inspectors wanted to talk with Hunter but that Hunter would not talk with them because they arrested his father. I told Mr. Connelley to tell Agent Buchanan that no one should be allowed to talk with Hunter unless he, Buchanan or one of the Agents were present at the interview. I advised Mr. Connelley that Hunter should not be interviewed by anyone other than the Post Office Inspectors. I further stated that Buchanan or the Agent representing the Bureau should not interrupt the Post Office Inspectors while they are questioning Hunter; that we can question afterwards if it is desired. I told Mr. Connelley to instruct Buchanan to let no state or local authorities interview Hunter and to advise the Superintendent of the prison that such orders have come from headquarters. I stated that Hunter should be kept in the hands of the Bureau until we can get a conviction or plea from him. I stated that Agent Buchanan should remain in New Orleans until this matter is cleared up.

Mr. Connelley stated that he had talked to the St. Paul office and that they advised him that Karpis is not talking much and that he is very careful but he says so that he will not involve anyone; that he has given enough to convict himself in the Hamm and Bremer cases. I asked Connelley if Karpis is going to plead guilty or stand trial. Mr. Connelley stated that Karpis will not plead guilty except to one charge and in that case the other charge will have to be dismissed. I told Connelley to call Mr. Stein and tell him to get hold of the U. S. Attorney and turn the case over to him and to

ascertain what the U. S. Attorney wants to do; that if he wants to bring his trial, it should be done immediately; if the U. S. Attorney wants to talk to Karpis and get him to plead, that is up to him. I told Connelley that we will not make any deal with Karpis. I told Connelley to have Karpis held incommunicado; that he should be placed in a private cell and not allowed near Byron Bolton.

Mr. Connelley stated that they had picked up in Chicago, Charles Long, an associate of Elmer Heade, the man who had changed his fingerprints. Mr. Connelley stated that Long and Heade were in on the Wunderlich "shake-down"; the Chicago Police have \$200 reward out for Long and know he is in the custody of the Bureau. Mr. Connelley stated that Long made a proposition that if he was turned loose he would turn in Heade. I told Mr. Connelley that it would not be possible for us to release Long on that basis because he is a fugitive from justice and such an action would subject us to great criticism. I stated that if Long won't talk that he should be turned over to the local

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Conversation with  
Mr. Connelley,  
5/6/36.

authorities, and that St. Louis should be contacted in connection with the  
Wunderlich case.

I advised Mr. Connelley it appeared that Hamm wanted to talk to  
Dunn before the Bureau does. I told Mr. Connelley to contact Agent McKee at  
St. Paul and advise him that Hamm is not to dictate to the Bureau; that as a  
matter of fact we do not need Hamm's testimony since we have the confession of  
Postmaster and others and the statement by Karpis. I told Mr. Connelley that  
Hamm should be disregarded and that Dunn should be located and Connelley stated  
he would have McKee handle this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Ala.  
May 11, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

This is to advise that Special Agent in Charge  
J. H. Hanson, who is in Birmingham, will depart from here at  
4 P. M., on May 16th, 1936, enroute to Miami, Fla., arriving  
there at 3:30 P. M. on May 17th, to be available for the motions  
that are to be heard there in the Brekid case on May 18th. If  
there is any change in the date of this hearing, it is presumed  
the Bureau will advise this office.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*  
E. P. Guinane,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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New York City  
May 12, 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SALT LAKE CITY

*Edw G. Bremer*

PHONE BREKID. RE FRANKIE ~~FOSTER~~. JACK VOGEL, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN  
RESIDED PAST TWO YEARS FOUR EIGHT FIVE OCEAN AVENUE, BROOKLYN. VOGEL  
IS MEMBER OF FIRM OF ~~WEINSTEIN~~ AND VOGEL, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, TWO  
HUNDRED BROOME STREET NYC. AUTOMOBILE DESCRIBED YOUR LAST WIRE  
REGISTERED NAME JACK VOGEL, ~~PACKARD~~ SEDAN, MOTOR NO. THREE NINE 390,731  
NAUGHT SEVEN THREE ONE. DESCRIPTION OF VOGEL AGE THIRTYFOUR, HEIGHT  
FIVE EIGHT, WEIGHT ONE EIGHTY FIVE, HAIR BROWN EYES BROWN. NO POLICE  
RECORD AS FAR AS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN. ENJOYS GOOD REPUTATION

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
May 11, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 28, 1936, to the Aberdeen Office, and to letter from the Oklahoma City Office dated April 17, 1936, to the Bureau.

Please be advised that a check has been made of the files in the unsolved bank robbery cases now under investigation by this office and it has been ascertained that none of these robberies involve the theft of new and uncut currency.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

RJU:C

Cc: Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cleveland  
Oklahoma City.

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506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

May 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Under date of December 12, 1935 you directed a letter to all offices of the Bureau asking that a Wanted Notice be placed against a 1935 Plymouth 4-door sedan, Motor #PJ 322772 with State motor vehicle registration bureaus in the event such car was not then registered.

Please advise me if the wanted notice placed with the Indiana State Bureau should be continued or withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. BOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building

New Orleans, Louisiana

May 9, 1936

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting under separate cover on Government Bill of Lading #J-77802 a box containing magazines, newspapers, and other printed matter found in the apartment at 3343 Canal St., where subjects Alvin Karpis and Fred John Hunter were apprehended at New Orleans, La.

Included in this group is an envelope containing latent prints lifted from objects found in the apartment.

The material shipped to the Bureau for Laboratory examination is as follows:

Popular Science Magazine for May, 1936  
Famous Detective Cases Magazine for June, 1936  
Kim's Guide to Florida for 1936  
Field & Stream Magazine for May, 1936  
2 Sports Afield Magazines for April and May, 1936  
Outdoor Life Magazine for May, 1936  
Hoosier Magazine for June, 1936  
2 Fishing annual Magazines for 1936  
2 Hunting & Fishing Magazines for April and May, 1936  
Outdoors Magazine for April, 1936  
Rod & Gun Magazine for March, 1936  
Hunter, Trader & Trapper Magazine for April, 1936  
Ballyhoo Magazine for June, 1936  
2 Love Story Magazines for April 4 and April 25, 1935  
4 Graham-Paige Circulars  
Rand-McNally Road Map Magazine  
True Confessions Magazine for May, 1936  
2 Plymouth advertising circulars  
2 New Orleans, La. Chamber of Commerce advertisements  
American Astrology Magazine for February, 1936  
Johnson Outboard Motors instruction magazine  
Colliers magazine for February 15, 1936  
Cleveland "Plain Dealer" for Sunday, Apr. 26, 1936

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 New Orleans "Item" for April 29 and 30, 1936  
 New Orleans "Tribune" for May 1, 1936  
 New Orleans "Tribune" for April 30, 1936  
 7 phonograph record paper envelopes  
 1 large manila envelope containing the following:  
     6 sheets blue-edged white stationery, no mark  
     1 sheet blue-edged white stationery, no mark  
     5 white envelopes, no mark  
     1 large envelope with "Mr. Edward O'Hara,  
       3343 Canal Street"  
     1 Business Card of Griffin Motor Co., Loxley, Ala.  
 1 small manila envelope containing the following:  
     1 cartoon torn from "Sunday Mirror"  
     1 H. G. Hill Stores, Inc. complimentary milk  
       certificate with coupons  
     1 prescription check, Liggett's Drug Store, #30825  
     1 receipt stub, Maison Blanche Co., #35686-47  
     1 Bienville Meat Market coupon punch board  
     1 cellophane wrapper from cigarette pack  
 1 pack "Bee" playing cards  
 1 envelope containing the following lifted latent fingerprints:  
     A-1 Latent print off cold cream jar  
     A-2 Latent print off mirror, back bed room  
     A-3 Latent print off Frigidair door  
     A-4 Latent print off Frigidair door  
     A-5 Latent print off Frigidair door  
     A-6 Latent print off Frigidair door  
     A-7 Latent print off water glass  
     A-8 Latent print off wall mirror back bedroom  
     A-9 Latent print off wall mirror back bedroom  
     A-10 Latent print off water glass  
     A-11 Latent print off water glass  
     A-12 Latent print off cold cream jar  
     A-13 Latent print off cold cream jar  
     A-14 Latent print off Vaseline Hair Tonic bottle  
     A-15 Latent print off wall mirror front room  
     A-16 Latent print off big bathroom mirror  
     A-17 Latent print off small vase  
     A-18 Latent print off vanity dresser mirror, back bedroom  
     A-19 Latent print off edge of kitchen table  
     A-20 Latent print off cellophane cigarette wrapper  
     A-21 Latent prints off kitchen table  
     A-22 Latent print off empty medicine bottle  
     A-23 Latent print off phonograph records  
     A-24 Latent print off phonograph record  
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A-29 Latent print taken off phonograph record  
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A-37 Latent print taken off phonograph record

On all the lifted latent fingerprints, the work was performed by Special Agent J. E. Lunsford and Special Agent T. W. Bain, with the exception of the phonograph records, which were lifted by Special Agent W. L. Thompson at the New Orleans Bureau office.

The Bureau Laboratory is requested to process the newspapers, magazines, and other printed material in an effort to develop and identify latent fingerprints. The latent fingerprints are forwarded to the Bureau for identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

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

cc-Little Rock (E.J. Connelley)  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati (E. J. Connelley)  
Oklahoma City

cover package



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May 22, 1936.

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-11441  
Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

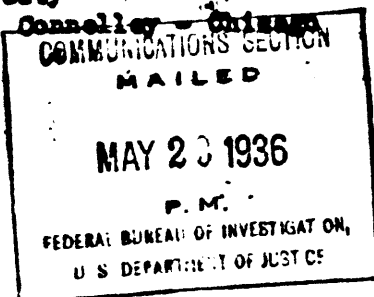
Reference is made to your letter of May 9, 1936 covering the transmittal of a large number of paper specimens and thirty-seven lifts of latent fingerprints found in an apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans.

You are advised that five of the latent impressions appearing on the lifts have been identified as those of Connie Morris, alias Mrs. Ruth Robison. A fingerprint examination of the numerous paper articles is being conducted and your office will be further advised as to the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Little Rock  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Oklahoma City  
Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago



AMK:ERG

June 4, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of May 22, 1936 relative to the latent fingerprint examination being conducted on various articles found in an apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, in connection with the above-entitled case.

In addition to the latent fingerprint identifications of Connie Morris alias Mrs. Ruth Robison, previously reported, three latent prints appearing on the copy of Famous Detective Cases magazine for June, 1936 have been found to be identical with the right index fingerprint of this individual.

The following latent prints remain unidentified after comparison with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis; Harry Campbell; Fred Hunter and Connie Morris:

One latent palmar area on the True Confessions magazine for May, 1936.  
One latent palm print on the Sports Afield magazine for May, 1936.  
Three latent palm prints on the Famous Detective Cases magazine for June, 1936.  
Four latent palmar areas on an advertisement of the Graham Supercharger.

All of the original specimens submitted by you under date of May 9, 1936, including thirty-seven lifts of latent fingerprints and miscellaneous paper articles, are being returned to your office under separate cover.

JUN - 5 1936

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc-Little Rock  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cleveland  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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

May 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

On May 8th Mr. Stanley Carroll dropped by the office and stated that he had just talked with Mr. Ambrose in Mr. Farley's office and had been advised by Mr. Ambrose that if an investigation was made to determine the status of the recent allegation to the effect that the Post Office Inspectors had not cooperated with the FBI, the Post Office Department would "blow us clean out of the water." Mr. Ambrose stated that he was then going to see Mr. Farley in an effort to have him issue a statement concerning this entire matter.

I told Mr. Carroll that we had nothing to worry about in this connection and that the facts as he first heard them were true; that we had received no cooperation and that as a matter of fact every obstacle was placed in our way in an effort to frustrate the apprehension of both Karpis and Campbell.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

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W.A. GRIGSBY,  
#1247, E. 101st. St.  
Cleveland, O.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bldg.  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Hoover;-

Since your progress in this "Karpis-Barker-Weiss" cleanup I have been analyzing some conditions dating back to the "World War" period when I was doing some investigating on the A.P.L. for the Dept., there are some conditions which could connect up with this present affair and I am willing to meet you and give you what connections there may be.

My Grandfathers settled here in Cleveland in 1853 & 1855 and I was born here have a little property invicinity where my people settled and I am just giving this to you as introduction and would also refer you to Mr. Harper in the Federal Bldg.

You can call me at my home Gar. 5584J, or write and I will gladly call at your office at your appointment.

Hoping I may be of some service to your Dept. as I am a S.W.V. and served several months in Physical Instruction Work at the "Marines Camp" at Paris Island in 1918.

Sincerely yours,

*W.A. Grigsby*  
W.A. Grigsby,

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth

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7-576 - 11442 May 18, 1936

Mr. W. A. Grigsby,  
1147 East 101st Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

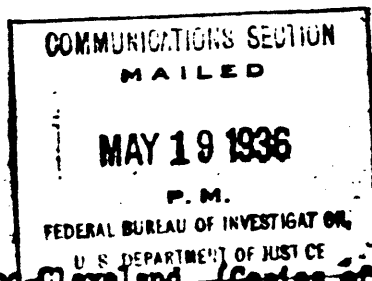
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al -  
Edward George Bremer, VICTIM -  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your undated letter which was received in this Bureau on May 13, 1936, in which you advise that you have certain information which may be of value to investigations being conducted by this Bureau at the present time.

This will inform you that I am bringing the contents of your letter to the attention of Mr. J. P. MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, who will arrange to have an Agent interview you and obtain any information which you are willing to impart.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cleveland (Copies of letter from Mr. Grigsby)

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
May 11, 1936.

7-30

Mr. John R. Coon,  
Postmaster,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

REKID

You may discontinue the cover placed on  
mail going to 301 Hennepin Avenue, inasmuch as it is  
no longer needed.

Thanking you for the hearty cooperation  
you have given this office at all times, I remain,

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau  
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

May 11th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In reply to your letter of April 28th, 1936, I am enclosing herewith copies of the photograph of Milton Lett, Sam Coker, Grace Goldstein and Connie Hamm, as well as copies of the photograph of Harry Campbell.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter have not been prepared in view of the apprehension of these individuals.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
May 4, 1936

*Mr. Lamm*  
*Mr. Tolson*  
*✓ J*

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Enclosed herewith are two copies of each  
of the following photographs of Karpis:

One life size  
Profile, left side  
Front view  
Front view and profile view,  
front view wearing glasses  
Mutilated fingerprints of both hands.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago  
Cincinnati

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*Mr. McEntire*  
*149*  
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Send the following radiogram "VIA MACKAY RADIO" subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NEW ORLEANS,  
May 7, 1936.

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MORE FUTILATED NUMBERS ALSO GOLT AUTOMATIC TWENTY TWO CALIBRE PISTOL  
REQUEST LABORATORY ENDEAVOR PROCEE'S FOR SERIAL NUMBERS AND ADVISE FOR CHECK  
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*Submitted*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 9, 1936

Transmit the following message to: SAC NEW YORK  
NEW ORLEANS

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BREKID THIRD KARPIS GUN WITH MUTILATED NUMBER HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO  
BE COLT TWENTYTWO CALIBER ACE MODEL AUTOMATIC PISTOL SERIAL NUMBER  
FOUR EIGHT NAUGHT STOP NEW YORK OFFICE INITIATE TRACE STOP  
TEST SHOTS FROM ALL GUNS SUBMITTED HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH UNIDENTIFIED  
GUNS IN FILE BUT NO IDENTIFICATIONS EFFECTED

HOOVER

CODE UNDERLINED WORDS

CC (BY MAIL)  
CINCINNATI  
MR. E. J. CONNELLEY - CLEVELAND  
ST. PAUL  
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CHICAGO

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U. S. Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

RW:PS

May 5, 1936.

Personal and Confidential

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is suggested that you address a letter of appreciation to Mr. J. Frye, President, Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, for the splendid cooperation and service rendered by that company in furnishing a plane and pilots for your use last Thursday, April 30th, and for treating all arrangements absolutely confidential.

It is believed that the letter to Mr. Frye should mention the prompt and efficient manner in which Messrs. H. H. Gallup, Division Superintendent, and W. C. McCormick, Assistant to Mr. Gallup, and Pilot Jack Zimmerman and Co-Pilot F. H. Smith functioned in making the plane available and in carrying out the trip. You might also desire to address separate letters of thanks and appreciation to these parties, and their addresses are care of Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
May 11, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a  
letter written by Alvin Karpis to Dolores Delaney,  
Milan, Michigan. One copy is attached to the letters  
to the other offices.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Chicago (Encl)  
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BREKID. PROCEEDING WITH SAC FLETCHER TO HOT SPRINGS  
TWO THIRTY PM AND WILL RETURN LITTLE ROCK LATER THIS  
EVENING WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH AGENT DAMRON AT OFFICE LITTLE ROCK.

CONNELLEY...

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May 8, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,  
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

I am attaching hereto a suggested ~~press~~  
~~release~~ relating to the apprehension of Charles O.  
Long by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
Long, who is wanted by state authorities, is being  
turned over to the State's Attorney at Chicago,  
Illinois.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 7, 1936.

MEMORANDUM

Charles O. Long was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 5, 1936, at Chicago, Illinois, at which time he was questioned to determine whether he had violated a Federal Statute over which this Bureau had jurisdiction. Long will be turned over to the authorities of the State of Illinois by whom he is wanted on a charge of receiving stolen property and bail bond forfeiture. His criminal career as reflected by his first arrest began on July 30, 1917, at which time he was taken into custody by the Police Department at Omaha, Nebraska, on a charge of vagrancy and pandering. He was fined \$10.00 and costs and released the following day.

Long is 45 years of age, is of medium stature and dark complexioned. His criminal activities in recent years have been directed to the pursuit of milking innocent persons through the so-called "confidence game" racket. He has associated himself with numerous well known racketeers who have preyed upon innocent persons and fleeced their victims by the use of the "get rich quick" sales talk.

Long has moved about the country maintaining residences at strategic points. He has also maintained brokerage offices which are used to give him the necessary front for his illegal business operations.

Noting his criminal career as reflected by arrests supported by fingerprints on file in the Identification Division of this Bureau, it is observed that he has been engaged in robbery, has been arrested for vagrancy and pandering and is presently wanted by the Illinois authorities for receiving stolen property and bail bond forfeiture. He has engaged in the "confidence game" racket in Palm Beach, Florida, in Peoria, Illinois and Sacramento, California. These arrests are an index of the partial extent of his criminal activities. A copy of the complete criminal record of Charles O. Long as reflected by the files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, is attached hereto together with his photograph.

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LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS MAY 6, 1936. 1117AM

DIRECTOR F B I US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASH DC

BREKID. OKLAHOMA CITY ADVISES THAT AGENTS SMITH THIS MORNING RECEIVED  
TELEGRAM FROM HERBERT/AKERS HOT SPRINGS STATING LOCK BOX OF PARTIES  
BOUGHT BY AGENT SMITH AT HOT SPRINGS HAD BEEN LOCATED. BRANTLEY  
ADVISES SMITH KNOWS NOTHING OF THIS. PROCEEDING HOT SPRINGS MOON  
TODAY PURPOSE CONTACTING AKERS UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. CALHOUN  
ACTING.

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CLK. OFFICE  
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AGENTS L F MALONE AND W JOHN MCNULTY ARRIVED OKLAHOMACITY NINE  
FIFTY FIVE AM TODAY WITH SAM COKER NOW LODGED IN COUNTY JAIL  
HERE STOP STATE PENITENTIARY OFFICIALS NOTIFIED WHO WILL TAKE  
DELIVERY COKER TODAY OR TOMORROW

BRANTLEY RNB..

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

May 12, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, La.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your wire of May 7, 1936 in the above entitled matter relative to the tracing of the Savage rifle, serial #304481.

As indicated in my wire to the Pittsburgh office dated May 7, 1936 and my letter to the Pittsburgh office dated May 8, 1936, said gun was shipped to Pittsburgh, Pa.

The writer is in receipt of a letter from the Pittsburgh office dated May 8, 1936, showing the extent of the investigation made by that office in an effort to trace same, and for your information a copy of said letter is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

D. A. R. T.  
RELET AGENTS BRYCE FROM ABERDEEN HOOD FROM PORTLAND TELEGRAPHICALLY  
INSTRUCTED REPORT TO YOUR OFFICE GENERAL ASSIGNMENT TO ASSIST  
MAINTAINING GUARD ON KARPIS

HOOVER

CODE UNDERLINED WORDS

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Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished Mr. K. R. McIntire on May 8, 1936, concerning the case of Harry Campbell, Fugitive Index #5972, Bureau file #62-28915, please be advised that on May 9, 1936, a fingerprint card was received in the Identification Division from the Bureau Office, Saint Paul, Minnesota, reflecting that this individual as Harry Campbell, #---, was arrested by that office on May 7, 1936, charge kidnaping; disposition not given.

Respectfully,

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

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box #2344  
Boston, Mass.

May 11, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of May 5, 1936 concerning the "leak" in the post office building by which information concerning the departure of Bureau agents for target practice was made known to the newspapers resulting in a news story that this office was engaged in a hunt for Alvin Karpis.

Post Office Inspector Cronin, who is still engaged in the investigation of this case, advises that his confidential informant has still been unable to locate the source of information. This is also true of the informant previously contacted by this office. Inspector Cronin further advises that the list of employees he has obtained as stated in my letter of May 1st is not of much value because of the large number thereof, being some twenty.

For the Bureau's information the possibility in this case is also being considered that the information furnished the press may have come from some source other than the Post Office Department. The basement under this building consists of a semi-circular driveway in which deliveries not only of mail but of all heavy goods to anyone in the building by any outside corporation are made. The basement is also used for the parking of the cars of various Federal employees and for the van of the United States Marshal. There is no way of determining which outside vehicles or persons were present in the basement at the time of the departure of the Bureau agents for target practice.

It may be further noted that the agents in this office have always departed for target practice from the basement of the Federal Building previously and of course were seen by postal employees. This is the only time, however, that any information ever reached the press concerning such departure. It would therefore appear that the likelihood of this information coming from some outside source is strengthened. Nevertheless, the investigation will be continued.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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and placed in photo file  
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RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a full-length photograph of Harry Campbell, front and side views, and two copies of face photograph of the same individual, front and profile views.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein  
C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 7th, 1936.

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
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Miss Gandy	

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you last night you are advised that on the morning of May 6th, 1936, I received a long distance telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, at which time Mr. Brantley advised that Agent Frank Smith of his office, who was presently ill, had just received a telegram from Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the effect that he, Akers, had located a lock box of the parties which Agent Smith had been looking for and that Akers considered this information might bear investigation. Mr. Brantley informed me that he had talked with Agent Smith, who did not have any definite knowledge of discussing the location of any lock box with Akers.

In accordance with previous instructions issued by you it had been my purpose to frequently contact Akers and other persons at Hot Springs in order that I might be fully conversant with the situation at that point and be informed immediately upon the return of Grace Goldstein, therefore, this telegram to Agent

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Smith afforded me a further opportunity of approaching Akers regarding his activities in connection with the investigation of the case entitled - ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; ET AL, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT, I therefore, proceeded to Hot Springs for that purpose.

Upon my arrival at Hot Springs I proceeded immediately to the police department with Special Agent B. L. Dameron of this office, as I felt that I might, in view of Akers' character and reputation, need a witness in the event anything might occur. Akers was found in the alley-way outside of the police department, as was also Joe Wakelin, Chief of Police, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, in charge of the Bureau of Identification and other members of the police force, who were unknown to me. I took Akers to one side and informed him of the receipt by Agent Smith of his telegram and Akers advised me that it was his information that both Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris had been seen on numerous occasions going into the Arkansas National Bank and that he thought one or the other of these women had a lock box there and that we should take some steps to look into this box. I informed Akers we appreciated the information but that we had already known this for a considerable time and that no action was being taken by this office in the absence of instructions from you; that in view of the fact I had received no instructions from you to pick up anyone in connection with this case, I wanted it made perfectly

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clear to him that he should not pick up Grace Goldstein, Connie Morris, or any other person, with the view in mind that he was aiding this Bureau in any manner. Akers then in boisterous tones asked me whether it was not our purpose to arrest Grace Goldstein and I informed him that I did not know what your wishes were in the matter, but that as I had stated to him before, I would take no action in the absence of instructions from you. Akers then replied that he felt if we did not pick up Grace Goldstein that we might as well release Karpis. I then said to Akers, in the presence of Joe Wakelin, the Chief of Police, and the others above mentioned, that you would not tolerate his picking up Grace Goldstein, Connie Morris, or even his Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, for this Bureau; that I felt you were perfectly capable of picking these parties up if you cared to do so without any help from him or anyone else, which had been done in the case of Karpis. Then Akers in most vulgar and obscene language informed me that he would pick up anyone he liked and in effect said that you would have nothing to do with who he picked up, the exact wording being so obscene that I am unable to repeat it in this communication. Akers seemed inclined to carry on this argument, but I informed him that it had never been my purpose to engage in any argument with him and that the only action I intended taking, and that to be done immediately upon my return to Little Rock, was that I would communicate with you by telephone and inform you of his exact message to you. At this point Akers indicated to me that in the future he did not intend to cooperate with this Bureau, at which time I informed him that if his cooperation in the future was no better than it had been in the past, our loss would probably not be very great.

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Before leaving Hot Springs I called upon Leo P. McLaughlin, the Mayor of Hot Springs and informed him of the message that Akers had asked that I transmit to you and told Mr. McLaughlin that the purpose of my visit to him was in order that he should be fully informed as to the actions of Akers and the fact that his statements were made in the presence of the Chief of Police, who did not make any comment whatever or attempt to reprimand Akers; that inasmuch as Akers worked directly under him I felt that he was entitled to know just what had passed between us.

Mayor McLaughlin informed me that it was his belief the reason Akers acted as he did was that he lost his temper, being already angry over the thought that Grace Goldstein could have furnished him information as to the whereabouts of Karpis and Fred Hunter and that she failed to do so, thereby making Akers lose his chance of collecting the reward in this case. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he wanted to at all times cooperate with this Bureau and that he would personally see that all of his officers cooperated fully and that in the event they did not, he personally would conduct any investigation desired by this office. I might say here that I am not any more favorably impressed with Leo McLaughlin than I am with Akers and the Bureau probably shares this view, having been previously advised as to the character of this individual.

McLaughlin seemed to be of the opinion that it was Akers' purpose to harass Grace Goldstein as much as possible upon her return to Hot Springs merely for the reason that he was angry with her. I informed McLaughlin

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that neither I nor the Bureau had any interest whatever in Grace Goldstein, Connie Morris, or any other Hot Springs prostitute and that we would do nothing whatever to protect any of them and that if they had cases against them locally they could, of course, cause their arrest, but that I did not feel that Grace Goldstein or anyone else should be made to suffer by reason of any personal feeling that Akers had against me or the Director of this Bureau.

Upon my return to the Little Rock Office I was informed by Miss Dorothy Nease, the Chief Clerk, that an attempt had been made by Herbert Akers to reach me by telephone and that he had asked Miss Nease to have me see him again before I left Hot Springs in the event I should call the office and that otherwise I should communicate with him by telephone immediately upon my return, as it was important that I do so.

As stated to you in my telephone conversation, I did talk with Akers, at which time he informed me that he was truly sorry of what had occurred in Hot Springs and that the only excuse he had to offer was that he had just read in a Tulsa newspaper an article which placed the blame on the Hot Springs Police Department for the escape of Karpis and Hunter, at the time of the raid on the Woodcock house near Malvern, Arkansas, by agents of this Bureau. He asked that I not inform you of the message he had sent you and that the matter be allowed to drop. He informed me that it was always his purpose to

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cooperate with this Bureau and its agents and that he has always done so; that he did not want me to feel that he had any personal feeling against me whatever; that he only wished to be afforded the opportunity of continuing his contacts with agents of this office and the writer personally and that he would show us that he was sincere in his regrets over the occurrence yesterday afternoon. Akers informed me that he was at that time preparing a letter to you offering his apology and that he would send the letter over to me in order that I might have the information as to its contents before it was mailed to you. I now have this letter before me and I am sending it to you under obscene cover, in view of the fact that Akers has included in this letter the exact language he used towards you during our conversation. I am keeping no record of this letter at the Little Rock Office, as I feel that the expression used by Akers is too vulgar for anyone else to ever read.

Akers in transmitting the above referred to letter, wrote me a letter also, the original of which is being forwarded to you and I am retaining a copy of this letter in our files in the Little Rock Office.


It is my opinion that Akers did not place the telephone call to this office or have in mind writing his letter of apology until after I had seen Mayor McLaughlin and I am firmly convinced it was due to instructions received by him from McLaughlin that prompted

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both the letter and the telephone call.

Very truly yours,

  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Hot Springs National Park  
Arkansas

POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOE WAKELIN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Phone 123

May 6, 1936.

Agent Fletcher,  
Department of Justice,  
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Fletcher:-

I am truly sorry of the occurrence between you and myself today and you will note from the enclosed letter to Mr. Hoover that I am explaining facts as best I recall them and if I am in error ask that you write the true facts so that Mr. Hoover might be fully informed.

I want to assure you that there is nothing personal in this matter either between you, Mr. Dameron, Mr. Hoover or any of the agents, and I trust that it will be overlooked this time and I be given an opportunity to prove my friendship.

Cordially,

*Herbert Allen*

P.S.- Will you please mail the enclosed letter in to Mr. Hoover after you have noted contents. - *Removed for Mr. Hoover 10-17-38*

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BREKID NEWSPAPERS DESIRE PHOTOGRAPH HARRY CAMPBELL TAKEN

YESTERDAY SHOWING FRONT AND PROFILE VIEWS ADVISE

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REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

AGENTS

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HARBORING CHARGE INVESTIGATION. AGENTS OMAHONEY ENDRES HARDISON

BIRCH MADALA MCNULTY JONES ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT CLEVELAND

DISTRICT WILL PROCEED THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS. CLEVELAND

SHOULD CONSIDER ANY ~~CHANGE~~ CHANGE IN STATUS AS TO AGENT

MADALA.

THE SPECIAL CHARTERED PLANE AT ST PAUL TODAY WITHOUT ADDITIONAL

COSTS WILL TAKE AGENTS SMITH BIRCH MCKEE AND MYSELF AS FAR AS

CHICAGO LEAVING ST PAUL AT SEVEN PM ARRIVING CHICAGO NINE THIRTY

PM. AGENT MCKEE CONFORMITY PRIOR BUREAU UNSTRUCTIONS WILL

PROCEED THENCE TO WASHINGTON ARRIVING TEN FORTY FIVE AM FRIDAY.

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AGENTS C E SMITH AND T M BIRCH WILL THENCE PROCEED CLEVELAND BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ARRIVING FRIDAY AM. I WILL REGISTER GREAT NORTHERN MAY 14 1936 MAY 11 1936 P.M.

HOTEL CHICAGO TONIGHT.

QUESTIONING OF CAMPBELL WILL BE

CONTINUED BY AGENT SURAN.

I WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY HARBORING

CHARGES.

CONNELLEY

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 12, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

There are transmitted under separate cover the following articles taken from Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936:

One (1) Colt Automatic, Government Model, No. 162893;

Seven (7) .45 caliber automatic clips - empty.

The secret number on the .45 automatic was found to correspond with the number stamped on the frame.

One of the above mentioned clips, and a box of .45 automatic cartridges manufactured by the Western Cartridge Company were found in the trailer belonging to Harry Campbell at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Billeter, who resides on Kopernic Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. At the time this clip was found it was loaded with six .45 caliber automatic cartridges.

The Cleveland office is retaining in its files the thirty-three (33) loose .45 automatic cartridges and the box of Western .45 automatic cartridges, which were the property of Harry Campbell.

The Bureau is requested to make a laboratory examination of the instant .45 caliber automatic pistol and a comparison should be made of the test bullets fired from this gun with the evidence bullets on file at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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 PLEASE AUTHORIZE AGENT IN CHARGE STPAUL TO RELEASE  
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*Chas. Stein*  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1936

TDQ:WCS

Time: 8:35 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CAMPBELL PICTURES

At this time I called Mr. Stein regarding the wire from the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch, requesting that pictures of Campbell be released. Mr. Stein advised that photographs had been taken of Campbell and that the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch had requested some pictures from the St. Paul Office before wiring their request to Washington. I advised Mr. Stein that the Director has instructed that pictures of Campbell be released, but Mr. Stein stated that unless they were held up until Monday morning for general release to all the papers, there would be a great deal of resentment. I therefore advised Mr. Stein that in view of such circumstances it would undoubtedly be desirable to wait until Monday and call all of the papers at the same time. Mr. Stein said he would do this.

Mr. Stein advised that Campbell was still being questioned and had accounted for everything except the 21 days which cover the period that Bremer was held. He stated that Campbell would be held until Monday morning and that the Bureau would be immediately advised of any important developments.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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DIRECTOR FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC  
 BREKID. RE <sup>Calum</sup>KARPIS GUNS SHIPPED BUREAU TWO .45 COLT AUTOMATIC PISTOLS  
 BORE MUTILATED NUMBERS ALSO COLT AUTOMATIC .22 CALIBRE PISTOL REQUEST  
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 THROUGH FACTORY HAVE INSTITUTED INVESTIGATION ON OTHER GUNS THROUGH  
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*Copy - Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Tamm*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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BREKID SERIAL NUMBER HAS BEEN DETERMINED ON TWO OF THREE CARPIS GUNS WITH  
INITIALS NUMBERS AS FOLLOWS COLT PORTFIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC PISTOL  
COMMERCIAL MODEL C ONE SEVEN FIVE TWO TWO ONE STOP COLT PORTFIVE CALIBER  
AUTOMATIC PISTOL COMMERCIAL MODEL C ONE SEVEN SEVEN TWO SEVEN EIGHT STOP  
NEW YORK OFFICE REQUESTED INSTITUTE TRACE STOP EFFORT NOW UNDER WAY TO  
RESTORE NUMBER ON REMAINING GUN

HOOVER

CODE UNCLINED WORDS

cc - (by mail)  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland - E. J. Connelley  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Little Rock

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

SENT VIA

Per

1449 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

RE: **REXID**

On May 7, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio, there was found in the possession of HARRY CAMPBELL, a Colt Automatic pistol, .45 caliber, Government model, #4162893, and it was ascertained that this number stamped on the frame.

It is requested that you take appropriate action to trace this gun through the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

LPM/LVB

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Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

May 13th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

As requested in your letter of May 6th, 1936, I am forwarding herewith twenty-five photographs of Milton Lett, Akron Police Department #26337.

In view of the recent apprehension of Harry Campbell, no copies of his photograph are being forwarded. However, at such time as more recent photographs are taken by the St. Paul Office, duplicates will be made at this Office and forwarded to your Office.

Very truly yours,

DM:LJM  
enc.

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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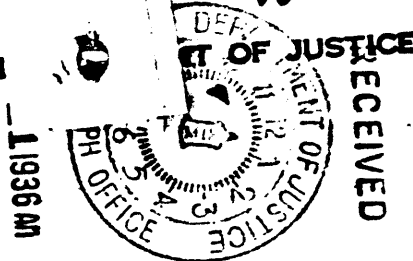
ALVIN KARPIS HARRY CAMPBELL TWO OTHER OUTLAWS WILL BE  
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SACS OKLAHOMA CITY - CHICAGO

PHONE BREKID. AGENTS LEE F. MALONE AND W. JOHN MC MULTY PROCEEDING

8:40 IN MORNING WITH SAM COKER TO OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY

SHOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE OFFICERS OF MC ALISTER PENITENTIARY ON HAND

TO TAKE CUSTODY OF HIM ON MAY NINE. NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS.

BULOVA WRIST WATCH, CIGARETTE LIGHTER, FOUNTAIN PEN AND PENCIL, COKER'S

PROPERTY, WILL BE DELIVERED BY AGENTS TO OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE FOR DELIVERY

PENITENTIARY OFFICIALS FOR ACCOUNT OF COKER AND FOR WHICH RECEIPT SHOULD

BE SECURED. NO ADMISSIONS SECURED FROM COKER WHO DENIES RECENT ASSOCIATION

WITH KARPIS AND CAMPBELL. WIFE OF CAMPBELL BEING RELEASED TONIGHT.

SHE APPEARS TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF CAMPBELL'S BACKGROUND, ASSOCIATES OR FRIENDS.

MADALA IN VIEW OF BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE CASE CONTINUING WITH INTERVIEW.

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MAC FARLAND

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Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
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Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Egan  
Miss Gandy

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of April 28, 1936, addressed to the Aberdeen Office, a copy of which was forwarded to all field offices.

This is to advise that the file of the Little Rock office contains no unsolved bank robbery cases in which new and uncut currency constituted a part of the loot.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
May 5, 1936.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Time -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Fred Hunter.

SAC Magee telephoned me from the New Orleans Office and said he has just been talking with the United States Attorney in New Orleans, who advised that he received a telegram this afternoon from United States Attorney Freed at Cleveland stating that he understands Fred Hunter is in custody in New Orleans, and wanting to know when he is going to be returned to Cleveland under their warrant for trial on the Garrettsville train robbery case. Mr. Magee said that Mr. McIntire is through questioning Hunter, having gotten from all the information possible, and is going to return to Washington at five o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Magee wanted to know what the Bureau desires done under the circumstances.

I discussed this matter with you, and told Mr. Magee that since we have already filed harboring charges against Fred Hunter, he should be arraigned at once on these charges. Thereafter, the United States Attorney at New Orleans should get in touch with the Department and request instructions as to whether he should be prosecuted in New Orleans or be returned to Cleveland.

Hunter will be arraigned the first thing in the morning.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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ORDER NO. 1236  
January 28, 1935.

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

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**WANTED**

HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: DAVE CAMPBELL,  
T. C. BLACKBURN, GEORGE L. MARTIN, GEORGE NEL-  
SON, JOHN WALCOTT, GEORGE WALCOTT, GEORGE  
WINFIELD, GEORGE SWANSON, GEORGE F. SUMMERS.

**KIDNAPING**



Photograph taken December 25, 1920.

**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 35 years; Born, Jan. 1, 1900 at Mc-  
Clintocville, Pa.; Height, 5 feet, 5 in-  
ches; Weight, 135 to 140 pounds; Build,  
medium; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Com-  
plexion, ruddy-medium; Marks, scar cor-  
ner left eye, vaccination scar upper left  
arm, lame in right leg; Teeth, decayed.

**RELATIVES:**

George E. Campbell, father,  
818 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Lissa Campbell, mother,  
818 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Mickey Rheinsmith Campbell, wife,  
123 East Crawford St., Pampa, Texas.  
Pearl Campbell, Edith Campbell Majors,  
and Laura Campbell, sisters, 818 S.  
Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Howard (Myrtle) McNeel, sister,  
Kemp City, Texas.  
Clarence Jack Campbell, brother,  
Ranger, Texas.  
Clell Campbell, brother,  
Long Beach, California.



*Harry Campbell*

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Harry Campbell, #1846, arrested Po-  
lice Department, Tulsa, Okla., Decem-  
ber 25, 1920; charge investigation; fined  
\$19 and costs.

As Harry Campbell, #11056, received State  
Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., January  
30, 1921, from Lincoln County, Okla.;  
crime, bank robbery, held for safe keep-  
ing; discharged June 11, 1921 on order  
of Court.

As Harry Campbell, #9420, arrested Sher-  
iff's Office, Tulsa, Okla., April 23,  
1932; charge, burglary; released on bond;  
case pending.

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

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

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

Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

(over)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:TMF

May 11, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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With reference to Sheriff O'Reilly of Toledo, you are advised that we have no definite information indicating any crookedness or lack of cooperation on his part. As a matter of fact, the information furnished the Bureau from various confidential informants prior to the time of Campbell's apprehension indicated that Campbell had married the daughter of a former Sheriff and that Campbell had also purchased a dog from the former Sheriff.

The facts, however, were that Campbell was associating with the girl friend of a girl friend of the Sheriff's and it was through this connection that O'Reilly met Campbell and did in fact sell him a dog.

I was advised by telephone by Mr. Wynn of the Cleveland Office yesterday that after the raid on Campbell's residence, the Sheriff rushed out there, lost his head when he ascertained who had been picked up and consequently opened up to the newspaper men by telling about his association with Campbell and inadvertently mentioned the name of his girl friend, the McGraw woman, living at 2011 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, thereafter asking the newspaper reporters not to interview her. It was from these sources that the newspaper men obtained their stories indicating that Campbell and the Sheriff had been drinking beer together and otherwise associating together.

We have not interviewed O'Reilly concerning his associations with Campbell.

I am attaching hereto a photograph of Campbell taken after his arrest and an Identification Order issued upon Campbell, and you will observe from a comparison of the photographs that it would be impossible to identify Campbell from these pictures.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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

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Well he was recognized  
from photo as that was  
how we got the tip.

Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

May 12, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated May 7, 1936,  
requesting advice as to the placing of a cover on the  
mail of Mr. and Mrs. John Post, 1375 East 18th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

It will be unnecessary to place the above  
mentioned mail cover or to check on the activities of  
Mr. and Mrs. John Post, who were close friends of the  
parents of Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 12, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

It is respectfully requested that you immediately forward to the Cleveland office photographs of subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, taken in various poses, that is, bust pictures of the regular police type, as well as full length pictures, both with and without coats and hats, showing both front and side views.

You previously furnished this office with photographs of Karpis, but they were turned over to Special Agent in Charge L. J. Connelley.

The requested photographs are urgently needed in the Cleveland district inasmuch as it is contemplated that in the near future an extensive investigation will be instituted.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacDONALD  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 12, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of April 24, 1936  
(7-576) advising that the Bureau placed an appropriate wanted  
notice against the fingerprints of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam  
Coker, McAlester, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #14023, FBI #355433b

Please be advised that this individual was apprehended  
at Toledo, Ohio by Bureau Agents on May 7, 1936, therefore, you  
may withdraw the wanted notice.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB  
CC - Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Paul

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois.

May 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir,

RE: BREKID

There are enclosed herewith two copies of  
the photograph of Jim Thomas, Nebraska State  
Penitentiary No. 10730 as requested in the letter  
from the Cleveland Office to your Office dated April  
24, 1936.

A copy of this photograph is likewise being  
transmitted to the Cincinnati, St. Paul and Cleveland  
Offices, and to the Bureau, with copies of this let-  
ter.

Very truly yours,

S. M. LAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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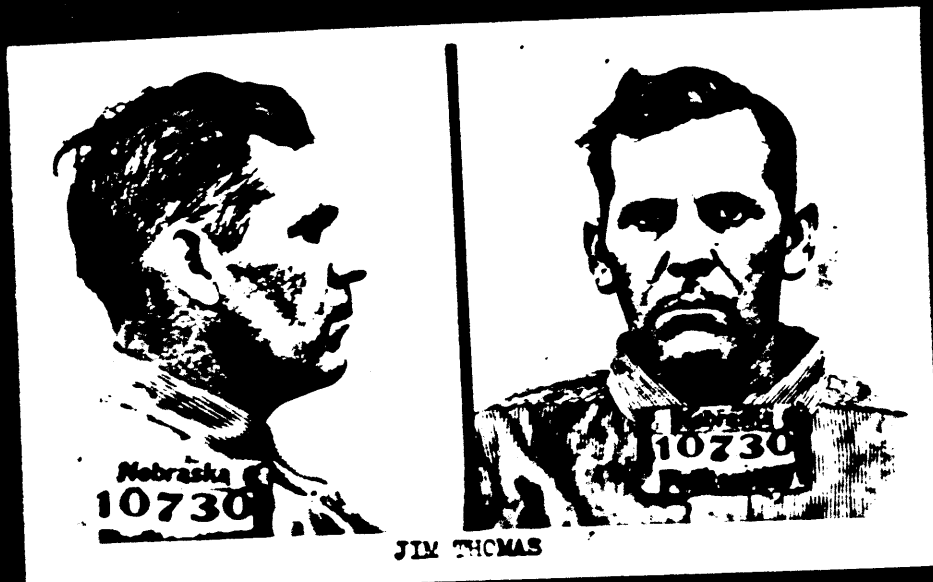
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which are hereby agreed to  
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San Francisco, California.  
May 9, 1936.

Mr. R. B. Nathan,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
412 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

BREKID SUBPOENA SERVED ON L. W. THOMAS TODAY MRS. THOMAS TO BE SERVED

MONDAY

CHARGE - Gov. Rate.

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*Edward D. Bremer*

Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
May 11, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of May 8, 1936 concerning a newspaper article as to a \$1,000.00 reward offered by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma for the apprehension and conviction of Harry Campbell.

The activities of Harry Campbell in the State of Oklahoma are well known to the Oklahoma City Bureau office. It is a known fact that the offering of a \$1,000.00 reward for the capture of Campbell was discussed but not actually offered by the State. State authorities are fully aware of the present status of Harry Campbell, and it is not believed advisable that any inquiries along the line suggested in your letter, be made.

Yours very truly,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 11, 1936

Time: 3:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: William Mahan.

*Adm. O. Karpis*

Mr. Stanley Carroll telephoned and inquired if there were any further developments in the recovery of ransom money in the Weyerhaeuser case. I stated that we were still working on the matter and that nothing else had been turned up besides the \$37,377.00 found on Mahan; that we were checking certain leads which may lead to the recovery of more money.

Mr. Carroll inquired if there was any connection between the capture of Karpis and the capture of Mahan. I stated that there was none. Mr. Carroll stated that a report was current to the effect that Karpis had tipped off the Bureau as to where Mahan could be located. I stated that there was no foundation to this story.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 8, 1936,  
making inquiry concerning a 1936 Ford Coupe bearing 1936  
Arkansas license plates #68-424.

The records of the Automobile License Division  
of the State Revenue Department, State Capitol, Little  
Rock, Arkansas, disclose that 1936 Arkansas license #68-424  
was issued to Ed Simmons of Osceola, Arkansas, for a 1936  
Ford Coupe, motor #18-2255674, and was issued on March 19,  
1936, in Mississippi County at either Elytheville or Osceola,  
Arkansas.

In view of the recent developments in this case,  
no immediate investigation is being made at Elytheville or  
Osceola concerning the parties mentioned in your letter and  
the automobile, but appropriate inquiries will be made when  
next an Agent is in that vicinity.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE HANAP ASSOCIATED PRESS AND STPAUL DISPATCH ADVISE CHICAGO  
HERALD AND EXAMINER REPORTER HERE ISSUED DISPATCH TO HEARST CHICAGO  
AND NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS THAT KARPIS HAS CONFESSED TO BOTH HAMM AND  
BREMER KIDNAPPINGS. MR. SESSIONS CHICAGO HEARLD AND EXAMINER  
REPORTER NOW IN ST PAUL INFORMED ME TELEPHONICALLY HE SENT SUCH  
A DISPATCH TO HIS CHICAGO NEWSPAPER WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION  
BUT WITH HOPE THAT IT MAY BE TRUE. HE ADVISED ME AS TO ABOVE  
SUBSEQUENT TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HERE INFORMING ME AS TO ABOVE  
STORY. THIS OFFICE HAS MADE NO COMMENT.

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ACKNOWLEDGE

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Mr. Tracy:

There was a slight mixup re this wire. Mr. Tolson stated that someone should have called the Director. There was a call put in by Quinn and Tamm at 10:30 last night but it was not completed as the Director had not returned. At 11:15 and 11:50 Mr. Tolson called Mr. Quinn at home; I had sent copy to Tamm which was why Mr. Tolson hadn't been informed tho Mr. Quinn had read the original while in my office. Mr. Tolson called in at 11:15 one of the reasons being the fact that an alleged confession and statements by Agents had appeared in the New York American, and as Mr. Tolson called Quinn he did not get the wire read to him as he would have had Tamm completed the call. Tamm had the wire ready to read to the Director; I remember seeing it with his other matters. Also I sent him the copy special thru Brines.

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May 6, 1936

Mr. B. W. Burford,  
Pilot,  
Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc.,  
Newark Airport,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Burford:

I have just returned to Washington and I wanted you to know how much I appreciated your helpfulness and assistance in connection with the special flight which we took from Washington to Toledo on Wednesday evening, May 6th, and from Toledo to St. Paul on May 7th.

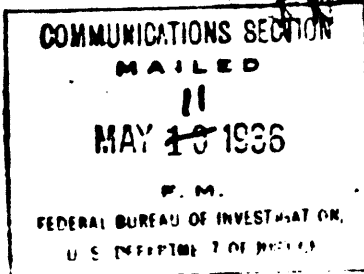
All arrangements in connection with the flight were perfectly handled and the suppression of any publicity with regard to the matter was of material assistance in connection with the location and apprehension of Harry Campbell. I have been very much impressed by the ability and efficiency of the officials and representatives of the Transcontinental and Western Air, Incorporated with whom I have come into contact.

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With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover


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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, May 8, 1936, requesting six copies of all type photographs taken of Subject Fred Hunter since his apprehension.

I am enclosing herewith, with the Cleveland Bureau Office copies of this letter, six photographs of Subject Fred Hunter, taken recently at the Federal Jail, New Orleans, where he is inmate number 4472.

Inasmuch as the negatives of the photographs taken by the Recomar camera at the New Orleans Bureau Office have been forwarded to the Bureau, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau make necessary copies of the six views transmitted to the Bureau by New Orleans Bureau Office letter of May 9, 1936, and transmit same to the Cleveland Bureau Office, either natural size or enlargements as the Bureau may see fit.

Complete description of Subject Fred Hunter, with aliases, was furnished the Bureau and interested offices by New Orleans Bureau Office letter of May 9, 1936.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

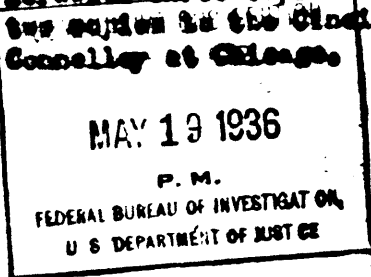
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al - Edward George Bremer,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the New Orleans Office to the Bureau dated May 11, 1936, referring to photographs of Fred Hunter obtained by the New Orleans Office by the use of a Nocturn camera.

In keeping with the request contained therein, I am transmitting herewith to the Cleveland Office three sets of the said photographs; to the Cincinnati Office one set and to Mr. E. J. Connelley, at Chicago, two sets of the said photographs.

With reference to the photograph of Fred Hunter taken at the Federal Jail, New Orleans, Louisiana, there are being transmitted herewith three copies of said photograph to the Cleveland Office; two copies to the Cincinnati Office and two copies to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc-Mr. Paul  
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Mrs. Tracy advised that station  
WMAL at noon today broadcast a spot  
news item that Campbell was apprehended  
at Toledo by J. Edgar Hoover and agents;  
that Mr. Hoover personally led the raid.

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She also advised that another station  
(1300 kyc - probably WOL) broadcast the  
same news item at about 1:30 pm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1936.

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Time - 5:47 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Fred Hunter.

SAC Magee at the New Orleans Office telephoned me and said he just received a telegram from Thomas F. Farley, Chief of Detectives at Sioux City, Iowa, which reads as follows: "If possible send late photograph Fred Hunter, arrested with Karpis in your City. Karpis photograph identified as one who stuck up bank this city."

I told Mr. Magee I could see no objection to furnishing them with this photograph; consequently, a wire should be sent to Mr. Farley advising him that SAC Alt at Omaha would furnish him with a photograph of Fred Hunter. I told Mr. Magee to furnish the Omaha Office with a photograph of Hunter by air mail, advising him to furnish this photograph to Mr. Farley.

Mr. Magee said that he has made arrangements at the jail down there whereby no outside officers will be permitted to talk with Fred Hunter, and the Bureau Agents will be present when the Post Office Inspectors talk to him.

In regard to the signature of Fred Hunter on his fingerprint card, Mr. Magee said he found the original fingerprint card bearing Hunter's signature in the file, and this is being sent to the Bureau. Additional specimens of the handwriting of Fred Hunter were taken, however, before he left the office.

Relative to the birthplace of Hunter, Mr. Magee said he was born in Warren, Ohio. Mr. Magee found this information among the notes which he took during the questioning of Hunter, and the same was dictated to the stenographer, but on account of the fact that she had been up all night, etc., it was inadvertently omitted when her notes were transcribed.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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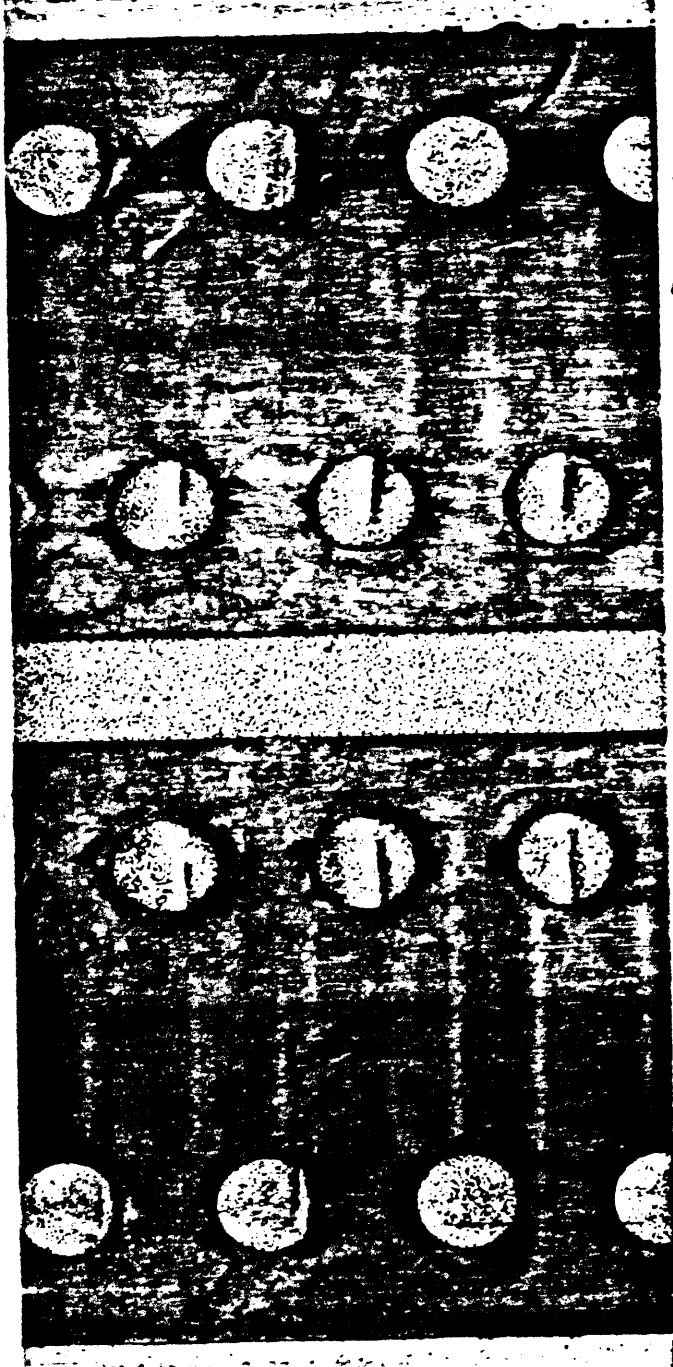
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May 8 1936.

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Time

Name J.C. Brown of Hearst Metrotone News

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Left the film concerning the capture of Karpis. Mr. Quinn instructed the writer to send this film to him, which was done. He stated that he had called Mr. Brown about this. cek

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326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Kindly secure and transmit to the New Orleans Bureau office at your earliest opportunity one certified copy of the Brekid indictment containing counts against subject Alvin Karpis, and secure as well a certified copy of the warrant with non-est return and transmit same to the New Orleans office, where it is desired for use on the contemplated indictment against subject Fred John Hunter, with aliases, on a substantive charge of harboring as well as a conspiracy charge of harboring.

An attempt will be made to secure an indictment charging subjects Hunter and Karpis with the harboring of Karpis. Promptly expedite the return of these certified instruments.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Hagen,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau  
Chicago  
Cleveland  
St. Cincinnati (1-2, J. Connelley)

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May 11, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 6th concerning the functioning of our organization in connection with your charter of one of our planes from New York to New Orleans to St. Paul. I am glad that this trip was handled to your satisfaction as we have been anxious to cooperate with you in the splendid work that you are doing, and I hope that you will call on us any time in the future when we may be of service.

Sincerely yours,

*Jack Frye*  
Jack Frye,  
President

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-10-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-1 to 9-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R.H. Colvin jfm</b>
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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1236, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
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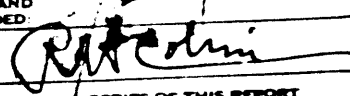
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**  
Kenneth Dow, with aliases and C.W. McCollum, with aliases, flew Waco plane, license NC 15246 from Spokane, Washington via Colorado Springs, La Junta and Pueblo, Colo., and Roswell, N.M., landing in Chihuahua City, Mexico, without credentials or money and using aliases enroute. Investigation conducted on theory they might have been conveying Alvin Karpis and associates or William Dainard out of the country. Investigation develops merely a matter of embezzlement of plane by McCollum; and that 4 strange men seen riding in plane at Pueblo, Colo., were residents of La Junta, Colo., former friends of McCollum who had resided at La Junta. While this matter under investigation, Karpis was captured, also Campbell and Dainard. No further leads El Paso district.

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**REFERENCE:** Teletypes from El Paso to Bureau, Denver, Portland, Chicago and Cleveland, May 1, 1936. Teletype from Portland to El Paso 5-2-36.

**DETAILS:** On May 1, 1936 the El Paso Bureau Office was advised by Sheriff Chris P. Fox, of El Paso, and by a representative of the El Paso Herald Post that the Mexican military authorities at Chihuahua, Mexico, were holding two Americans giving the names of Wellington Dawson and Marvin G. Bowers, who had landed there on April 30, 1936 in a new Waco plane bearing license NC 15246; that they had no money or identification, but claimed that they were proceeding from Ohio to San Francisco. It was first reported that one of the men had escaped.

Sheriff Fox, by telephonic investigation, had ascertained that this plane had first appeared at Pueblo, Colo., on April 29 with five men, one of whom gave the name W. Dow Washington, and the signature of the other on the hotel register

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7 1576 - 11487</div> <div style="text-align: right;">MAY 15 1936</div>
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was illegible; that they had proceeded thence to La Junta, Colo., and the party was ostensibly enroute to Roswell, N.M., at which point the plane arrived on April 29, 1936 with only two men, who registered at the hotel as Harry Douns and C.W. McCollum. The plane, upon arrival at Chihuahua, was reported to have displayed evidence of having landed in rough country, the pants to the wheels having been damaged.

In the meantime information had been received by Sheriff Fox and the newspapers that the above plane had been sold at Spokane, Wash., on April 25 to C.W. McCollum; and that Harry Douns (Kenneth Dow) was reported to be a mechanic and aircraft company representative.

Owing to the mystery connected with the flight of this plane, it was thought possible, in view of recent reports that subject Karpis and associates were frequently using planes, they might have been taking this means of making their escape from the United States, and it was deemed proper to institute investigation on that score. Consequently, teletype was sent to the Bureau, Denver, Chicago and Cleveland offices furnishing the gist of the above information. While this teletype was being transmitted, news flashes came in of the apprehension of Karpis in New Orleans. Therefore, an additional teletype was forwarded the Portland Office to investigate the departure of this plane from Spokane, on the theory that possibly William Dainard, of the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case, might have been connected therewith. It is noted also that the Mexican military authorities at Juarez, Chihuahua, had reported receipt of advices from Mexico City that the Sheriff at Portland, Ore., was enroute to Mexico to investigate this matter.

A teletype was received on May 2 from the Portland Office advising that Cecil W. McCollum had left Spokane, Washington, Monday, April 27, in the then described plane and accompanied by Kenneth Dow as pilot; that McCollum is a salesman, resident of Spokane, with a criminal record, presently badly wanted by the Sheriff's Office at Spokane for bad checks to the amount of ten or fifteen thousand dollars; and that Dow is a resident of Wenatchee, Washington, with a good reputation as a licensed pilot and not wanted; further that McCollum was not wanted by the Sheriff's office at Portland and report that the Sheriff from Portland was enroute to Mexico probably had its foundation in the fact that the Chief of Police was making a trip to Mexico City to attend the Peace Officers' Convention. The teletype added further that the Sheriff at Spokane had wired Mexican authorities for information as to the best procedure to extradite McCollum; and that any assistance the El Paso Office could render in the extradition matter would be greatly appreciated by the Spokane authorities. The description of McCollum furnished by the Portland Office in the above teletype was as follows:

Age	26	Height	5' 10"
Weight	157	Complexion	Medium
Hair	Black	Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium		

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Agent, accompanied by Sheriff Chris P. Fox, proceeded to Juarez, Mexico, where we conferred with General Juan Felipe Rico, Military Commander of the northern district of Chihuahua, with headquarters at Juarez, who assured us of his desire to cooperate to any extent in the matter. General Rico was requested to obtain photographs, fingerprints, and handwriting specimens of the men held at Chihuahua, which he immediately requested by telephone of the military authorities at Chihuahua City.

He made further inquiries as to what disposition was desired of the men in Mexico, whereupon he was informed that we would like to have them back at the border if such matter could be arranged. General Rico advised that while the matter would ordinarily be one for consideration of the Mexican Immigration authorities, he felt at liberty to assume that they were military prisoners, inasmuch as they could be held on suspicion of having imported the plane surreptitiously into Mexico for revolutionary purposes; and that if the military could retain control of them, he felt that he would be able to bring them to the border.

Meantime Sheriff Fox had received telegrams from the Sheriff at Spokane advising that he held felony warrants for McCollum for forgery and embezzlement of the instant plane and would extradite. We then contacted George P. Shaw, American Consul at Juarez, who conversed with Mr. L. B. Blohn, American Consul at Chihuahua City, who advised that the men were only in technical custody; and that they were apparently willing to return to the United States. General Rico was then again contacted and requested to have the persons delivered to Sheriff Fox at El Paso, Texas, with which request he promptly complied, and subjects were brought to the El Paso, Texas, office of Sheriff Fox on the morning of May 3, 1936, at which time McCollum was positively identified by fingerprints received from the Sheriff at Spokane, and was locked up in jail pending extradition from El Paso by the Sheriff at Spokane. Dow was released under parole to the Sheriff, having agreed to report to him if and when wanted, there apparently being no charges against Dow.

Agent interviewed Dow who stated that he had been a student aviator paying about \$25 per lesson; and that he had arrived at a point where in order to secure a commercial pilot's license, it was necessary for him to have more hours in the air, and being unable to afford any further paid instruction and having no plane of his own, he had come in contact with McCollum who had recently purchased the plane and who was not a very good flier; that McCollum wanted to take a trip and proposed to take Dow along as co-pilot, as the latter was a better navigator than McCollum. By this agreement, Dow was to receive only his expenses plus credit for hours flown. He stated that he was only too glad of this opportunity to secure the additional needed requirements towards securing a commercial pilot's license; and that when he started out with McCollum, the latter had not told him where they were going, nor did he inquire. He stated that they were supposed to have gone to Portland; but after taking off he was told to head for Salt Lake City, at which place they first landed, proceeding thence to Colorado Springs, where they gassed the plane and where McCollum phoned to certain relatives or friends at La Junta, Colo., where he had been reared, and they then proceeded to La Junta, where they were met by a large number of McCollum's former friends to whom they gave a number of short joy rides around the La Junta airport. Dow stated there were no facilities for gassing at the La Junta airport and McCollum had ordered him to take the plane to Pueblo and fill up with gas at the air field, and

had put four other men aboard, whom he supposed were friends of McCollum and whom he took with him to Pueblo and returned them to La Junta, McCollum having in the meantime remained at La Junta. Dow states that they then took off for Roswell, N. M., arriving there on the night of April 29 and remaining at the hotel; that they again gassed the ship and took off for an unknown destination, McCollum flying the plane at first and heading south and east. He afterwards, while in flight, turned the plane over to Dow, indicating that they were to proceed to Tucson, Arizona; that they encountered severe dust storms and rose to a great height endeavoring to get above the storms, but were unsuccessful and a cross wind probably drifted them to the east; at any rate, Dow, after some hours of flying and from observation of the terrain beneath was able to decide that they must be in Mexico.

Dow stated that at this point they were getting very low on gas and were flying over a practically uninhabited country, their exact whereabouts being entirely unknown. He advised McCollum of the status of conditions and the latter told him to keep on flying in the direction they were going. They finally hit a railroad and followed it to Chihuahua City, where they were able to land.

McCollum was questioned briefly concerning the matter and verified Dow's story, explaining that the persons who had gone from La Junta to Pueblo with Dow were some pickup passengers from the crowd which had come there to see him at La Junta; and that they had paid him \$5 each for the round trip La Junta to Pueblo. He was evasive as to the purpose of his trip, other than saying that he was just taking a trip and had expected to return to Spokane. He asserted positively, as did Dow, that no other persons than the ones above mentioned had been in the plane from the time of its departure from Spokane until its landing in Chihuahua. He was not questioned further at this time, as Mr. Rasmussen, who had sold the plane to McCollum, had arrived in an effort to recover his plane, on which it developed a wing had been broken after landing at Chihuahua when Kenneth Dow attempted to take the Mexican air commerce inspector up for a ride, at which time the brakes on the plane jammed and threw it over on one side.

No Federal violation in connection with the transportation of the plane having developed and apparently there being no connection of any Bureau fugitive with the flight of the plane from Spokane to Mexico, investigation on the part of the El Paso Office was discontinued.

In the meantime McCollum was held in the County Jail at El Paso for extradition to Spokane, after having failed in attempting to secure his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus.

It is noted that the Denver Office has submitted a report on this matter under the caption of "Interstate Transportation of a Stolen Aeroplane," when as a matter of fact the plane was not stolen, but was merely a matter of removing mortgaged property from the State of Washington.

As above noted, during the progress of this investigation, Karpis was captured at New Orleans and prior to dictation of this report Campbell and Dainard were captured. There remain no undeveloped leads in the El Paso territory with respect to



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Campbell or Karpis. Mail covers maintained on C.C. Campbell at Jal, N.M., and on C.G. Campbell at Midland, Texas, have been discontinued. The telephone cover on C.G. Campbell at Midland has also been discontinued and the matter is

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

326½ Post Office Building,

New Orleans, La.

May 4, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

I am transmitting herewith three copies of a short statement secured by Special Agents R. L. Tollett and Tom E. Neal at the New Orleans Bureau Office, on May 4, 1936, from Fred J. Hunter. This was a verbal statement which Hunter refused to sign but admitted that it was correct in substance. This statement was secured for the purpose of indicating association between Fred J. Hunter and Alvin Karpis. The statement indicates that Hunter had knowledge of the identity of Alvin Karpis, and can be used in the event it becomes necessary for hearing on the harboring complaint.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, at Cleveland, Ohio, by telephonic communication, advised the writer that should the United States Attorney agree, a harboring complaint should be filed secretly at New Orleans and the service of the warrant withheld pending further instructions.

Special Agent L. I. Bowman filed a secret harboring complaint before United States Commissioner Reginald Carter, Jr., at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 4, 1936, charging Fred J. Hunter with concealing and harboring Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, knowing that Karpis was under indictment in the Bremer kidnaping case. Bond was set at \$200,000.00. All papers were left in the New Orleans Bureau Office and will be returned to the United States Commissioner for service when same is desired.

Rene Viosca, United States Attorney at New Orleans, authorized this procedure and advised that Hunter could be held under secret complaint for several days. The warrant has not been served on Hunter at the present writing.

One copy of this transmittal letter and unsigned statement of Fred J. Hunter is being transmitted to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, Ohio, under personal and confidential cover.

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cc-

E. J. Connelley, Cleveland.

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Very truly yours,

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MAY 15 1936

D. W. Magee,

Special Agent in Charge

7-576-11488

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAY 15 1936 A.M.

LOW

NEW ORLEANS,  
May 4, 1936.

My name is Fred J. Hunter. I was born October 13, 1899.

From June to the early part of September 1935 Alvin Karpis and I were together at Hot Springs, Arkansas. We lived at a cabin on Lake Hamilton, which is located a few miles out of this town. I was using the name of Harold King while Karpis used the name of Ed. King.

During early September 1935 Karpis drove me over to Little Rock, Arkansas, where I caught a plane for Cleveland, Ohio, using the name of Harold King. I laid over in Cleveland for a few hours and caught a Pennsylvania train from there to New York City, where I stopped at some hotel in the vicinity of Times Square. After seeing the Baer-Louis prize fight I stayed around New York City three or four days before returning to Hot Springs. I traveled by plane from New York City to Cleveland and from there on by Greyhound Bus.

After my return to Hot Springs, Karpis and I stayed for several weeks at the cabin on Lake Hamilton.

About the middle of November 1935 I made a trip to San Antonio, Texas, in a privately owned airplane, which I engaged for the flight. After about one week spent in San Antonio, Texas, I went to Corpus Christi, Texas, where I stopped at the Princess Louise Hotel. This trip was made by bus. After spending about three weeks in Corpus Christi, Texas, I went to Galveston, Texas, where I stayed about a week, stopping at the Hawkins Tourist Camp. This trip was made in a 1935 Model Ford Coupe. I left Galveston, Texas, in the Ford Coupe and drove to New Orleans, Louisiana, stopping there for one night at the Arrow Tourist Camp. I stayed only one night in New Orleans and then proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where I stopped at the Mountain View Tourist Camp.

Alvin Karpis did not accompany me on this trip away from Hot Springs, and I did not see him when I returned to Hot Springs because he was out of the city.

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About the middle of December I drove to Frederick, Oklahoma, where I stayed for about a week, stopping at the Frederick Hotel, registering under the name of Harold King. I returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas a day or two before Christmas 1935. I stayed there a few days and then left for Corpus Christi, Texas, in my Ford Coupe, where I stopped at the Grande Court Tourist Camp. After spending about a week in Corpus Christi, Texas, I drove to New Orleans, Louisiana, and then on to Florida.

I spent two months or more traveling and fishing in Florida before returning to New Orleans by way of Jacksonville, Florida, and Biloxi, Mississippi. I stopped for several days at the Dixie Tourist Camp in New Orleans. Then I proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, going through Mississippi. Upon arrival in Hot Springs I stayed a night or so at the Mountain View Tourist Camp.

Alvin Karpis did not accompany me on my trip to Florida but I met him upon my return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, at which time he told me he had rented a house a few miles from Hot Springs, Arkansas, located on a high hill near Lake Catherine. I stayed with Alvin Karpis in this house for eight or ten days before I left for Rockport, Texas, where I stopped at a tourist camp. I stayed several days at this camp and Alvin Karpis was there also. He left his Buick Sedan at a garage in Corpus Christi, Texas, and accompanied me to Galveston, Texas, where we stopped at a tourist camp on the Beach. After spending a few days in Galveston, Texas, I drove to New Orleans, Louisiana, where I rented an apartment at 3343 Canal Street. Karpis rented another apartment in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Karpis was out of town some of the time before we both were arrested outside of my apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936.

When Alvin Karpis and I were together in Hot Springs, Arkansas, I was aware of his correct identity and knew that he was wanted for Kidnaping by the Federal Government.

At no time has Karpis ever gotten me to do any jobs with him, but I have often accommodated him by being his front man in renting apartments, buying necessities, and other contacts with the public.

Witnesses:

W. L. Latta  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sam E. Neal  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, New Orleans, Louisiana.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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May 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Turner of the United Press telephoned and desired to secure further details with regard to the apprehension of Harry Campbell at Toledo and was informed that in view of the fact that this was a matter being handled by the Director personally, no comment could be made.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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**IDENTIFICATION**  
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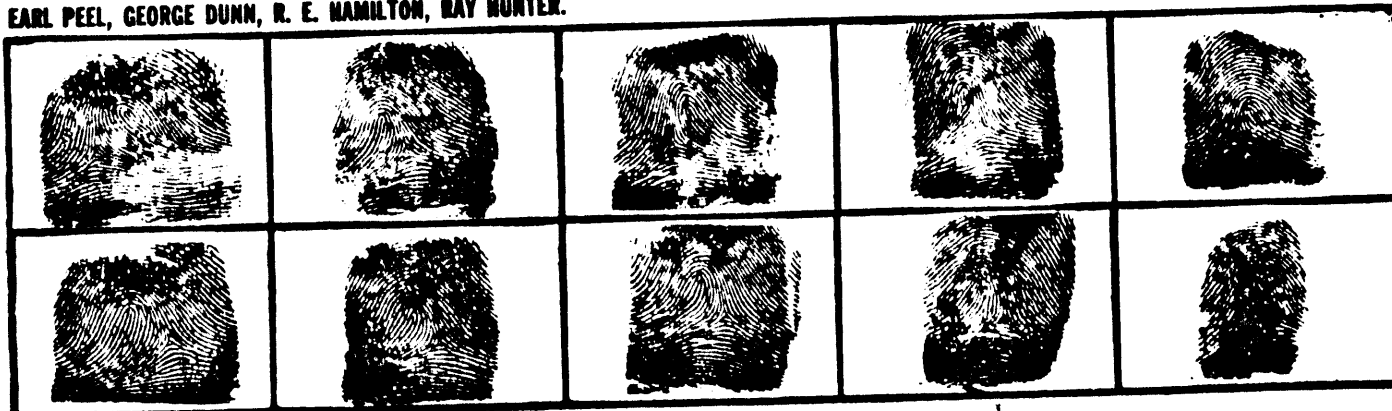
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**WANTED**

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

**KIDNAPING**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 26 years (1934); Height, 5 feet,  
8-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds;  
Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes,  
blue; Complexion, fair;  
Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle  
left index finger.

Photograph taken May 19, 1930.



**RELATIVES:**

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

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

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

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

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

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

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

Alvin Karpis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on  
January 17, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.  
If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or  
the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.  
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Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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April 25, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: ALVIN KARPIS

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

Reference is made to the Director's memorandum of April 23, 1936, to you, concerning an apparent gap in the criminal record of Alvin Karpis, as reflected on the Identification Order which has been prepared concerning this person, and particularly Mr. Suydam's desire to know how Karpis got out of the Kansas Penitentiary.

The Identification Order, a copy of which is attached hereto, reflects that as Alvin Karpis, No. 1539, he was received at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on May 19, 1930, having been transferred from the State Industrial Reformatory, to serve a sentence of from five to ten years. In this connection, it should be noted that on March 9, 1929, Karpis escaped from the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, where he was received on February 25, 1926, and was returned to that institution on March 25, 1930, to complete the sentence previously imposed. On May 31, 1931, Karpis was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary. Subsequent to this time, he was arrested by the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma, as is reflected on the Identification Order.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*

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PHONE. BREKID. CAMPBELL STILL REFUSES TO DISCUSS CASE.

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Mr. Nichols advises, after checking,  
that there are no Cripps-Howard papers in  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>May 11, 1936</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>May 4-9, 1936</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. J. Lackey</b>
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, 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; National Firearms Act
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Karpis' maroon Buick sedan motor 6-3052198, 1936 Arkansas license #5-732 located in private garage at 713 Water Street, Corpus Christi, Tex. Car processed for fingerprints with negative results. No firearms found although car contained 700 rounds 22 caliber ammunition and magazine for Colt 22 caliber automatic pistol. Connors Morris now with sister at San Antonio. P.  Reference: Telegram from SAC E. J. Connelley, dated Cleveland, Ohio, May 2, 1936, and report Special Agent J. C. White, San Antonio, Texas, May 5, 1936.			
DETAILS:  Upon receipt of reference telegram advising that Karpis' maroon Buick sedan was stored in a private garage at Corpus Christi, Texas, which garage was rented by Karpis from L. C. Gray, Telephone 800, Corpus Christi, on April 1, 1936, the writer and Special Agent J. M. McInerney proceeded to Corpus Christi and ascertained that Telephone 800 is that of B. W. Grant, proprietor of the Grant Gravel and Shell Co., and that L. C. Gray was operator of a Liquor Package House at 713 Water Street and lived at 1024 N. Mesquite Street, Corpus Christi.  Postmaster Gilbert McGleim stated that both of these men were believed reliable and so far as he knew had no criminal connection.  It was ascertained that B. W. Grant owned 55 individual garages in the rear of 713 Water Street, Corpus Christi, and that L. C. Gray handled the renting of these garages. L. C. Gray stated that he knew the occupants of all garages owned by Grant with the exception of garage #24 and that about a month of six weeks prior to May 4, 1936, a man about 30 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches tall, slender			
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build, dark hair and dark complexion came to his Liquor Store just about dark and wanted to rent a garage, stating that he wanted to leave his car there for six weeks or two months as he had a job at Port Isabel and would not need the car. Gray states that this man paid him \$10.00 for two months' rental and in addition paid him 35 cents for a Yale lock. Gray gave this man a penciled receipt for the money and states he has no recollection of making a duplicate receipt and that he gave the man a lock and that this was the only time that he ever saw this man and that he had never seen the car but noticed the next morning that the garage was closed and the lock was on the door. Gray did not know what kind of a car this was and reiterated that he had never seen the car nor had he seen the man since that time and that no one else had been there making inquiry concerning this car. He stated that he had given the only key to the Yale lock to this man and that he had no key. By looking through the cracks Agents ascertained that the car in garage #24 was a maroon colored Buick sedan and thereafter removed the lock with a cold chisel. This lock is a Yale Junior disk tumbler lock #603 and is now in possession of the San Antonio office. The doors of this car were not locked and the key to the ignition, doors, and dash compartment was found under the floor mat on the right hand side in the front part of the car. This key opens all locks on the car.

Examination of this car revealed the following identification numbers:

Motor # 6-3052198  
Serial #2895972  
1936 Arkansas license #5-732 (Rear only)  
Hot Springs, Ark. City License #1259 (Front only)  
Speedometer reading, 12326  
1936 Model Series #61  
Style #36-4619  
Body #3415  
Trim #247  
Paint Job #429  
Key #8110

Accessories:  
Buick heater  
Buick radio  
Wind-shield defroster

This car had five U.S. Royal tires size 7x15 all well worn. There were brownish gray seat covers on the rear cushion and back of rear seat. On the left lower corner of the wind-shield was a sticker indicating that this car had been greased and the oil changed at 2871 miles by the Reed Automobile Co. of Corpus Christi, Tex.

In the built-in trunk were a spare tire, a brown check blanket, and a Gillett razor blade. The dash-board compartment contained the following:

- 1 black eyeglass case bearing stamped impression "Harrington 4"
- 1 pair dark glasses with one lense missing

- 1 cartridge clip for Colt "ACE" 22 caliber long rifle automatic pistol
- 1 Buick owner's Manual
- 1 Buick owner's Identification Card (blank)
- 1 Buick owner's Service Policy (blank)
- 1 Printed card "Creason Buick Pontiac Co. 318 Market Str., Hot Springs, Ark. Phone 522," on the back of which was written in pencil "Buick 36-61, motor #63052198 H. O. Bell, 318 Market Street, Hot Springs, Ark."
- 1 Conoco Road Map of Arkansas (unmarked)

All of the above articles found in this compartment are at the San Antonio Bureau office.

On the back cushion of this car were found two boxes, one containing 500 rounds and the other 200 rounds of Winchester 22 caliber long rifle ammunition. There were also found approximately 500 standard short range targets for 22 caliber pistol.

The garage in which this car was located has corrugated iron walls and roof and a cement floor and is located approximately 100 feet from the water front. An examination of this garage was negative. The action of the salt air has already started the chromium hardware on this car to rust and the car is rusting round the door joints and other joints not thoroughly painted. This car was thoroughly processed for fingerprints with negative results, due to the action of the salt air over a period in excess of a month. The exterior of the car was very dusty and it appeared to have been in a hard rain just prior to being stored although there was no mud on it.

Upon completion of the examination of this car it was again placed in garage #24, the doors and ignition locked and a new Corbin lock was purchased and placed on the garage door. Both keys to this lock as well as the car key are in the San Antonio office.

Mr. D. W. Grant, who was extremely cooperative in this matter, but who was not told of the identity of the owner of this car, was furnished with a written notice that this car has been impounded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and no one was to be allowed to examine or remove the car without written instructions from this office. Mr. Grant was told that this was a stolen car and that the thief had been apprehended in Dallas and had told of its location. Both Mr. Gray and Mr. Grant were instructed to say nothing whatever to any one concerning this car and its examination by Agents was believed to have been unobserved by persons other than Mr. Gray and Mr. Grant. This car was stored in this garage at the expense of the owner and the Bureau assumed no responsibility for the storage.

The Wanted Notice placed on this car with the State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, has been withdrawn and it is suggested that all offices receiving copies of this report take similar action.

On May 6, 1936, Harry Phelps, who owns the premises at 318 South

Presa Street, San Antonio, which premises are occupied by Mrs. Dortha Kirkpatrick, advised that Ruth Hamm, Mrs. Kirkpatrick's sister, and the former associate of Fred Hunter, had come to the South Presa Street address about 11:30 A.M. on May 6, 1936, and apparently had intended to remain with Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Mr. Phelps was instructed to advise no other local enforcement agency or any other person of the whereabouts of Ruth Hamm and to immediately communicate with this office when she left San Antonio, which he stated he would do.

Neither Grant nor Gray could find any duplicate receipt or record of deposit or other entry to establish exact date this car was stored.

Pending.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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May 9, 1936.

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Time - 11:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Special Agent Dameron at the Little Rock Office and told him that upon the arrival of Mr. Connelley there at 11:15 today, Mr. Connelley should be instructed to immediately telephone you at the New Yorker Hotel in New York, Room 2816. I told him to further inform Mr. Connelley that Special Agent Sam McKee is now in Washington and is going to remain over until Monday for a conference with the Director.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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SCHWAB AT BOSTON PSYCHOPATHIC HAS NEW  
SURGICAL TECHNIQUE ON BRAIN PHOTOGRAPHY COBB AT MASS  
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL NOW REPEATING PAVLOV AND NEEDS  
HUMANS INSTEAD OF DOGS FOR A CHANGE  
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May 12, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al -  
Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of the following telegram from  
"Lloyd Kennedy", dated at the Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, May 2,  
1936:

"Suggest you contact Doctors Schwab and Cobb  
on Karpis. Schwab at Boston psychopathic  
has new surgical technique on brain  
photography. Cobb at Massachusetts General  
now repeating Pavlov and needs humans instead  
of dogs for a change".

There does not appear to be any record of a Lloyd Kennedy  
in the files of this Bureau and it is, therefore, suggested that  
you interview this person relative to the contents of his telegram.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/15/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/15/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - I. O. #1236; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b></p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:                      Subjects Karpis and Campbell taken into custody. No further investigation in this district.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:                      Report of Special Agent J. C. White, San Antonio, Texas, dated May 5, 1936.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:                      <u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Inasmuch as Subjects Karpis and Campbell were taken into custody, and since there is no further investigation to be conducted in the district covered by the Philadelphia Office, this case is being closed, subject to reopening in the event any further leads are received.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p>			
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DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. CAMPBELL CONTINUES TO DENY PARTICIPATION IN KIDNAP BUT

ADmits ASSOCIATION WITH <sup>Red</sup>BARKER BROTHERS, <sup>Alvin</sup>KARPIS AT CHICAGO, RENO AND ST PAUL

PRIOR TO KIDNAP AND ASSOCIATION WITH <sup>John</sup>WEAVER, <sup>Harold</sup>DAVIS, <sup>Robert</sup>SANTER, <sup>J. P.</sup>GIBSON, <sup>red</sup>MORAN

AND PRIOR NAMED SUBJECT AT TOLEDO AND CLEVELAND OHIO IN SPRING NINETEEN THIRTY

FOUR. DENIES KNOWING <sup>Harold</sup>BORTON, <sup>Alvin</sup>ALDERTEN, <sup>red</sup>ORRIS. ADMITS ASSOCIATION WITH COETZ

BUT DENIED KNOWING LATTER INTIMATELY AND LIKE STATEMENT AS TO <sup>red</sup>KIMEL FARMER.

CLAIMS ON STRIKETS BETWEEN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND HAMMOND, INDIANA ON DATE OF

KIDNAP, BELLE BORN HAS RETAINED ATTORNEY MCMKEKIN TO REPRESENT HER IN OBTAIN-

ING MONEY IN SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX NAUKEGON, ILLINOIS. MCMKEKIN STATING BELLE

HAS LEARNED MRS. VIOSKI NO LONGER HAS KEY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY PRIOR CON-

VERSATION WITH MR CONNELLEY USA SULLIVAN APPROVES AND IS ADVISING HARM LAWYER

LOCATION OF MONEY SO SAME MAY BE ATTACHED AS <sup>red</sup>FITZGERALD CHARGED WITH KIDNAP

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Edwin G. Bremer  
Harry Campbell  
Bryan Borden  
and others

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Mr. Edgar Hood  
Washington, D.C.

St. Louis, Pa.  
May 7, 1936.

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Gee! Man:

Do you know what to do in case you should see a steamboat approaching you across the prairie? That best to inquire since this is one of the essentials for a man of your vocation.

Yes, you caught Carpus, but had to surprise him while he was making love, when a fellow is completely off his guard; bet you couldn't catch me in my Whippet for it goes so fast I ride right over the sound of my horn, and when I want to blow it must slow down so to be sure it's making a noise.

Well, I'll put you wise on the steamboat not being sure you know; you would just halt the steamboat and advance the chamber maid with the countersign, like we used to do out in Montana.

No use you coming hereabouts, I'm the worst man here, but I'm too old now to be dangerous. Hold Carpus!

Gracefully yours,

Frank Criet.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1936.

Time - 3:40 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William E. Meade;  
Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Carson	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

I telephoned SAC Ladd at the Chicago Office to clear up some points in connection with his teletype to the Bureau indicating that an associate of William E. Meade by the name of Long had been picked up, inquiring of him as to who picked the man up, and where he is being held. Mr. Ladd said that he personally arrested Long, and placed him in the police lockup last night, returning him to the office this morning, where he now is.

Mr. Ladd stated that Long informs the only way in which he could contact Meade is through the hotel in San Antonio; that he understands, they have rented a store down there where they are going to put in some pictures of some kind, and use this place as a front to bring victims in for their confidence game. Mr. Ladd mentioned that in the file of the Bremer Case in that office, they find a copy of a letter from the Little Rock Office to the San Antonio Office furnishing practically this same information. He said that he is preparing a teletype at this time to the Bureau and to the San Antonio Office in which this and other information is being set forth.

I told Mr. Ladd that you desire to turn this man over to the appropriate State officials after we have gotten from him all of the information we can. I told Mr. Ladd to furnish the Bureau with the details surrounding the apprehension of this man, so that we might subsequently make a release here in Washington indicating that we are turning Long over to the State officials.

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Respectfully, 7-576-11498X

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Re: BREKID

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D M LADD  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID REFER BY TEL MARTIN WUNDERLICH REQUESTS ADVICE IF CHARLES LONG  
CAN BE HELD UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING NEXT IF NOT POSSIBLE WUNDERLICH  
WILL PROCEED CHICAGO TONIGHT ADVISE

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cc Bureau ✓

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*Edw. J. Bremer*

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MR. D. M. LADD  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RE: BREKID REFERENCE MR CONNELLEY'S TELETYPE MAY EIGHTH MARTIN  
WUNDERLICH ARRIVED DENVER TODAY IDENTIFIES PHOTOGRAPH OF CHARLES O.  
LONG HE IS UNDECIDED CONCERNING TESTIFYING AGAINST LONG IN STATE  
COURT WUNDERLICH LEAVING DENVER BY UNITED AIR LINES TOMORROW  
ARRIVING CHICAGO TUESDAY MORNING THREE AM AND WILL CONTACT YOU  
HE IS APPARENTLY ANXIOUS COLLECT SOME OF HIS LOSS BUT APPREHENSIVE  
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cc Chicago  
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*Edw. J. P. [unclear]*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1936.

TDQ:RCL

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. O'Rourke, city editor of the Cleveland News, telephoned and stated that the opposition paper was carrying a story to the effect that approximately 20 G-Men were now in Cleveland making further investigation with regard to individuals, particularly politicians, who might have aided, abetted, or harbored Harry Campbell and wanted to know if information could be furnished to his paper along these lines.

I informed Mr. O'Rourke that in the absence of the Director, no comment could be made.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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JEH:SCB

May 6, 1936.

Personal

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Connelley:

I am inclosing herewith a copy of a clipping which appeared in this morning's Washington Herald, in which I thought you would be interested. This, I believe, rather succinctly presents a true picture. I have ascertained that some of the members of the press had already had indications of this condition, and of course I think that the situation is one that is not only outrageous but practically criminal malfeasance upon the part of the Post Office Inspectors for having taken the actions which they did to thwart and block this case.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Inclosure.

(Article entitled "Widening Drive on Crime:  
Karpis Net Traps High Officials")

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**Widening Drive on Crime:**

# KARPIS NET TRAPS HIGH OFFICIALS

**Arrests of Police Near;  
G-Men to Round Up  
All Who Aided  
Fugitive**

Arrest of high police officials in two Middle Western cities in a sensational aftermath of the capture of Public Enemy Alvin Karpis is scheduled in the next few days, the Washington Herald has learned.

Karpis was seized in New Orleans last week by John Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a squad of agents.

## TWO TOOK MONEY

Since his arrest and return to St. Paul, Minn., where he is wanted in two kidnappings and several other major crimes, Karpis has made voluminous confessions, the Herald has learned, involving high law officers.

At least two men, it has been learned, are known to have sheltered Karpis and taken money from him when the gangster was being hunted over the nation as a murderer and kidnaper.

Following the same technique that has sent more than 20 persons to jail for harboring members of the John Dillinger mob, the G-men have begun a drive to round up every person who gave Karpis any aid, it is declared.

## HUNTER HELD AS AIDE

Fred Hunter, alleged mail robber captured with Karpis, already is charged with harboring the gang leader.

This move, the Herald learned, was made to keep Hunter under jurisdiction of the Department of Justice until he completes making statements that he began immediately after his arrest.

The Department of Justice, it is reported, has had to combat efforts of other governmental agencies seeking to get Hunter out of the hands of the G-men.

## INTERFERENCE CHARGED

While Karpis was being pursued through the Middle West, the Herald has learned, G-men were hampered by postal inspectors who, apparently jealous of Department of Justice success in pursuing gangsters, made repeated efforts to "muscle in" and seize Karpis first.

One man, it is alleged, made a public disclosure of a "plant" on a Karpis hideout in a Mid-Western resort town when he found that the G-men were about to make an arrest, with the result that the gangster escaped.

(Pictures on Back Page).

## Hoover Denies P. O. Tip On Karpis Hideaway

Reports from Cleveland that a post office inspector and the U. S. District Attorney there had told G-men where to find Alvin Karpis, notorious gang leader, were hotly denied last night by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Hoover said:

"There is not a scintilla of foundation to such a statement.

"The bureau received no information, nor was any cooperation extended by the Post Office inspectors, which led to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter."

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Director, Washington, D. C.  
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PHONE - BREKID 4 HUCK JAM INTERROGATED HUNTER NEGATIVE RESULTS HUNTER DENIES  
ACTUAL PARTICIPATION POSTAL ROBBERY BUT INTIMATED KNOWLEDGE NEARBY PARTICIPANTS  
REFUSES TO DISCLOSE ADVISES WILL NEVER TELL POSTAL INSPECTORS BECAUSE TREATMENT  
RELATIVES CHIC SITUATION QUIET HERE

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cc - Bureau  
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May 12, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

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In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished  
you on May 7, 1936, you are advised that the form letter  
to be addressed to all field offices concerning  
cancellations to be made in the latest issue of the  
Pocket Identification Order Booklet should be amended  
to include the following names:

WILLIAM MAHAN - No. 2

HARRY CAMPBELL - No. 4

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 12, 1936.

TO ALL FIELD OFFICES:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the mimeographed letter to all field offices dated at Cleveland, Ohio, May 6, 1936, notifying all offices to place MILTON LETT and/or SAM COKER under surveillance in the event these individuals were located.

Inasmuch as subject Harry Campbell and Sam Coker were apprehended at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936, it is now believed that should Milton Lett be located he should be immediately interrogated with reference to his associations with subject Campbell, particularly in the Cleveland district, securing from him all information possible which may be of value from the standpoint of preferring harboring charges against individuals with whom Harry Campbell was acquainted. Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and the Cleveland Bureau office should be immediately notified of his location.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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May 14, 1936

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1936.

Time - 11:21 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Charles Long;  
William E. Neade;  
Bremer Case.

I talked with SAC Ladd in the Chicago Office, and he said that they have now obtained from Charles Long all of the information which he will give us, and they are now ready to turn this man over to the local authorities. He said that he wanted to advise the Bureau of this so that any release we might desire to make could be made before the man is turned over to the local authorities.

I told Mr. Ladd that I did not know at this time what your desires were in this regard, but that if he did not hear from the Bureau by 2:30 this afternoon, the man should be turned over.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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DIRECTOR

SACS SAN ANTONIO AND LITTLE ROCK

PHONE BREKID. CHARLES LONG INFORMANT ADVISES RECEIVED TELEGRAM LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY FROM WILLIAM KIMER MEAD USING NAME OF HALL FROM SAN ANTONIO. INFORMANT STATES THAT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SAMMIE GATES HAD FIXED POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY AUTHORITIES SAN ANTONIO AND HAD ARRANGED ESTABLISHMENT OF PHONEY HORSE RACE OR BROKERAGE OFFICE IN VICINITY SAINT ANTHONY HOTEL FOR USE OF MEAD, GATES, AND UNKNOWN ASSOCIATES IN CONFIDENCE GAMES. LONG WOULD LOCATE MEAD BY GOING TO LOBBY OF SAINT ANTHONY HOTEL AND INQUIRING FOR SAMMIE GATES FROM OTHER CONFIDENCE MEN WHO WILL BE THERE. LONG SAYS MEAD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND WAS DRIVING A 1934 DARK COLORED FORD OR CHEVROLET SEDAN OR COACH AT WEST PALM BEACH FLORIDA IN JANUARY 1936. REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTERS FROM LITTLE ROCK OFFICE TO SAN ANTONIO OFFICE DATED MARCH 19, 1936 VERIFYING GATES AND MEAD HAVING BEEN IN SAN ANTONIO. LONG BEING HELD THIS OFFICE FOR QUESTIONING PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. SUGGEST LITTLE ROCK MAKE IMMEDIATE RECONTACT INFORMANT MENTIONED IN ABOVE LETTER. PHOTOGRAPHS MR. AND MRS. MEAD BEING FORWARDED AIRMAIL SAN ANTONIO.

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*Edw. J. Bremer*  
*Vol. 2, Sept. 1935*  
*San Antonio, Tex.*



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Cleveland, Ohio

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

May 10, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is personal and confidential memorandum prepared by Special Agents E. J. Wynn, C. E. Smith, and John L. Madala with reference to the police situation in connection with the BREKID investigation.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley

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Cleveland, Ohio,  
May 10, 1936.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

This memorandum is being submitted at this time representing the joint efforts of Special Agents John L. Madala, C. E. Smith, and E. J. Wynn, and concerns itself with the situation existing at Cleveland, Ohio, in September 1934, indicating connections between certain underworld individuals and the police department, which resulted apparently in members of the Barker-Karpis mob being tipped off to the fact that several women of the mob were under arrest by the Cleveland Police Department, which tip caused the remaining members of the mob to safely flee from the city.

The facts set out in this memorandum are based upon previous investigation and reference to specific reports will be made throughout.

The report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, on page twenty-nine, and his report dated April 9, 1935, page 16, indicate that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney under the name of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth, when first arriving in Cleveland, resided at 18109 Flamingo Street, the property apparently owned by William J. Mitchell Real Estate Organization. William J. Mitchell being the head of the same. They moved from this address to 3973 West 140th Street, renting the last mentioned property from the A. W. Hebebrand Organization, Inc., 971 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 6, 1934, as noted on page twenty-three of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 25, 1934. The report of Agent Hall dated at Detroit on pages sixteen and seventeen, sets forth that one Mrs. Peter Karcher, 1580 Larchmont Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was interested in renting the premises, but was told by a representative of the Hebebrand organization that the house was not for sale or rent. The fact that Karpis actually resided at this address,

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*Handwritten notes:*  
\*Barker-Karpis  
\*Tip off  
H. G. Milgreth  
Fred O'Hanlon

as indicated, is supported by the story of Mrs. O. W. Blackman, as related in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 20, 1935, and the above referred to reports of Special Agent D. E. Hall.

*Harry Sawyer*

In September, 1934, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, together with Harry and Gladys Sawyer, resided at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Reference to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 29, 1934, page thirty-nine, with reference to information regarding a rental receipt found in this house, indicates that the house was rented on August 16, 1934, in the name of John E. Matterson, said receipt having been signed by C. N. Mitchell (the son of William J. Mitchell). Various members of the Barker-Karpis mob were identified at this house by neighbors as set out in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall just referred to, and also as set out in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 20, 1935.

Subject Harry Campbell, in September, 1934, was residing at 7009 Franklin Street, Cleveland, Ohio, but the investigation established that neither the Hebebrand nor the Mitchell organization had control over this last mentioned property.

There appears to be a definite connection between William J. Mitchell, the head of the William J. Mitchell Realty Organization, and Art Hebebrand, the head of the A. W. Hebebrand Realty Organization, and for substantiation of this, reference should be made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated December 3, 1934, where it is noted on page seventeen, as related by Frank J. Noonan, a private detective of Cleveland, Ohio, concerning whom more will be said later in this memorandum, advised that he often frequented the Harvard Club, a famous gambling institution in Cleveland, and that it was his understanding that William F. Fergus, Arthur W. Hebebrand and W. J. Mitchell were actively interested in the operation of the club. Further reference to the report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss, Washington, D. C., dated December 12, 1935, reflects that W. J. Mitchell, Clarence Hebebrand, a brother of Art Hebebrand, and William F. Fergus, went abroad together in July, 1935. Investigation in this matter has developed that the aforementioned men went abroad for the purpose of placing slot machines in certain foreign countries in Europe, and it is definitely known that they visited Roumania, and Poland, as set out in the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 31, 1935.

C. N. Mitchell, who signed the rent receipt for the premises at 4419 West 171st Street, as related above, is known as Neil Mitchell. It is understood that he is presently serving a

six months' sentence at the Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, having been convicted by the United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, for perpetrating frauds in connection with securing home owners' loans.

Reference to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 6, 1936, page thirty, reflects that during an interview with Dolores Delaney she stated that while she and Alvin Karpis were residing on Flamingo Street, Cleveland, Ohio, Karpis on one occasion displayed to her a commission card bearing his photograph and which identified him as a private investigator for a detective agency, which sounded like it might have been the Noonan Detective Agency. She further stated that while they were residing at the above address, she purchased a vacuum cleaner and when it was delivered to her she gave the salesman four \$10 notes issued on the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California. She stated that this salesman apparently became suspicious because of the type of the notes, and subsequently made inquiry of Mr. Mitchell of the Mitchell Realty organization at Cleveland, concerning the identity of his tenants. She stated that this information was subsequently relayed to Alvin Karpis by Mr. Mitchell, and when the salesman returned to their home several days later Alvin Karpis exhibited to him the above described commission card and threatened to have the salesman put in jail if he continued to annoy them. As set out in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, pages twenty-one and twenty-two, Mr. Ralph W. Pierce was the salesman mentioned above and he related that he recalled the incident of visiting the address 13109 Flamingo Street, at which time the man of the house "flashed" on him detective credentials, although he could not recall the detective agency. It is to be noted that Mr. Pierce advised that he recognized the house as one over which the Mitchell Realty organization had the management and based upon his suspicions of the tenants he made inquiry of Neil Mitchell, whereupon Mr. Mitchell told Mr. Pierce that the people were alright and that they had been purchasing a lot of things. It should also be noted that Mr. Pierce identified a photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the likeness of the man who "flashed" the detective credentials on him.

The report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 1, 1935, page three, sets forth an interview by that Agent with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicating that [REDACTED] identified tentatively the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Harry Sawyer, Volney Davis, and William J. Harrison as persons who frequented the Harvard Club. The report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 6, 1936, reflects that in an interview with Dolores Delaney she advised that Alvin Karpis and she on several occasions frequented the Harvard Club to do some gambling, and that Karpis was well known

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[redacted] but she was unable to furnish any information with reference to the identity of any of these persons. When questioned as to the most likely places where Karpis and Campbell would attempt to find refuge should this become necessary, Dolores Delaney mentioned the Harvard Club, and also a small tavern, which she described in such a way as to indicate definitely that she referred to the Silver Grill, 28th and Detroit, Cleveland, Ohio, which place is undoubtedly owned by James "Shimmy" Patton, who is closely allied with Art Hebebrand in gambling activities, and which place is a favorite rendezvous for the gambling fraternity connected with the Harvard Club. It has been definitely established, as a result of telephone taps, which were maintained on the telephones of Art Hebebrand, and one of his chief lieutenants, James "Tip" O'Neil, an ex-convict with a long record, that various gamblers and hoodlums assembled at the Silver Grill late at night apparently to discuss their plans. Further indicating the presence of Karpis and others of the mob at the Harvard Club is the information set out in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 17, 1935, reflecting that Volney Davis in an interview with Agent Madala, stated that Alvin Karpis on one occasion informed him that he had been offered a proposition by certain gamblers in Cleveland, Ohio, whereby he could purchase an interest in an international slot machine enterprise for \$5,000; that this syndicate had been negotiating with several large gambling syndicates in Europe for the purpose of establishing slot machines in their respective countries. Alvin Karpis further advised Volney Davis that these men wanted him to travel to Europe and assist in the negotiations and in this connection, according to Volney Davis, he and Karpis discussed at great length the possibilities of the latter's getting out of the country, and Karpis seemed confident that he could do so without apprehension. Karpis further informed Volney Davis that he was enthusiastic about this proposition and that he wanted to buy an interest at that time, but that the syndicate would not accept ransom money, which at that time was all he could offer them. With further reference to this matter Karpis informed Volney Davis that as soon as he was successful in changing portions of the ransom money he would return to Cleveland and contact these people. Volney Davis went on to relate that he had particular reference to Art Hebebrand and James "Shimmy" Patton and continued that Karpis had implicit faith in both these individuals, inasmuch as they were the ones who tipped him off in regard to the contemplated raid on his place after Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were arrested in Cleveland. Volney Davis further stated to Agent Madala that it was his understanding that the premises occupied by Karpis and others in Cleveland were obtained through these individuals; that Art Hebebrand is supposed to have an interest in a large real estate concern in Cleveland, which bears his name.

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The above information furnished by Volney Davis with reference to the international slot machine venture is substantiated by the fact, as related above, that William Fergus, Clarence Hebebrand, and William J. Mitchell of Cleveland, Ohio, all close friends of Art Hebebrand and "Shimmy" Patton, Clarence being the brother of Art Hebebrand, did go to Europe and as set out in the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 31, 1935, wherein on page five, Mr. Carol Targacounn, in charge of the Consulate General of Roumania, room 1408, 1819 Broadway, New York City, was interviewed by Special Agent J. B. Dickerson and he stated that William F. Fergus, Clarence Hebebrand and another American, in company with three Roumanians, namely Nicolao Nestor, Joseph J. Vraniak, and Banatenau arrived in Bucharest, Roumania, and set into operation slot machines. However, the newspaper of Roumania created such a furor about children being allowed to play these machines, that the Roumanian authorities prohibited the further operation of the slot machines. He also indicated that at approximately the same time the Roumanian authorities prohibited the operation of slot machines, some Cleveland newspaper had an editorial to the effect that Roumania had given the United States some good citizens and it was a shame to give Roumania someone like Bill Fergus in exchange.

The report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 11, 1935, sets out information on page three, as secured from Byron Bolton by Special Agent John L. Madala, that the Cleveland contacts for the Barker-Karpis mob are individuals known to him only as Art and "Shimmy."

The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated April 22, 1936, page twenty-three, sets out information received by Special Agent E. J. Dowd from the post office inspectors working on the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, to the effect that John Brock, who is being held as a participant in that job by the post office inspectors, advised that "Shimmy" Patton and Art Hebebrand formerly financed various jobs for Karpis, and that at such times as Karpis visits Cleveland he contacts these two individuals, and further that Karpis arranges his Toledo contacts through an ex-prize fighter, who is employed at the Harvard Club. The ex-prize fighter is thought to be "Smoky" Sharkey/Gordon, who has been mentioned frequently in investigations conducted in the Cleveland district as a bodyguard for Art Hebebrand and a contact man for him.

The report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 3, 1935, page sixty-six reflects that undoubtedly Fred Barker using the name of T. C. Blackburn on November 28, 1934, wired a dozen roses from Ocala, Florida to "Art Hebebrandt and James Paxon, c/o Harvard Club, 539 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland." Undoubtedly the individuals to whom the flowers were

sent were Art Hebebrand and James Patton. The interview of Art Hebebrand by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, as set forth in the latter's letter to the Director, dated February 11, 1936, page two, second paragraph, relates that Art Hebebrand advised that he recalled receiving flowers from Ocala, Florida from a party by the name of Blackburn, but that he had no idea as to the identity of the sender.

The foregoing information, it is believed, establishes the fact that the various members of the Barker-Karpis mob were in association with Art Hebebrand and James "Shimmy" Patton of the Harvard Club.

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A telephone tap was maintained on the home telephone of Art Hebebrand at Cleveland, Ohio, from February 6, 1936 to February 29, 1936, inclusive. On January 11, 1936 the Harvard Club, operated by James "Shimmy" Patton was raided by the county prosecutor's office. However, as indicated in the telephone tap, Art Hebebrand and James "Shimmy" Patton almost immediately began figuring on opening a new spot. The Harvard Club was located in Newburg Heights, which is a separate city corporation from that of Cleveland, but is located immediately adjacent to the corporate limits of Cleveland. The log of the telephone tap maintained on the telephone of Art Hebebrand is being enclosed with this memorandum for the purpose of showing the procedure adopted by them in applying "the fix" on the officials of the village of Newburg Heights, Ohio, in order to open a new gambling spot in that corporation. Reference is made to the telephone call made by Art Hebebrand on February 14, 1936 at 5:20 P. M. to Michigan 5545, which is the village hall of Newburg Heights. It is indicated that he talked with a party by the name of Fred, who is believed to be Frank Ptak, the village marshal. It is noted that in the conversation Art Hebebrand advised the village marshal that he and Shimmy were going to open up their new gambling spot whether he liked it or not, and when the marshal advised Hebebrand that he would not permit the place to open, apparently because of some difference in the amount of the payoff, Hebebrand advised him that "Shimmy don't give a damn for you or anyone else. I know you are shaking him, but you or no other S of B can handle him. He doesn't care or isn't afraid of any S of B in the world."

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It is also noted in the log covering the telephone tap that after Art Hebebrand was brought to the Cleveland Bureau office to be interrogated by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley there was an incoming call at 11:20 P. M. on February 7, 1936, it appearing that the party calling was Art's mother and that she talked with Mrs. Art Hebebrand; that the latter was apprehensive and said, "No, mother, the police said the wires are tapped."

As set out in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 9-25-34, there was found at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, premises occupied by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney as Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hilgreth, after the place was abandoned by them and raided by the police, pay envelopes of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, having written on them the name of H. G. Milgreth, and there was also found on the premises at 4419 West 171st Street abandoned by Fred Barker a Bureau transcript of the criminal record of one Charles Carroll, which was secured from the Bureau through a deputy sheriff at the request of Mr. Frank J. Noonan.

Frank J. Noonan, as set out in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 2-13-36, on page 19, originally came from a very good family and inherited considerable money, but as a young man established himself as a play-boy around Cleveland, always surrounded by an air of mystery; as time went on he became closely allied with one Tommy McGinty, a powerful Cleveland politician, who is reputed to have set up Noonan in the private detective business; that McGinty was interested in various race tracks and gambling institutions in the city of Cleveland, and, as a result, Noonan secured the "in" so far as protecting such enterprises are concerned; that he spends most of his time around the Hollenden Hotel "chinning" with various racketeers and confidence men who are to be found loitering in the lobby. Some insight into his past may be gleaned from an anonymous letter which Mr. J. M. McGrath, operator of a large private detective agency in Cleveland, received from some unknown person connected with the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, said communication being dated May 10, 1930, and is quoted as follows:

"My dear Jim:

"I want to put you wise to what is happening about race tracks and why you cannot get the job. This fellow, Frank Noonan, who was a strike breaker, was run out of Cleveland many years ago for passing bum checks and double-crossing Pop Coach, his employer, and is now soliciting the race track work through the aid of Gideon Rabshaw - the biggest crook and dummy that was ever in the Police Department.

"Rabshaw is telling the race track people that if they do not employ Noonan, Sheriff Hanratty will not let them race. The reason of this is, that Rabshaw and Noonan and Joe Ball are going 50-50 on the profits. If the race tracks open, watch these fellows work together. When Rabshaw was in the police department and even now, as you know, he did not have a friend. When Frank Woods was a



member of the detective department, Rabshaw and Noonan tried to frame him but several of the other boys got wise to it and Frank Woods was so mad that he chased Noonan out of town and Noonan never returned until after Woods' death. He met him on Euclid Avenue and ran him to the Star Theatre, over the stage and out on Vincent Street.

"This Rabshaw has been double-crossing Hanratty ever since he has been in office and if they use the power of the Sheriff's office to get your work, I will furnish you the names of payoff guys who settled with Rabshaw on the slot machines and booze joints in the county. Nate Weinberger and Tony Fitzpatrick are some of the payoff guys.

"You can use this letter for whatever it is worth. Only last week Rabshaw and Noonan were at the Hollenden Hotel in a conference with Ed Stronge and his bunch making arrangements to protect Thistledown. If you want to know anything further about Rabshaw, ask Emmett Potts, Inspector Cody, Andy Hagen, or John Toner.

"Noonan and this fellow Biddlemeyer, who is now in a jam in the Fleming double-cross racket which Ray Miller, the County Prosecutor, is now checking up, blackmailed a lot of people when they worked together. This fellow, Noonan, recently double-crossed Sheriff Maloney out of Painesville. He was employed to investigate liquor cases and get his money and afterwards tipped the bootleggers off. Ask Maloney about this and he will tell you the facts. Now Noonan wants to work with Gideon and shake the bookmakers down. Now you know why you, the Burns', Jake Mintz, Folger, and McGrath, cannot get any of the detective and police work in the county. If I were you, I would make some copies of this letter and mail them to everybody concerned. Some day when you are down in the department, I will let you know who wrote this but under the conditions that are now existing in the police department, I will just have to remain, your friend.

I.Y.Z."

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Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan December 3, 1934, beginning on page fifteen sets forth various interviews had with Frank J. Noonan by Agents of the Bureau, in which interviews Noonan stated that he has since 1927 operated a private detective agency known as the Noonan Detective Agency located at 1900 Euclid Avenue; that during the summer months he furnishes watchmen and police to the race tracks and various enterprises of a similar nature in the city of Cleveland; that with reference to the pay envelopes of his agency found on the premises formerly occupied by subject Karpis at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, he recognized them as property of his agency, but was unable to account for their presence in the possession of Alvin Karpis; with reference to the criminal record of Charles Carroll, FBI jacket No. 30222, found on the premises abandoned by Fred Barker, Noonan could offer no explanation for the presence of the record there. However, he admitted securing this record through the Sheriff's office at Chardon, Ohio.

In this last mentioned report of Special Agent D. E. Hall Mr. Noonan has indicated on pages twenty-three and twenty-four, in conclusion that the pay envelopes of his agency were left by him in a hotel suite which he had at the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, and which he subsequently turned over to Art Hebebrand for the latter's use in having parties, and in view of this it is likely that the pay envelopes could have been secured by Hebebrand. As a matter of fact, Mr. Noonan definitely indicated that the pay envelopes reached Alvin Karpis through Art Hebebrand.

Noonan further related to Special Agent Peters that he learned that when the women were arrested by the Cleveland police a policewoman was locked up with them in an effort to ascertain the identity of the women and their connections in the city. Mr. Noonan also informed Special Agent Peters of the incident hereinafter set out in which one Mr. Allen called at the Cleveland Police Department reporting certain suspicious people later identified as Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, and came back several days later inquiring why nothing had been done about it. Mr. Noonan made the statement that the police department is divided between the administration and the anti-administration forces, that is, between the forces supporting Mayor Harry Davis and those opposed to him, and that in the future if it becomes necessary for the Bureau to request any assistance from the police department in matters concerning this case, it would be advisable for the Bureau to first ascertain whether or not the officers assisting are on one side or the other. Mr. Noonan intimated that the city, as well as the county, is filled with graft and corruption; that the administration knows that gambling, prostitution and the like are going on unmolested and that the supporters of the administration will not make any moves until the higher-ups in the administration's politics have been consulted.

To quote Mr. Noonan: "You have undoubtedly heard that Toledo invites this element. Hell, if you have the right connections in this town, Toledo doesn't run 1-2-3 with Cleveland".

By his own admissions Mr. Noonan advised that if anyone goes to the police department or the City Hall making inquiries about something in which he is interested he knows about it within ten minutes after the individual has left the building.

Mr. Noonan further stated that in connection with his private detective agency he furnishes detectives, guards and watchmen for various gambling establishments in the city of Cleveland and vicinity; that until about nine months ago he had been employed to furnish guards and detectives at the Harvard Club for the protection of guests and to prevent robberies of the club. He stated that while he did not know positively, he believes that the individuals who are actively interested in the Harvard Club are Billy Fergus, A. W. Hebebrand, William J. Mitchell and Shimmy Patton. He stated that Fergus, as a rule, acts as general manager of the club during the gambling hours and is usually assisted by Hebebrand and Mitchell. He further stated that during the summer of 1934 Fergus and Mitchell went to Roumania where they attempted to establish slot machines in the country but were forced out by the Roumanian government. With reference to Hebebrand and Mitchell, Noonan advised that these two individuals work closely together in the real estate business; that prior to the depression Hebebrand controlled a number of unimproved lots in Cleveland and Mitchell was a contractor. Noonan further stated that at the time of the interview with Agent Peters the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury was making an extensive investigation into the operations of the various gambling places in the county; that the operators of the Harvard Club believed themselves so firmly entrenched that they will not have to move.

The report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated 9-25-34, at Detroit, Michigan, reflects information with reference to the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Mrs. Harry Sawyer and Paula Harmon at Cleveland, Ohio on September 5, 1934. The report indicates that on the afternoon of September 6, 1934, Captain Frank Story of the Detective Bureau of the Cleveland Police Department, communicated with Special Agent W. E. Peters, advising him of the arrest of the women who were then known as Ethel Matterson, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Wolcott. Captain Story advised Agent Peters that the women were arrested at 5:30 p.m., September 5, 1934, at the Cleveland Hotel when they were engaged in a drunken brawl.

Agent Peters immediately interviewed Captain Story, at which time he related that on the morning of September 5, 1934, an unknown man came to the Detective headquarters, stating that he wanted to see

a picture of Baby Face Nelson, indicating that he knew the latter's whereabouts, but when taken to the Detective Bureau was unable to identify Baby Face Nelson's photograph as the man to whom he referred, but requested that he be shown photographs of other gangsters, whereupon he was informed that a complete file was not available, at which time the man stated that he was positive that the criminal he referred to was wanted and was living at 4419 West 172nd Street in Cleveland. The complainant was dismissed from Detective headquarters without the formality of even securing his name and address.

Captain Story at that time further told Agent Peters that one of the women arrested after being turned over to the Detective Bureau for questioning gave an address similar to the address furnished by the unknown complainant earlier in the day, and a check was then made by the Detective Bureau, who found that the 172nd Street address had been given to a cruising squad, who reported that there were no houses located in the 4400 block on West 172nd Street. Later on it dawned upon Detective headquarters that there was a possibility that the complainant, whose name and address they had not bothered to secure, might have been referring to 4419 West 171st Street instead of 172nd Street; that as a result about 4 a.m. on the morning of September 6, 1934, a squad car raided 4419 West 171st Street and found it deserted.

Captain Story further advised, as set out on page nineteen of the report that on the night of September 5, 1934, a raid was staged by the police on the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, but no one was there, the house having been deserted by the occupants.

Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, 12-3-34, page fourteen, reflects that Captain Frank W. Story of the Detective Bureau, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, confidentially advised Special Agent D. E. Hall that on the late evening of September 5th or the early morning of September 6th, 1934, after Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette had been arrested by the police department, a telephone call was made from police headquarters by an unknown person, whom he strongly suspected as being an officer of the department, to the Harvard Club to get in touch with the subjects in this case, and that the person who answered at the Harvard Club, unknown to Captain Story, tipped off the subjects that the women had been arrested. He further advised that the unknown officer had telephoned to another officer of the police department, who was not at headquarters at that time, and asked him what he could do for the women, but on the following day before the officer had done anything he called the officer and told him to lay off, as he did not know the connections of the women at the time of the first call.

Captain Story was interviewed again on this matter, as set out in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 2-13-36, wherein it is noted on page eighteen that he furnished the information to Special Agents C. E. Smith and E. J. Wynn that he had learned that the police officer who made the telephone call is now deceased and stated that, in his opinion, the call was an anonymous one, inasmuch as the officer was of the opinion that the women were associated with some gambler employed at the Harvard Club. He further advised that he had received information indicating that Captain Potts, the Captain of Detectives, also called the Harvard Club with reference to the arrest of the women but that he, Story, could not learn definitely the circumstances under which Potts called or just what he said during the conversation.

It is to be observed that the statements made by Captain Story are in conformity with the statements of Volney Davis, as set out hereinbefore to the effect that it was his understanding that Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton tipped off Karpis and others of the mob to the effect that the three women had been arrested by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department.

In connection with the alleged tip-off, Special Agent C. E. Smith on May 9th, 1936, was advised by Lieutenant Charles Vyne of the East Cleveland Police Department that during a conversation he had with Captain Fred W. Clarke of the Shaker Heights Police Department, Captain Clarke had remarked that he heard the pay-off for the tip-off was a diamond bracelet. On the following day Captain Clarke was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland and Special Agent C. E. Smith and requested to furnish agents with any information he had relative to the warning allegedly given by a Cleveland police officer to Karpis and Barker in the fall of 1934. Captain Clarke stated that he was unable to advise who the individual was who received the diamond bracelet as a reward for the tip-off but did state that Captain Frank Story, now Deputy Inspector of the Cleveland Police Department, knew the whole story and suggested that he be contacted.

It may be that the diamond bracelet referred to in the preceding paragraph was, in fact, a diamond bar pin, which is mentioned in a letter from the St. Paul office to the Cleveland office, dated September 4, 1935, said letter advising that Mrs. Harry Sawyer thru her attorneys at St. Paul complained that Bureau agents had taken from the house at West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, one bar pin set with three diamonds and two sapphires together with one throw made up of two silver foxes, matched furs, valued at \$850.00. It is to be recalled that the West 171st Street premises had been occupied some time by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department before Bureau agents inventoried the premises and also that the matter with reference to the alleged disappearance of the property was investigated in so far as Bureau agents were concerned.

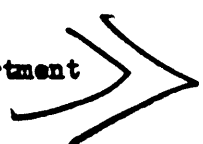
Helen Ferguson, who for a considerable period of time was a confidential informant for the Bureau, furnished information with reference to a police tip-off, as set forth in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 9-25-34, pages eight and nine. It is related there that Helen Ferguson on September 7th, 1934, was visiting the Casino Club at Toledo, Ohio, where she met Ted Angus and that Ted Angus was called out of the Casino Club, where he talked to some man, and upon Angus' return to the Casino Club told her that he had just talked to a man who came in from Cleveland and that the unknown individual told him that the gang, not stating which particular members, had left Cleveland that afternoon for Chicago, Illinois, and further related that some of the women had been arrested at Cleveland and that as soon as the police learned their identities someone from the police department went to one of the addresses which had been given by these women and warned the men to get out of town and that the gang abandoned the house about five or ten minutes prior to the arrival of squad cars.

With reference to what took place on the night of September 5, 1934, as related by Dolores Delaney to Special Agent John L. Madala, which information is contained in this agent's report dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, it should be noted that according to Dolores Delaney she and Alvin Karpis went to bed at about nine o'clock that evening; that at about 11:00 p.m. while she and Alvin Karpis were in bed, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker and Doc Barker came to their house and that Alvin went to the door to let them in and at this time Fred Barker told Karpis that Wynona Burdette, Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Dolores Delaney had been arrested. Alvin Karpis remarked that Dolores Delaney was with him, whereupon Fred Barker then told him that Wynona, Gladys and Paula were arrested at the Cleveland Hotel for causing some sort of a disturbance. Dolores Delaney went on to relate that Alvin Karpis then told her to get dressed and to go into the living room and maintain a look-out. Thereafter Harry Campbell and Doc Barker laid down to get some sleep, while Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis talked privately, none of which conversation she had been able to hear. Dolores Delaney further stated that about an hour or so Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker went out and returned forty-five minutes later, stating that there were cops and squad cars all around Fred Barker's residence. She stated that at about 4:30 a.m. she observed two police squad cars driving slowly about the house, and it appeared to her that they were watching the place.

She stated that she immediately called Alvin Karpis' attention to this, whereupon he instructed her to start packing the things that they would absolutely need and to forget about the rest; that fifteen minutes later Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Harry Campbell and she departed in three automobiles and proceeded directly to Toledo, Ohio. From the above it appears that if any tip-off was made as to the arrest of the three women in question, the same was made to either Fred Barker or Harry Campbell.

As previously set out in this memorandum, a citizen on September 5, 1934, advised the Cleveland police with reference to the presence of a person whom he believed to be a gangster at 4419 West 172nd Street, and at the time of the complainant's call he requested to see a photograph of Baby Face Nelson, which he could not associate with the gangster, but did request photographs of other outstanding gangsters, stating that he was certain that he had seen his picture some place previously, but was advised that that was impossible and was dismissed.

As set out in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, 9-25-34, this citizen was subsequently identified as being Mr. A. L. Allen, of 10615 Florian Avenue, and he identified the photographs of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, who formerly occupied an apartment in the apartment building in which he lived. It is stated that he became suspicious of them and that after they moved he learned from the laundry man that they had moved to West 172nd Street; that apparently he misunderstood the laundry man and he probably told Allen West 171st Street.

As set out above, it is to be noted that the police department made no record whatsoever of this complaint. 

There is in the Cleveland file a memorandum submitted by Special Agent W. E. Paters dated September 30, 1934, reflecting the experience of a Mr. A. Guttentag with the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department on the occasion of his furnishing information to the Cleveland Police Department concerning the presence of Doc Barker at a gambling joint in Cleveland, Ohio. Pertinent information contained in this memorandum is as follows:

On the morning of September 29, 1934, confidential informant, Mr. A. Guttentag, American Building Repair Company, 523 Union Bank Building, appeared at the Cleveland office stating that he had been at the office several times on the afternoon of Thursday, September 27, but had been unable to find anyone in attendance.

In connection with the information about to be set forth as having been secured from this informant, it should be stated that at the time of her arrest at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 5, 1934, Paula Harmon, as Ethel Matterson, stated that her husband Earl J. Matterson was employed as a dealer in a gambling joint located at 722 East Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This spot is operating under the police protection of the city and is well known to Inspector Sweeney, Inspector Sweeney being in charge of gambling, rackets and the like. When this statement was made by her, Inspector Sweeney got in touch with the operator of this spot, had him in for interrogation at which time he denied having anyone in his employ by the name of Earl Matterson.

When Paula Harmon returned from her sojourn in Chicago, I asked her why she happened to state that her husband worked at 722 Superior Avenue and she stated that she had no particular reason for making the statement other than that she knew that this place was frequented by the boys and because it was the first place she could think of.

Now for the story of the informant. He stated that he was in the place at 722 Superior Avenue on the afternoon of September 3, 1934, placing a few bets on the horses. While awaiting the results of the races, he noticed one of the men at the black-jack table losing very heavily. He also noticed that this man was not gambling with anything other than \$100 bills, and, as fast as he would lose the bills in front of him, he would reach into his wallet and bring forth another supply of \$100 bills. So fast was this individual losing his money that the informant recalls mentioning to a bystander that "even if he could manufacture \$100 bills, he wouldn't like to lose them that fast."

On the following day, September 4, 1934, informant again saw this individual walking down Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. He stated that he looked to be a polished gentleman, wore very good clothes, and informant believed him to be someone connected with a race track or other similar gambling racket.

The three women were arrested September 5, 1934, and on September 7, 1934, there appeared in the Cleveland News photographs of Doc Barker, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Upon seeing these photographs, informant immediately identified the photograph of Doc Barker as that of the individual he had seen losing so heavily. He went to the Cleveland police with this information but was advised that they didn't want to be bothered with it. He was "pushed around" from one police officer to another until he finally adopted a "to hell with it" attitude and left the police station.

On the afternoon of September 27, 1934, he was again in the 722 Superior Avenue address at which time he again saw this individual identified as Doc Barker at the black-jack table, but this time instead of playing \$100 bills he was playing twenty-five cent pieces. Standing immediately behind Doc Barker was a man identified by informant as Fred Barker. Informant stated that, aside from the fact that both men are dark complexioned, they do not appear to be brothers. He stated that Fred looks younger, shorter and slightly heavier than does Doc. They remained at the gambling table throughout the afternoon during which time informant left the building several times and tried to reach Agent, without success. On the night of September 27, 1934,



the Cleveland News carried a photograph of Paula Harmon and a story to the effect that sixty-four Federal Agents had been thrown into Cleveland as information had been received that the Barker-Karpis gang were still in the city. Informant did not see the man in the joint on Friday, the 28th.

With reference to this spot, it is known as The Business Men's Whist Club, and is located on the second floor of a three story building, the first floor being vacant, and the third floor being occupied by the Argonne Athletic Club. Informant supplied Agent with two cards, either one of which will be a sufficient passport to gain admittance. He will also secure for me some old record slips of bets so that anyone going in can establish with these slips the fact that he is an old customer. Informant stated that he has been present when police raided the joint and that on these occasions a telephone call is generally received about an hour in advance and the proprietors then place all of the money in a safe place and continue operations on a small scale. It seems that when this procedure has not been followed in the past, the police confiscate all of the money which is lost track of between the joint and the police station, and the proprietors have become slightly angry at the treatment received from the police. Upon the arrival of the police at the joint, it generally takes about half an hour before the police and the proprietors can decide whose turn it is to take the ride to the station and remain in custody until bond can be arranged.

Informant also stated that upon reaching the second floor of the building there is a landing and, by turning to the right on this landing, one arrives at a large unusually heavy door. Upon rapping at this door, an iron grating is removed, and the man on the other side of the door examines the credentials of the visitor. If he is satisfied, he admits the visitor to a vestibule, but the visitor is not yet in the sanctum sanctorum. The doorkeeper wraps on the inner door and another iron grating is then removed and the visitor must display his credentials to the inner doorkeeper. If he is satisfied, the visitor is then admitted to the inner of inners. Once inside the second door there is a large board covering almost the entire opposite wall upon which are written the entries and results for that day. While awaiting the results of the races, there are two black-jack tables at which one may while away the idle moments. These tables are of the half-moon design, the center of the table being removed, and the dealer stands in the center of the removed portion so that he will be in closer contact with the players. Informant states that Doc Barker has a fondness for the seat either at the extreme right or the extreme left of the dealer.

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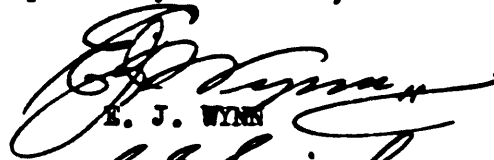
Recent newspaper clippings have been furnished the Bureau which reflect criticisms and exceptions to the statements of Director Hoover by Lieutenant Bernard Wolf of the Cleveland Police Department.

With reference to Lieutenant Wolf, your attention is respectfully called to the case entitled, MORRIS BLOOM; Impersonation, origin - Cleveland, Ohio. This report reflects that one Oliver Felt, a former employee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, complained that Morris Bloom, an attorney with offices in the Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, represented himself as federal district attorney, further stating that he had been arrested by Wolf, who was then a sergeant of the Cleveland Police Department and while he was being questioned by Sergeant Wolf, Bloom had made his appearance. However, there was nothing to show that Wolf informed Felt that Bloom was not a federal district attorney. The file further reflects that Mr. C. W. Scranton, also a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, alleges that on 5-14-35 he was arrested by Detective Sergeant Wolf, no charge being placed against him, but while confined in the city jail at Cleveland, Ohio, Sergeant Wolf told him that a man from the office of the federal attorney general wanted to speak to him. Sergeant Wolf took Mr. Scranton to Morris Bloom, at which time Bloom is alleged to have represented that he was from the office of the federal attorney general. The file further reflects that Mr. Francis B. H. Meade of 1748 North Walshtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was also arrested at the same time that Scranton was, and he stated that he did not believe that subject Bloom was a member of the Attorney General's office as Bloom and Sergeant Wolf had represented Bloom to be.

However, Meade stated that he did not furnish any information on the basis of such representation, which he would not have furnished had Bloom not made such representation. Felt at the present time has instituted a civil suit against Lieutenant Wolf and Mr. A. F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, for damages in connection with the arrest, which he considers illegal and in connection with his discharge by Mr. Whitney as an employee of the Brotherhood. The facts in this case were presented to the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, on January 31st, 1936, for his opinion, and on February 3, 1935, Assistant U. S. Attorney Frank Wiedemann recommended that no further investigation be made either with a view to instituting prosecutive proceedings or disbarment proceedings against the alleged offender, Morris Bloom, for the reason that "the federal statute pertaining to the impersonation of a federal officer provides that it shall be a violation of the statute to impersonate a federal officer and obtain anything of value. In this case it is doubtful if the information Bloom obtained could be considered a thing of value; that he does not believe that a successful prosecution could be had on the testimony of the prosecuting witnesses.

In conclusion, it should be noted that Grace Goldstein and informant Clayton Hall confidentially advised Agent Madala that Karpis informed them that he had a connection in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, whereby he is informed of all activities concerning himself. Both of these individuals are unable to state whether the so-called "connection" was within the Cleveland Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

  
E. J. WYNN

  
C. E. SMITH

  
J. L. MADALA

Special Agents

cc: E. J. Connelley

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2/6/36 10:00 p.m. Someone trying to get the number from outside.  
Incoming call Does not answer after ringing for sometime. EJDowl

11/40 p.m. Man calling in from outside. Rough voice --  
Incoming call Woman answers; [REDACTED]

2/9/36 10:00 a.m. Man calling in from outside -- woman answers.  
Incoming call [REDACTED]

11:05 a.m. Mrs. Hebebrand calls  
Outgoing [REDACTED]

11:57 a.m. Woman called Clearwater 2030 - no answer.  
Outgoing EJDowl

12:01 pm Mrs. Hebebrand [REDACTED]  
Outgoing [REDACTED]

12:20 pm A man called and asked for Art --  
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May 12, 1936

Mr. L. E. Pierce,  
Vice President and General Manager,  
Cleveland Hotel,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I have just returned to Washington after several days' absence and I wanted you to know how much I appreciated the courtesies which you extended to me and the members of my party during our brief stay at the Cleveland Hotel on the morning of May 7th, when we were there in connection with the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

The uniform helpfulness rendered and the courtesies extended to me and the members of my party by the employees of your organization were deeply appreciated.

I trust that if you are ever in Washington, you will call to see me so that I may at least endeavor to reciprocate your kindnesses.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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PHONE BREKID. HUNTER INTERROGATED BY BUCHANAN DENIES PARTICIPATION  
POSTAL CASES OR ACQUAINTANCE WITH SAM COKER ADMITTED HE HAD HEARD OF  
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ONE LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW ORLEANS TRIBUNE ENDEAVORED PRESENT  
LETTERS FROM MOTHER CONNIE MORRIS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE HER LOCATION. PRESSING  
ENDEAVOR HER LOCATION WILL AVOID COMMENT SUGGEST REITERATION HER BUREAU RELEASE.

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Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

#2 May 7 1936.

Time 1:52 P.M.

Name Lyle Wilson of the United Press

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Referred to

Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
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Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
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Mr. Nease

Details:

Stated that he understood that Mr. Hoover was holding a press conference at 2:30 P.M. today. Upon instructions from Mr. Quinn, I told Mr. Wilson that Mr. Hoover was not holding a regular press conference, but was merely going to give out some sidelights on Campbell incident. Mr. Wilson stated that he would be here. rlm

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 12, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

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Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*  
F. J. Blake,

Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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General Bureau of Investigation.

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1936.

Time - 9:43 A.M.

MEMORANDUM

Re: <sup>0</sup>Bremer Case.

(A. J. J.)

SAC Magee of the New Orleans Office telephoned me and said the proposed raid down there did not take place as anticipated for the reason that they were not sure Alvin Karpis was in there; that they knew Fred Hunter and Connie Morris are in the place, but it is not definitely known if Karpis is in there; that they did not want to flush the place without his being in there. Mr. Magee said Mr. Connelley had discussed the matter with the Director, and it was decided that the negro caretaker would be picked up and questioned as to just what the situation was in the setup there. I mentioned to Mr. Magee in this regard that the possibility exists of the people getting suspicious if this caretaker suddenly drops out of sight, and Mr. Magee said he would mention this point to Mr. Connelley.

Mr. Magee said the Director is at this time occupying Room 924 at the Roosevelt Hotel, having arrived around 11:30 last night, and that Mr. Glavin is occupying Room 930.

E. A. TAMM.

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Time - 10:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harry Campbell.

Relative to the difficulty we are having with Harry Campbell out in St. Paul, and his not living up to his promises made to you, I telephoned SAC Stein at the St. Paul Office and told him what your desires are in connection with their relations with this man. I have stressed that he should be informed we have lived up to our side of the deal, and if he doesn't care to live up to his, we have no time to spend on him; that we will just pick his wife up and prosecute her for harboring and put her in jail for a long period of time; that we will file a detainer against Sam Coker at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and keep him in there for 50 years if we want to. I told Mr. Stein it is believed the wife angle of this matter is the best point upon which to work with this man, since we understand he is quite in love with her.

Mr. Stein understands fully what you desire done in this regard, and said after they have talked with Campbell some more, they will advise the Bureau by telephone what his attitude is.

While talking on the subject of Harry Campbell, Mr. Stein said the papers out there are hounding him for photographs of Campbell. I discussed this with Mr. Quinn and he said you instructed no photographs were to be given out in St. Paul, but that a complete set should be sent to the Bureau. Mr. Stein was so advised.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

May 5, 1936

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This letter and the attached memorandum prepared by the various personnel assigned to this case are submitted for the purpose of covering the activity of the post office inspectors assigned to the investigation of the Garrettsville train robbery on November 7th, 1935, in which were involved Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, John Brock, Fred Hunter and another party identified only as Sam. This is intended to cover the activities of the post office inspectors in their search for Campbell and Karpis and the details of their activity, wherein they have failed to cooperate and have by reason of their activities interfered seriously with the earlier apprehension of these two subjects.

Post Office Inspector Wallace Briggs, Cincinnati, Ohio, covers the states of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. They have assigned to the investigation of the above-mentioned train robbery Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, located at Cleveland, Ohio, and there have been numerous other inspectors assigned to work under his supervision, as well as the supervision of Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs. These inspectors in their investigation have also extended their inquiry into the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Kansas. Apparently by reason of the fact that they had no one sufficiently experienced or substantial to handle the situation should they come upon Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell they have been carrying around with them over the country one Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Police, who has participated in investigations over the country with them, and apparently they have not been very careful to distinguish as between themselves: that is, that Joe Anderson is not a government officer. This latter party, of course, has no jurisdiction outside of the state of Kansas.

The following information will supplement that contained in the attached memorandum and will cover also certain additional information as to occurrences in other districts.

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With reference to the possible apprehension by the post office inspectors of Milton Lett and the raid upon the home of his mother at Wann, Oklahoma, if these parties had cooperated with us and advised us that they wished this party located, I am satisfied that we could have got to him and had him appear for questioning. However, after they had caused him to take flight, he has never been apprehended since that time, although apparently they have sufficient information to involve him as a subject in the train robbery.

They endeavored at all times, up until the time we had definitely identified these parties ourselves in the train robbery, to confuse the situation by not disclosing that they had definite and conclusive identifications as to Karpis and Campbell as participants in the Garrettsville mail train robbery.

*Ohio*  
As will be noted, John Brock was apprehended by these parties and held for a long period of time, without process, incommunicado, at Youngstown, Ohio, in the office of the United States Marshal, apparently an arrangement being made whereby they employed guards to maintain custody of this party in the manner indicated, and, as I understand, one of these guards was the son of the Deputy United States Marshal at Youngstown, Ohio.

It is noted that Post Office Inspector Claggett indicated that they had furnished us with all the information given by John Brock, which would assist in the apprehension of Campbell and Karpis. However, they have given us practically nothing as to what he furnished them, and what they have given us has been the result of an inquiry as to what we ourselves already had, after which they would furnish us with the details. We have obtained considerable details of what this party furnished by reason of the fact that there is a somewhat disgruntled situation existing among the post office inspectors themselves, whereby certain of these furnish information in conversation with the agents as to what they are doing, and much of this was inadvertently disclosed, I believe, to us and, undoubtedly, contrary to the wishes of Messrs. Briggs and Hettrick. Neither of these two individuals when they had an opportunity to discuss this case with either Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland or me offered any such information to us.

There has been some indication that the reason they did not want us to talk to John Brock was that he had furnished information about Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis being responsible for the mail robbery at Warren April 19, 1935, one other subject being involved with them.

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In this connection two individuals: namely, George Sargent and Tony Labrizetta, have on two occasions been convicted in trial at Cleveland, Ohio, for this robbery and are presently under sentence of twenty-five years, each, for such mail robbery. It is to be noted that Karpis, since his apprehension, has also indicated that these two individuals are innocent of this particular charge.

There is no question but what the post office inspectors immediately upon identifying Karpis and Campbell as subjects in their case availed themselves of the information as to any and all mail covers placed by us in Oklahoma and Ohio, which furnished them with considerable information as to the contacts of Karpis and Campbell, thus being able to obtain this information without submitting anything to us or discussing the situation with us. In fact, one post office inspector has indicated that in a conference when he called attention to the fact that he believed the search for these two individuals should be turned over to the Bureau, the offer was coldly received, and that the matter of what mail covers we had placed was discussed at this time, this inspector being Mr. Casey from Toledo, Ohio, whose confidential advice as herein indicated to us should be carefully protected.

With reference to the attached memorandum and the incident of the possible publicity occurring, referred to on page ten, as of April 30th, Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland immediately upon learning this called United States Attorney Freed, advising that if any such contemplated action occurred it would seriously interfere with the investigation being made by us. Mr. Freed advised he would do nothing to cause such interference. However, it is to be noted that in connection with the publication by the U. S. Attorney or the post office inspectors of certain details of the statement as furnished by Brock, they referred to what could be readily identified as the Rochet farm and the home of [redacted] and, undoubtedly, eliminated the possibility of Harry Campbell making contact, particularly at the farm of Rochet, which was still a definite possibility, if these disclosures had not occurred. b7c

In connection with the plant maintained at the home of [redacted] at Youngstown, Ohio, the inspectors assigned to this plant indicated by their actions that they were thoroughly unfamiliar with firearms; that they were inexperienced and untrained in this line of work and that whenever anything occurred, they either became excited or frightened, and indicated by their handling of their weapons that they were not familiar with the use of same. Also, these men indiscreetly discussed in the presence of the wife of [redacted] the situation as to what they would do as to killing Karpis and others, should they appear; however, I doubt very much if they would



have been at the place for any length of time after they appeared. This, of course, tended to frighten [REDACTED] b7c

As will be noted from the information contained in the attached memorandum and that set out above, since it was determined there was a connection between our investigation and that of the post office inspectors with regard to the Garrettsville train robbery, upon my instructions the agents of the Cleveland office maintained close contact with the post office inspectors for any developments in this investigation with the result that they did not at any time offer to furnish us with any detailed information as to what they had and very zealously guarded anything they possibly had in the way of information which would have any possibilities in the future. Further, it is my opinion they deliberately deceived us in not definitely advising as to the positive identifications of Campbell and Karpis, which undoubtedly they had very early in their investigation. As to this same situation, we furnished them with pictures of various parties they were interested in and offered them any and all possible cooperation, which, however, was impossible by reason of their reluctance to discuss definitely the possibilities they had. These parties themselves never did approach us over a period of several months as to this case, although they knew that we had been investigating the Bremer kidnaping, in which Karpis and Campbell were involved, for a considerable period of time prior to their inquiry and would, undoubtedly, have considerable details and information as to how and where they might possibly be apprehended.

The first contact of these individuals with us as to this was after they had apprehended our informant, [REDACTED] who was on his way to the Cleveland office at the time they picked him up. As will be noted, he identified himself and advised them where he was going, and notwithstanding this they picked him up and did not advise us of the situation. They took him to the Youngstown Police Department, where he was placed in a show-up on two or three occasions, realizing fully that this undoubtedly would vitiate the possibility of him being of any use to us in the future.

When we started an inquiry as to what had become of this man and started covering the activities around the [REDACTED] home they realized that it would be necessary to get in touch with us, and when agents contacted them they finally admitted they had [REDACTED] in custody. However, they did not offer to allow us to see him. Neither did they advise us where they had him held. This was upon the specific instructions of Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs and his assistant, Hettrick. This is the occasion when they communicated with the Post Office Department in Washington and had them communicate with the Department of Justice.

They also communicated with the office here in Cleveland and requested an interview with me, I being in the vicinity of Toledo at the time, and a conference was arranged for the following morning, which was had at the Bureau office at Cleveland, Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs and Inspector Hettrick being in conference together with S. A. C. MacFarland and the writer.

These individuals then advised us that they wished to cooperate fully with us and immediately started into a discussion which had for its purpose nothing more than eliciting information from us rather than advising us of what they were doing or what they were trying to do. b7c

Undoubtedly, previous to this time, informant [redacted] had informed the post office inspectors he would discuss nothing unless we were present, and this motivated their action in coming to us, in part at least. In the discussion we had with them they volunteered information only after they verified that we knew the same partially. In one particular instance I recall they indicated they had located the pilot or air plane which had been used in taking these subjects out of Ohio to Arkansas after the robbery on November 27, 1935, and made a roundabout statement that this place and pilot were possibly within twenty-five or fifty miles of Sandusky, Ohio. They would not disclose this until we definitely disclosed that we knew the place was Port Clinton, Ohio. The balance of the conversation was carried on with this same general idea being pursued by them, and the net results of what we obtained from them as to their activities in this particular conference are more fully set out in my report of April 11th, 1936 in the Brekid matter, but was of a very limited nature.

As a result of the above conference, after a lengthy interview on Saturday night, March 28, 1936, [redacted] furnished to Inspector Briggs, Hettrick, Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Police, whom the post office inspectors insisted upon having present at this confidential interview with this informant, Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer information as to the location of the hideout of Karpis and Hunter seven miles southeast of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and thereafter Inspectors Hettrick, Cordrey, State Police Officer Anderson, Agent Smith and I proceeded at 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning, March 29th by plane to Little Rock, Arkansas. The details of the raid conducted as to this hideout are covered in my report of April 11, 1936 and of possible interest to the situation reflected above it is noted that we arrived in Little Rock, Arkansas sometime Sunday afternoon; that Windt Smith of the Kansas State Police, a superior to Joe Anderson, was present in Hot Springs, Arkansas Sunday before we arrived in the state of Arkansas. In conducting the above-mentioned raid, the fact that Karpis was sought was not disclosed. However, the press dispatches carried a statement of Windt Smith, head of the Kansas State Police, to the effect that he and his men had participated in this raid and that the man sought was Alvin Karpis. This resulted in unfavorable publicity and undoubtedly interfered with the subsequent search for Alvin Karpis.

Subsequent to the above raid in the first part of April with the full knowledge of the post office inspectors, both at Cleveland, Ohio and Hot Springs, Arkansas, [redacted] was taken to Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the possibility of making a confidential contact with Grace Goldstein, the girl friend of Karpis. Thereafter with the knowledge of and in cooperation with the post office inspectors we located at Paris, Texas the two brothers of Grace Goldstein, the Ford automobile which was placed there by Karpis for a getaway, the black Great Dane dog of Grace Goldstein, and we established the only possible plant which could be made upon this place without frightening anybody away who might come there, and on April 23, 1936 at Texarkana upon my instructions Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley held a conference with Post Office Inspector Cordrey, Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Police and Special Agent Frank Smith. At this time it was explained to Inspector Cordrey the entire setup at Paris, Texas and vicinity, and the above intimate information was furnished to him in order that they might have this information and also in order to have them avoid making any open inquiry in that vicinity, which open inquiry would have been fatal to any possible success of future investigations, and at this time inasmuch as Cordrey was working in Hot Springs under the direct instructions of Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs and his assistant, Hettrick, he was requested by Special Agent in Charge Brantley to defer any direct investigation at Hot Springs, particularly as to the house of prostitution conducted by Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel, and he was requested not to contact any of the girls in this house or others in the absence of Grace Goldstein, and he was advised that to do so would seriously interfere with the investigation being conducted by us. b7c

Notwithstanding this definite understanding and agreement with Cordrey, he upon returning to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on April 24th, proceeded to advise "Dutch" Akers, the Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, whose background he is thoroughly familiar with, of the full details of the setup at Paris, Texas, and thereafter, together with "Dutch" Akers proceeded to the house of prostitution at the Hatterie Hotel and made a search of the place and also vigorously interviewed all of the girl inmates, including the one who is in charge, threatening them with arrest, and endeavoring to get out of them the location of Grace Goldstein or information as to when she would return. After having thoroughly and definitely interfered with our working arrangement as to this situation through [redacted] he then proceeded to his headquarters in Ohio. The above information was furnished to us by "Dutch" Akers, who although participating with them in this, indicated that he did not approve of the activity carried on by the post office inspectors.

This Inspector Charles Cordrey is also directly responsible for much of the activity carried on in Oklahoma, referred to previously above and in the attached memorandum.

It is my opinion that this inspector should be definitely charged with this breach of cooperation and actual interference with our inquiry, and inasmuch as he, undoubtedly, did same with the complete knowledge of his two superiors, Hettrick and Briggs, they should be held accountable for same until they have satisfactorily explained that they were not responsible.

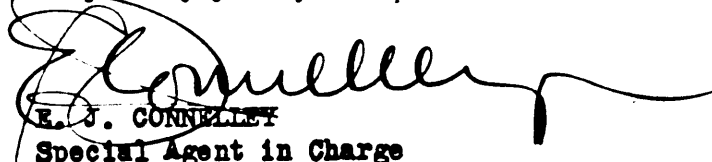
Subsequent to the above Dutch Akers advised Grace Goldstein that we had her family located at Paris, Texas, giving her all details as to the automobile, the dog, et cetera, which, however, cannot be disclosed by reason of the fact that we obtained this information from our confidential informant, [REDACTED] who contacted Grace Goldstein. 17c

Aker's objective was, undoubtedly, to prevent, if possible, our apprehending these parties through this plant and further enhance the possibility of he, himself, obtaining information as to their location and collecting the reward.

In view of the inexperience demonstrated by the post office personnel in the handling of firearms at the plant maintained at the home [REDACTED], above referred to, it is my recommendation that if it is necessary for Bureau agents to again cooperate in a joint plant of this kind, provided no experienced personnel is available, we should not associate ourselves with them in such a project.

It is my further recommendation that by reason of the activities of Post Office Inspector Charles Cordrey no Bureau agents be assigned to work with him on any matter in the future. It is my understanding that he is possibly under charges of this kind within his own organization for some indiscretion in connection with his investigative activity. However, I have no actual proof of this.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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enc.

Cleveland, Ohio,  
May 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

Pursuant to your instructions to the effect that a memorandum be prepared dealing with the activities of post office inspectors in their investigation of the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, in so far as they failed to cooperate and their endeavors conflicted with our investigations seeking the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, fugitives in the BREKID case, the following is submitted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn in collaboration with Special Agents E. J. Dowd, T. M. Birch and John L. Madala.

The Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery occurred on November 7, 1935. The first contact had with post office inspectors is set out in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated November 27, 1935, indicating a list of witnesses which was secured. The next contact is set out in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935, particularly pages nine to twelve, inclusive, reflecting that Special Agent T. M. Birch, on December 12, 1935, while on surveillance work in the Registry Section at the Cleveland, Ohio post office, in connection with registered letters which had been mailed by some unknown person to Maggie Lett at Warrn, Oklahoma, and which surveillance was first effected on November 27, 1935, as set out in the above-referred to report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, and continued to January 20, 1936, as set out in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, contacted Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick at Cleveland, Ohio, it being recalled by Special Agent T. M. Birch that Jack Hanley, superintendent of the Registry Section, arranged the meeting with Mr. Hettrick.

As set out in the above-referred to report, Mr. Hettrick at that time advised Special Agent Birch with reference to one Thomas J. Shaw, who had been arrested at Akron, Ohio as having been the person whom

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post office inspectors identified as purchasing the Plymouth four door sedan, which was used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery and during this interview Mr. Hettrick expressed the opinion that the post office inspectors were of the opinion that the Garrettsville job had been pulled, among others, by subjects Karpis and Campbell, but, however, they had effected no positive identification. Post office inspector Casey, who was present, displayed to Special Agent Birch a photograph of Alvin Karpis, among others, and also a photograph of Sam Coker, Tulsa Police Department No. 8009, and at that time Post Office Inspector Casey advised that one of the witnesses had identified Coker as a participant, but that was the only identification they had obtained, and in this regard stated that they had no other positive identifications inasmuch as the witnesses were too frightened to make any identifications.

The Cleveland office by circular letter to all field offices dated December 12, 1935, furnished the field offices with a complete description of the 1935 Plymouth four door sedan, which the post office inspectors had identified as having been used in the Garrettsville job, and which was purchased, according to them, by one Thomas J. Shaw (who was subsequently identified as Milton Lett) and this letter requested all field office to place appropriate wanted notices with the respective state auto bureaus. Based upon information which post office inspectors had furnished to Special Agent Birch to the effect that they had no identifications of Karpis and Campbell, this circular letter contained the following phraseology:

"The post office inspectors working on this case are satisfied in their own minds that subjects Karpis and Campbell are involved in the holdup, however, they have not been able to secure positive identifications."

More in the spirit of cooperation than anything else the Cleveland office, by letter to the Bureau dated January 4, 1936, requested the Bureau to furnish the Cleveland office with the complete criminal record of the person known as Thomas J. Shaw, who had been identified by post office inspectors as being the individual who purchased the Plymouth car used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, and in the same letter requested the Bureau to place an appropriate wanted notice against this individual's fingerprints. The above referred to letter contains the following phraseology:

"Inasmuch as the post office inspectors are actively engaged in the investigation of the Garrettsville, Ohio robbery, it is not the purpose of this office to carry on any investigation in connection therewith as will tend to conflict with any of the activities of the post office inspectors. However, it is deemed advisable at this time to request the Bureau to place an appropriate notation against the fingerprints of Carl Baker, alias Thomas J. Shaw, in order that the Cleveland office of this Bureau may be notified in the event he is apprehended at any time in the future, as this information may serve to develop leads in connection with the investigation seeking the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell and may also serve to gain further entry into the confidence of the post office inspectors."

The Bureau letter dated January 13, 1936 (7-576) in answer to the inquiry made by the Cleveland office in letter referred to in the preceding paragraph, advised that Thomas J. Shaw referred to above was identical with Milton Lett, and the transcript of the latter's criminal record, as furnished by the Bureau, indicated that the complete record in the case of this individual had been disclosed while extending the Bureau's files. Immediately upon receipt of this criminal record, inasmuch as the post office inspectors had previously advised that the Akron Police Department had been notified by the Bureau that Thomas J. Shaw had no previous criminal record, Special Agent E. J. Dowd, on January 17, 1936, upon instructions from Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, personally delivered to Post Office Inspector Hettrick a transcript of the criminal record of Milton Lett, who was known to the post office inspectors as Thomas J. Shaw. Reference to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, January 20, 1936, beginning on page thirteen, reflects information to the effect that the Akron Police Department also advised the post office inspectors of the identification of Thomas J. Shaw as being identical with Milton Lett.

As indicated hereinbefore the post office inspectors at this particular time were cognizant of the fact that Agents of this Bureau were maintaining a surveillance in the registry section of the Cleveland post office with reference to registered letters having been mailed at that office to Maggie Lett of Wann, Oklahoma, inasmuch as the arrangements for this surveillance had been perfected through the post office inspectors, and as previously indicated this surveillance was in effect from November 27, 1935 until January 20, 1936. Despite the fact apparently that Post Office Inspector Hettrick knew of this situation, and knew that the Bureau was interested in Maggie Lett of Wann, Oklahoma, the post office inspectors, without taking the matter up with the Cleveland office, and apparently without contacting any Agents of the Oklahoma City office, proceeded immediately to Wann, Oklahoma, where, as set out in the report

of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City office, dated January 30, 1936, they took their problem up with the Kansas State Highway Patrol and deputy sheriffs, and as a result conducted a raid on the premises of Mrs. Maggie Lett, the mother of Milton Lett, and this was done in spite of the fact that they had good reason to believe that the Bureau was interested in Milton Lett and Mrs. Maggie Lett.

Reference to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, January 7, 1936, page eight, reflects an interview with Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick by Special Agent E. J. Dowd, at which time, as set out in the report, Special Agent Dowd advised Inspector Hettrick that it was not the intention of the Bureau to interfere in any way with investigations being conducted by the post office inspectors with regard to the Garrettsville mail train robbery.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 13, 1936, on page thirteen, sets out an interview had with Inspector S. J. Hettrick by Special Agent E. J. Dowd, where for the first time the post office inspectors advised Agents of the Bureau of their action in Kansas and Oklahoma seeking the whereabouts of Milton Lett, and at that time Mr. Hettrick advised that four post office inspectors were endeavoring to secure a line on Lett. At this time Mr. Hettrick also advised that the post office inspectors were seeking the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell in a diligent manner, although he in no way indicated that he had received any positive identification that they were involved in the Garrettsville robbery.

It appearing, however, that the post office inspectors were conducting diligent investigation seeking the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell it was deemed advisable by the Cleveland office to interview the witnesses to the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, whose names were previously secured, as indicated in this memorandum, by Special Agent C. E. Smith from post office inspectors. As set out in the report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney dated at Cleveland, Ohio, March 10, 1936, covering investigation from January 30, 1936 to March 3, 1936, several witnesses to the Garrettsville mail train robbery did identify photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell as having been participants in that job. Page twenty-two of that report reflects interview with Mrs. W. L. Scott of Garrettsville, one of the principal witnesses, who positively identified Alvin Karpis as the person who was in charge of the robbery. Page twenty-three reflects an interview with Earl N. Davis of Garrettsville, Ohio, a witness, who immediately identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the leader of the gang. Mr. Davis in this interview indicated to Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney that he had seen all the pictures exhibited to him by Special Agent O'Mahoney on previous occasions. Page twenty-four of the aforementioned report reflects interview with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brockett, reflecting that they identified the photograph of Alvin



Karpis as being a participant in the mail train holdup and further that Mrs. Brockett identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as a participant.

As reflected by the various reports emanating from the Cleveland office, the post office inspectors, particularly through Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, expressed the opinion that they were willing to cooperate with the Bureau in this matter. However, it is to be noted, as set out above, that at no time during this period did they positively state that they had secured identification of Karpis and Campbell as having been participants in the mail train robbery.

Reference is made to the teletype message from the Cleveland office to the Bureau, dated February 26, 1936, containing information to the effect that Burrhead Keady was apparently in custody of post office inspectors at Cleveland. The post office inspectors despite the fact that they on that date furnished information to the press that Burrhead Keady was in custody did not communicate with the Cleveland office in this regard. In this connection reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland office to the Oklahoma City office, dated February 27, 1936, containing information to the effect that Special Agent E. J. Dowd on February 24, 1936, had an interview with Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick ascertaining that prior to February 17, 1936, he had spent ten days in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas, in connection with the investigation in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and at that time complained that the activities of Bureau Agents had caused Milton Lett to flee from that vicinity, in spite of the fact, as previously indicated, the post office inspectors conducted a raid on the house. During this interview although Burrhead Keady was in custody, Mr. Hettrick advised Special Agent Dowd that Keady had not been picked up by or for the post office inspectors, and that his present whereabouts was unknown to him.

The letter from the Oklahoma City office to the Director, dated March 25, 1936, serves to point out in some degree the attitude of the post office inspectors toward the Bureau, this letter containing information to the effect that a confidential informant of the Oklahoma City office was invited to a conference in a Tulsa, Oklahoma hotel where the confidential informant met Post Office Inspectors Haynes and Hill, Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, and Post Office Inspectors Claggett and Cordrey of the Cleveland district. In the informant's presence, apparently without any degree of propriety, these individuals expressed their antagonism toward the Bureau, undoubtedly motivated by jealousy because of the credit, which has accrued to the Bureau as a result of the apprehension of notorious criminals, the confidential informant advising that this situation tended to irk and annoy the post office inspectors considerably.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated April 22, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, contains information with reference to Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney and E. J. Wynn approaching [redacted] of Youngstown, Ohio, with reference to becoming a confidential informant, said report reflecting that at the time he was contacted on March 25, 1936, he admitted knowing Fred Hunter and identified a photograph of Karpis as a person known to him as Ray Miller. The report further reflects that [redacted] agreed to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office on the following day and for this purpose was given five dollars and furnished with the name and address of the Cleveland Bureau office, which was written on a piece of paper, together with the name of Special Agent E. J. Wynn. b7c

In the afore-mentioned report information concerning this contact and [redacted] subsequent pick-up by the post office inspectors, Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and local state highway patrolmen, is covered from pages 3 to 7. Special Agent E. J. Dowd in the memo, which appears in the report on page 5, recites his contact with Post Office Inspector in Charge W. R. Briggs, at Youngstown, Ohio, March 26, 1936, at which time Agent Dowd inquired of Mr. Briggs as to the whereabouts of [redacted] and Mr. Briggs stated that he was not under arrest but, "we have him in tow and at the proper time will produce him". This report reflects that the post office inspectors subsequently contacted Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and arranged to permit Mr. Connelley to interrogate [redacted] but, however, before any information was furnished to this office at all that they had him in custody, they had extensively interrogated him, and it was only upon his insistence that the Department of Justice representative be present that the Cleveland Bureau office was notified.

On page 9 of the afore-mentioned report it is indicated that Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agent E. J. Wynn on April 10th, 1936, had a conference with Post Office Inspector Hettrick, at which time he advised that on March 25th he did not have [redacted] under surveillance and found that at the time [redacted] was picked up on March 26, 1936, by the post office inspectors and state highway patrolmen there was found on the person of [redacted] a slip of paper showing the name and address of the Cleveland Bureau Office and the name of Special Agent E. J. Wynn together with a five-dollar bill and that at the time of [redacted] arrest he [redacted] was on his way to the Cleveland Bureau office. However, as indicated in the report, the post office inspectors did not notify the Cleveland Bureau office of this matter until some time later, and the post office inspectors in an interview on April 10th stated that immediately upon picking up [redacted] they realized that there was a conflict of endeavors with this Bureau.

As reflected in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, April 22, 1936, John Brock was apprehended by the post office inspectors in Oklahoma and brought to the state of Ohio, where he was held incommunicado. Details with reference to his apprehension and his trip to Ohio are contained in a memorandum which appears in the afore-mentioned report, beginning on page 19, the said memorandum having been submitted by Special Agent E. J. Dowd, and further reference concerning John Brock appears in a report submitted by Special Agent E. J. Dowd dated at Cleveland, Ohio, April 27, 1936, reflecting that Brock was being held in the marshal's office of the Post Office at Youngstown, Ohio.

On April 2nd, 1936, Agent T. M. Birch was advised by Post Office Inspector in Charge Wallace R. Briggs that he, Mr. Briggs, would allow Agent Birch to interview John Brock, then being held by the post office inspectors on the third floor of the Post Office Building at Youngstown, Ohio, this interview being held in the presence of a post office inspector. Mr. Briggs was informed that Agent Birch would communicate with the Cleveland Bureau office as to the desirability of an interview with Brock. Agent Birch communicated with Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, who advised that he would confer with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley relative to this interview. Subsequently, Special Agent in Charge MacFarland advised Special Agent Birch that in view of the fact that Mr. Briggs had stated that he would allow Agent Birch to interview Brock, Mr. Connelley desired that this interview be held in an effort to obtain additional information from Brock relative to the location of subjects Karpis and Campbell.

On April 3rd, 1936, while Special Agents Dowd and Madala were returning Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rocket to Warren, Ohio, Agent Madala, who had previously received authorization from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to interview John Brock at his place of detention discussed this matter with Postal Inspector Claggett, who accompanied the party to Warren. At this time Agent Madala asked Mr. Claggett from whom he, Madala, should receive authority to interview John Brock. It might be stated that Special Agent in Charge MacFarland had previously advised Agent Madala that Agent Birch had discussed with Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs the possibilities of interviewing John Brock and getting from him information which might lead to the location of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. When Agent Madala put the question to Postal Inspector Claggett concerning the authority to interview John Brock he stated that this would be impossible inasmuch as Postal Inspector Briggs had specifically instructed him that no one outside of the Post Office Department was to talk with Brock. He explained that his department had made certain definite promises to John Brock and that any interview with him by a representative of a department other than the Post Office Department might result in serious consequences in connection with

their case; that Brock had agreed to testify against the other persons who participated in the Garrettsville train robbery and that any possible indiscretion on the part of a Bureau representative during the questioning of Brock might result in his refusal to testify. At this time Agent Madala explained to Mr. Claggett that every precaution would be exercised not to interfere with their investigation in connection with the Garrettsville train robbery and that the only information the Bureau desired was that which might lead to the location of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. In response Inspector Claggett advised Agent Madala that the Post Office Department had already furnished to our Bureau all information which they received from Brock which might lead to the location of Karpis and that it would be useless to talk with Brock any further in this regard.

He further stated that Brock had definitely stated to them he would under no circumstances talk with any person other than connected with the Post Office Department and that in view of this he felt that if they requested him to talk with an agent of this Bureau, it might disrupt their plans. In view of the statements made by Post Office Inspector Claggett, no further efforts were made to secure authority to interview John Brock.

On April 4, 1936, Special Agent T. M. Birch conferred with Inspector H. W. Tavenor relative to the statement of Briggs that he would allow an agent of this Bureau to interview John Brock and to the subsequent one on the part of Inspector Claggett refusing to permit an agent, John Madala, to interview John Brock. Inspector Tavenor advised that he had nothing to do with this matter and called Inspector in Charge Briggs on the long distance telephone, Briggs being in his office in Cincinnati. Briggs advised Tavenor that in view of the fact that Claggett probably had a more definite line on Brock's attitude he would be governed by Claggett's recommendation in the matter and that in view of Claggett's statement to Madala that he, Madala, not interview Brock, he would at this time decline to allow an agent of the Bureau to interview Brock.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated April 22, 1936, where on page 69 Special Agent E. J. Dowd sets out that he received information from Post Office Inspector Casey that the primary reason for the refusal of the post office inspectors in permitting John Brock to be interviewed by Bureau agents was due to the fact that John Brock had apparently confessed to the inspectors that two innocent men had been convicted for the mail robbery at Warren, Ohio, on April 19, 1935, it appearing that Brock implicated Karpis and Campbell in the Warren mail job.

As a matter of information, at the present time there are two men in the County Jail at Cleveland, Ohio, who stand convicted for the Warren mail robbery: namely, George Sargent and Tony Labri-zetta.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 4-27-36, on page 5, containing information to the effect that Post Office Inspector Hettrick stated to Agent Dowd that the Post Office Department contemplated issuing circulars on the participants in the Garrettsville mail train robbery and that, in his opinion, the plants being maintained at Youngstown, Ohio, on the home of [REDACTED] jointly by the post office inspectors and Bureau agents, as well as the plant being maintained on the home of Clyde Rochet at Newton Falls, Ohio, by Bureau agents, and various plants at Toledo, Ohio, manned by Bureau agents would be practically worthless. Further, in this connection on the afternoon of April 29, 1936, Agent T. M. Birch and Post Office Inspector H. W. Tavener, having been out on an official investigation in Warren, Ohio, returned to Youngstown, Ohio, the trip having been made in a Bureau car.

Upon arriving at the Post Office Inspector H. W. Tavener purchased a carton of cigarettes and a Saturday Evening Post and advised Agent Birch that he was going to the County Jail, evidently to take the cigarettes and magazine to John Brock, and that if Agent Birch would proceed to his office, he would meet him there in a few moments. Agent Birch proceeded to room No. 202, Post Office Building, and entered the washroom and remained there a few minutes and during the interim Post Office Inspector Tavener returned and called Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick then in Cleveland on the telephone, Agent Birch at this time only hearing one side of the conversation which indicated that it was the plan of Post Office Inspector Hettrick to leave Cleveland on the morning of April 30th to proceed to Youngstown, accompanied by four Cleveland, Ohio, policemen armed with machine guns, several newspaper photographers, and the United States Attorney at Cleveland and his assistant, the idea in mind being to return Brock to Cleveland, with stops at Warren and Garrettsville, Ohio, to re-enact the robbery of the mail truck at Warren, and the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, for the benefit of the U. S. Attorney, the pictures being taken by the newspaper photographers.

The conversation likewise indicated that the newspaper photographers would be furnished with the addresses of plants being maintained by Bureau agents and the post office inspectors on the home of [REDACTED] Ridgewood Drive, Youngstown, Ohio, and on the farm of Clyde Rochet, near Newton Falls, Ohio. Upon the con-

clusion of the telephone call Post Office Inspector Albert White came into the office and Inspector Tavener advised him of the conversation that he had just had with Inspector Hettrick, and Agent Birch at this time was able to get complete details relative to the telephone conversation.

Agent Birch remained in the washroom for approximately one-half hour after the departure of Inspectors Tavener and White and then proceeded to the telephone and advised Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland of what he had overheard.

On the morning of April 30, 1936, Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick appeared at the Post Office in Youngstown, Ohio, accompanied by Assistant U. S. Attorney Frank Wiedemann, two newspaper men from Cleveland, Post Office Inspector Cordrey and several Cleveland policemen, all of these persons being observed by Agent Birch.

Hettrick inquired of Agent Birch at this time the reason for continuing the plants in the vicinity, stating that, "it's very funny that you people continue these plants in view of the publicity that has been given them". The inference was that the publicity had been given these plants by post office inspectors in an effort to have them discontinued. This was subsequently verified by Agent Birch in a conversation with Post Office Inspector P. J. McNeil on detail at the home of [REDACTED] and at that time McNeil stated to Agent Birch that the postal inspection service did not have the men to continue these plants and that they were no good now, and it was the intention of the Post Office Department to bring such publicity as would make them worthless. b7c

In connection with the publicity mentioned by the Post Office Inspectors the Cleveland office forwarded to the Bureau newspaper clippings from the Warren, Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio, newspapers, said clippings indicating that the newspapers had been informed as to the general location of the Rochet farm and a description of the [REDACTED] home in such a manner that, undoubtedly, any person being wanted and who would be apt to proceed to one of these places would be sufficiently warned by the newspaper publicity to avoid them.

In this connection on several occasions Agent Birch was in the office of the post office inspectors when newspaper men would call and make the inquiry if there is "anything for us today?" On such occasions the postal inspectors would go into the hall, confer with the newspaper men and upon returning to the room would advise that they had just contacted a confidential informant, who had given them some information, and in the event this information would prove of any value, they would disclose it to Bureau agents. Two of these reporters Agent Birch subsequently identified as being employed by the Youngstown Vindicator and the Youngstown Press. Agent Birch likewise noted that

immediately after copies of the Youngstown papers were placed on the street the postal inspectors, especially Hettrick, Tavener and Claggett, would immediately and hurriedly purchase copies of these papers and scan them for any indication of any release giving them credit for any part in this investigation.

The importance of the plants which were being maintained at the home of [redacted] and Clyde Rochet near Newton Falls, Ohio, may be appreciated by referring to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated April 22, 1936, which report reflects the information that several members of the mob stayed at the home of Clyde Rochet on the night preceding the Garrettsville mail train robbery: namely, the night of November 6, 1935, and that an automobile which was purchased by Fred Hunter was left at the farm by Harry Campbell and that also the plant on the [redacted] home was considered important in view of the fact that [redacted] stated on several occasions that he felt reasonably certain that subjects Karpis and Fred Hunter would return to his home on or about April 15, 1936.

In this connection Post Office Inspector P. J. McNeil advised Agent Birch confidentially that in the event Alvin Karpis or Fred Hunter should be apprehended at the home of [redacted] wood Drive, Youngstown, Ohio, it was the intention of the postal inspection service to ask the aid of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Youngstown police in taking them from the custody of Bureau agents in that they might be retained in Youngstown to stand trial for the robbery of the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train, the postal inspection service being motivated in this regard by the fact that no warrants were outstanding in this district for either Karpis or Hunter.

Agent Birch during the time the plant was being maintained on the [redacted] home in cooperation with postal inspectors observed that on several occasions the post office inspectors upon a car approaching the house became very excited and on several occasions jumped up with a cocked pistol waving it around rather indiscriminately and that they on one occasion, that is, Post Office Inspector Hettrick advised Agent Birch that in the event Karpis should put in his appearance he, Hettrick, would take a machine gun, climb down off the roof of the [redacted] go around the house and meet Karpis in front of the house. Birch advised Hettrick that in the event Karpis did put in his appearance, he, Birch would handle the machine gun and that Hettrick would not be allowed to use this Bureau weapon.

While Agent Birch was on duty at the [redacted] wood Drive, Youngstown, Ohio, his personal mail was being forwarded to him in care of Post Office Inspectors, Youngstown, and in this connection on April 5, 1936, a letter addressed to Agent Birch, care of the postal inspectors at Youngstown, Ohio, was received at the Post Office and was

brought from the box of the post office inspectors to the office of Post Office Inspector H. W. Tavenor. When this letter was received by Agent Birch it was evident that it had been opened and resealed, and Post Office Inspector Tavenor advised that upon taking the letter from the box downstairs there was no evidence of its having been opened and resealed. Agent Birch took this as a personal matter and expressed himself in no uncertain terms for this action on the part of the post office inspectors, who neither denied nor admitted opening this letter. Because of the fact that Agent Birch took this as a personal matter, he did not keep the envelope in which this letter was mailed.

Indicative of the attitude of the post office inspectors toward the Bureau is the information contained in the report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton dated at Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1936, pages six and seven, where there is set out investigation conducted by Special Agent B. P. Cruise. It is there indicated that Agent Cruise interviewed a confidential informant of the Kansas City office, who stated that his wife had told him that a person set out in the report as Mr. Condry (this is probably Post Office Inspector Cordrey), and another man, who claimed to be a Government man, called upon her on the afternoon of March 10, 1936, after one Vivian Mantooth had left the house, stating that they desired to talk to Vivian, and during the conversation with the informant's wife the men informed her that they had been looking for Milton Lett in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas, and in order to impress the informant's wife with the fact that they were Government officials they presented credential cards, which bore no pictures. They were driving a Ford V8 automobile bearing 1936 Kansas license tags from "42" county. (Undoubtedly the other individual with Cordrey was Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, inasmuch as he drives a car answering the above description.) On page seven it is indicated that Vivian Mantooth told the confidential informant that the inspectors told her that they wanted Lett for a mail robbery and that they could also get him for running off with a girl under age and, further, that they wanted to catch Lett before the Department of Justice, or anyone else got him.

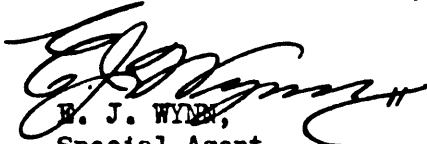
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, April 22, 1936, and to the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 11, 1936, setting out that on April 5, 1936, [redacted] was taken to Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of pointing out the location of a place to which he had driven Karpis on or about January 15, 1936. As indicated in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, [redacted] at that time pointed out a building on Adams Street in Toledo, Ohio. b2c



Reference is made to the mentioned report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, particularly to page twenty, where it is indicated that Special Agent E. J. Dowd secured from the post office inspectors at Youngstown, Ohio, information which they claimed came from Brock to the effect that members of the mob at the time they were in Toledo just before the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, at which time they were planting the job, lived in a furnished apartment at 1805 Adams Street. This information was not available at the time of the trip with [redacted] to Toledo, Ohio, on April 5, 1936, but was obtained subsequently by Special Agent E. J. Dowd, and in this connection as pointed out in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley above referred to [redacted] on Adams Street pointed out a location near 11th and Adams Streets, and although Post Office Inspector Casey was present at the time this occurred, he made no suggestion with reference to the address of 1805 Adams Street, although, as a matter of fact, during the talk with [redacted] in Toledo, Ohio, he together with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and [redacted] drove by the address, 1805 Adams Street. 12

Respectfully submitted,

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E. J. WYNN,  
Special Agent.

## Karpis' Holdup Role Revealed In Confession

While crack G-men scoured the nation for them, Alvin Karpis, public menace No. 1, and his limping pal, Harry Campbell, stood on a sunlit platform at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7, and directed a \$46,000 train robbery with machine guns.

This information is contained in a confession obtained by postal inspectors from John Brock, one of the Karpis gang now under arrest at Youngstown.

The signed confession, unusual in the realm of the tight-lipped underworld, revealed for the first time many hitherto unknown facts about the operations of the notorious Karpis gang.

### Guard Against Reprisals

Because of fears of possible reprisal, Brock is being closely guarded in the Youngstown county jail.

Assistant District Attorney Frank Wiedeman will leave for Youngstown late today to ask that a bond of \$100,000 be set for Brock when he is arraigned.

Wiedeman yesterday issued warrants for Karpis, Campbell, Brock, Fred Hunter and a man known only as "Sam," charging them with the train robbery. All of the men were named in the confession.

Brock, breaking the underworld code of silence, said that the gang had slept in a farmhouse between Warren and Youngstown the night preceding the robbery, that they left by auto early the next morning to wait for the train at Garrettsville, and that Campbell and Karpis took full command of the expedition.

### Trapped by Securities

Brock was arrested 10 days ago in Oklahoma. He had been traced there, Wiedeman said, through securities stolen in the train robbery, which he tried to cash through a gambling house.

After his arrest, Brock, alias Harold Johnson, was flown back to Bowling Green, O., under the greatest secrecy and then later lodged in the Youngstown jail.

At one point his confession warns government agents that Karpis is a dangerous criminal and a killer. Other details of the confession are being closely guarded by postal authorities.

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### Alleged Karpis Pal Still in Jail Here

Harold Johnson, who federal men say has admitted participating in the \$46,000 Garrettsville mail train robbery Nov. 7 and has named Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell as companion bandits, still was in county jail today.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Matthew Wansach said he had received no orders to take Johnson, also known as John Brock, to Cleveland.

Meanwhile postal inspectors obtained a signed confession from Johnson, relating that Johnson said the Karpis gang slept in a farmhouse between Warren and Youngstown the night preceding the robbery.

The gang left by auto early the next morning to wait for the train at Garrettsville and Karpis and Campbell took full command of the robbery, the purported confession said.

This refers to  
Karpis and Campbell

## PLANE TO BRING PAL OF KARPIS

Hunter Faces Federal Action  
in \$46,000 Garrettsville Robbery

Fred Hunter, captured with Alvin Karpis last night in the desperado's New Orleans hideout, was to be flown to Cleveland today for trial for his participation in the \$46,000 Garrettsville, (O.) mail train robbery Nov. 7.

Hunter will be brought on from St. Paul, where Karpis, his handcuffed companion in the flight from New Orleans, probably will be dropped off to face charges of kidnaping August Bremer, wealthy brewer.

### Arrest Imminent

This was the information received by Emerich B. Freed, U. S. district attorney, who planned to ask Washington later today whether Karpis also can be brought here for trial.

Meanwhile, Sylvester Hettrick, postal inspector, revealed that the capture of Harry Campbell, accused confederate of Karpis and Hunter in the Garrettsville job, is near.

"The trail is hot and his arrest is imminent," Inspector Hettrick said.

District Attorney Freed said he believed there was little likelihood Karpis would be brought here for trial.

Mr. Freed today telephoned Joseph B. Keenan, assistant attorney general at Washington in charge of prosecuting racketeers.

Mr. Keenan, Mr. Freed said, promised to let him know whether the kidnaping charge against Karpis in St. Paul, and murder charges against him elsewhere, can be made "to stick."

"If not," Mr. Freed said, "we've got an air-tight case against him here."

Neither Mr. Freed nor Mr. Hettrick would reveal whether Karpis' capture resulted from information furnished by John Brock, another member of the mail robbery gang who has been held in jail here since his capture in Tulsa, Okla., three days ago.

"The G-men got him, give them the credit," Mr. Hettrick said.

Six men, in all, were named in the warrants issued here several days ago by Frank Wiedemann, assistant district attorney.

Besides Karpis, Hunter, Campbell and Brock, warrants were issued against "John Doe, alias Sam" and Grover Keady, 43, who was arrested in Tulsa several months ago and also is held in County Jail here.

An unusual feature of Karpis' capture was the fact that at the very hour it happened Inspector Hettrick and his men, a thousand miles away, were laying for Karpis with machine guns set up in a barber shop across the street from a spot in Akron where they had been tipped Karpis would meet a friend.

An hour or two after the elaborate trap was set they received word of his capture in New Orleans.

The Garrettsville robbery, whose biggest loot was the mail sacks containing the Republic Steel Corp.'s payroll, was staged in old-style Western fashion.

The gunmen forced the Erie train crew from the cars and kept a close guard on passengers.

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## ASKS KARPIS TRIAL HERE FOR ROBBERY

Freed Urges Gunman Be  
Held for Garrettsville  
Mail Holdup.

United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed today will ask Joseph B. Keenan, assistant attorney general in charge of criminal investigation, if Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and Fred Hunter, his henchman, both caught in New Orleans last night, can be brought here for trial on the charge that they participated in the sensational \$34,000 Garrettsville (O.) train robbery last November.

If Minnesota kidnaping charges do not take precedence, Freed will urge that Karpis and Hunter be returned to Cleveland immediately to go on trial with John Brock, 34, also accused in the holdup of the mail train, Freed said last night.

Brock, Karpis, Hunter, Harry Campbell and one John Doe were named in warrants sworn out by federal agents Monday as members of the gang which lined up six persons on the station platform of the village, forcing postal clerks to load mail bags containing money into the robbers' car.

### Denies Prisoners Talked.

Brock and Grover Keady, 45, both of Tulsa, Okla., have been prisoners in County Jail, Brock since Thursday and Keady, held in connection with the train holdup although not named in the warrant, since Feb. 26. Neither, deputies said, had been informed of the capture of Karpis last night.

Brock, under orders from postal inspectors who brought him here from Youngstown, where he pleaded not guilty to the charge, has been held incommunicado, alone in a sixth floor cell.

Although Brock is believed to have given the information which caused the issuance of the warrants against the Karpis gang, Sylvester J. Hettrick, postal inspector, said last night that the capture was not made from

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anything learned from Brock or Keady. Both have denied knowledge of Karpis' whereabouts, Hettrick said.

It was in the early afternoon of Nov. 7 when the Erie train from Cleveland stopped in Garrettsville station. Postal clerks were beginning to take out the mail bags when six men, some masked with handkerchiefs, stepped to various parts of the train with drawn revolvers and sub-machine guns.

### Threatened With Death.

One held up the engineer and fireman. Another guarded a woman who came to the train to mail a letter to her husband, away on a hunting trip. The others forced the frightened clerks and a news agent who had come to pick up newspapers from Cleveland to load the sacks containing the money from the mail car into a new sedan parked near by.

With one robber threatening a clerk with death if he did not reveal the whereabouts of another sack, supposedly from the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland, the others suddenly shouted "Let's go!" All disappeared in the car on a dirt road leading from Garrettsville to State Route 83. Two persons saw their car headed for Ravenna. No further clue was found.

Carried out in wild west train-robber fashion, the holdup came only a few months after the \$66,000 robbery of a Warren (O.) mail truck driver by a group of Akron gunmen. Two in this robbery are serving sentences.

### 3 Women Questioned.

The arrest in New Orleans also recalled to Cleveland police a day in September, 1934, when a squad of detectives raided an empty house on West Boulevard near Lorain Avenue only a few hours after three men identified later as Karpis and the brothers, Arthur and Fred Barker,

had fled. Fred Barker is now dead.

The raid came after three women, one a "girl friend" of Karpis, as was later established, were questioned after a brawl in a downtown hotel. It was disclosed that the women had been living at the West Boulevard address all summer with the men and a five-year-old girl while a search had been going on through middle-western cities for the kidnapers. Fingerprints of one man found on a slip of paper were identified as Arthur Barker's by Otto Mosholder, Cleveland Bertillon expert.

A posse of Summit County deputy sheriffs, gave a Wadsworth barber a jittery afternoon when they set a trap for Karpis near his shop yesterday. Using his place as an advance post, the deputies disbanded after word came of Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

The deputies and postal inspectors, also present, supposedly were acting on a tip that Karpis, low in funds, would meet an accomplice in Wadsworth for a "cut" on the Garrettsville loot.

It was recalled that Karpis and Campbell, who is still a fugitive, fled through Wadsworth once before, releasing an Allentown (Pa.) physician near the town early in January, 1935. The physician had been kidnaped at his home.

## Tip From Cleveland Put G-Men on Karpis Trail

Fred Hunter, member of the notorious bandit gang headed by Alvin Karpis, today was being rushed to Cleveland in federal custody, following the raid in New Orleans last night, in which Karpis, too, was captured.

Hunter will be tried here for the Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, last November, and thus faces a possible 35-year sentence.

Karpis may be brought here for trial on the same indictment, but this hinges upon whether or not the government prefers to try him first on the more serious charge of the Bremer kidnaping.

### Freed Seeks Trial Here

United States District Attorney Emerich B. Freed said today he had queried in Washington, asking that this district be given precedence in the Karpis matter.

The mail robbery case against both Karpis and Hunter is regarded as complete, leaving little or no chance for acquittal.

Last night's raid in New Orleans by G-men really grew out of investigations made here by Postal Inspectors Sylvester Hettrick of Cleveland and Charles Cordray of Lima, O.

Postal inspectors' investigations began the day of the \$46,000 train robbery and they struck their first clew with the arrest of an Oklahoma gambler who had in his possession a quantity of securities stolen in the spectacular holdup.

### Karpis Gangster Arrested

He was brought here in February and information he gave led to the arrest, in March, of John Brock, a

member of the Karpis gang, who was kept in close seclusion in Mahoning county jail at Youngstown for seven weeks and later brought to Cleveland, after he had made a detailed confession involving Karpis, Harry Campbell (still at large), Hunter and another man known as "Sam," who likewise has not been caught.

Warrants charging the five with molesting mail and with forcibly entering mail bags were issued by Assistant United States District Attorney Frank Weidemann.

Brock, after pleading not guilty when arraigned before United States Commissioner John B. Morgan of Youngstown, was brought here in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

The Oklahoma gambler, not a member of the gang, has been held incommunicado in county jail here, but his release today was expected momentarily.

The Garrettsville mail robbery, on the afternoon of Nov. 7, 1935, was staged when the Erie train from Detroit stopped at that town. Six men, some of them masked with handkerchiefs, forced mail clerks to load the mail bags into a waiting automobile. One shot was fired during the robbery but none was injured.

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## JOIN G-MEN'S HUNT FOR KARPIS AND AID

**Postal Inspectors Hit Trail  
From Ohio Mail Robbery  
by Public Enemy.**

Having obtained positive information that Alvin Karpis, the country's most-sought gangster, and Harry Campbell, his first lieutenant, led the mail train robbery at Garrettsville last November, postal inspectors last night added their resources to those of the G-men in the most extensive search for a gangster since John Dillinger's death.

A postal inspector here said: "There is absolutely no doubt whatsoever that Karpis and Campbell were leaders of the gang that robbed the mail train."

It long has been suspected that Karpis engineered the \$46,000 robbery, but confirmation was not obtained until a few days ago. It was learned, when a man arrested in Youngstown and charged with being a "suspicious person" told "the whole story of the robbery."

On the basis of his information, it was said, warrants were sworn to yesterday by a postal official charging Karpis, known to the underworld as "Old Creeps," Campbell and three others, including the Youngstown prisoner, with the robbery.

The man held in Youngstown was booked as Harold Johnson. One of the warrants was for John Brock, alias T. F. Evans, alias Harold Johnson, and federal officials said Brock was the man arrested April 17 in Youngstown and held incommunicado in Mahoning County Jail since. Other warrants were for Fred Hunter, alias Fred King, alias Harold King, alias Fred Harris, and for John Doe, alias "Sam," otherwise unidentified.

Federal officials last night admitted the new evidence tended to weaken their case against Grover (Burrhead) Keady, arrested Feb. 26 in Tulsa,

Okla., and charged with participation in the robbery. He is being held at County Jail here with bond set at \$50,000.

When warrants were sworn to for Karpis and Campbell, the Postoffice Department announced rewards of \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of each man named.

## Police Reveal Karpis Had Hideout In Canton Where Agents Set Trap

Man Identified As Host To Notorious Bandit Later Arrested On Narcotic Charge.

WHILE the federal government's best man hunters scoured the nation in their long hunt for Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, the elusive bandit spent part of his time in a Canton hideout within a few blocks of police headquarters, it was revealed today by local authorities.

The tip that Karpis had established a hideout here came to police after the bandit had fled to California as federal men clung relentlessly to his trail which led them into Ohio. He came to Canton from Youngstown and for a time remained in seclusion in the vicinity of Walnut ave and 4th st SE, police claim. This was early in February.

### Fails To Return Here.

Federal investigators and postal inspectors came to Canton and laid a trap for the bandit after they had been told he left \$300 here to maintain the hideout to which he expected to return Feb. 23. When Karpis failed to show up federal agents closed in on the place and arrested his alleged host early in March on a narcotic charge and took him to Cleveland.

Information that Karpis had been in Canton was obtained by Canton police following the arrest Feb. 13 of Archie Negelman, 33, of Belle Vernon, Pa. Negelman, a former federal prohibition officer who was



ALVIN KARPIS.  
His Trail Led Through Canton.

wanted in Pennsylvania on a liquor law violation charge and for jumping a \$5,000 bond posted in federal court at Pittsburgh, told detectives

Left Here Early In February And Was Expected To Return Late That Month.

he was well acquainted with Karpis and that the bandit had been staying here. Other information uncovered by detectives supported his story and federal men were called in. A trap was set in the hope that Karpis would return on the appointed date, Feb. 23.

While a close watch was kept on the Canton hideout, Negelman was taken to Youngstown where he pointed out to postal inspectors investigating the Garrettsville, O., mail robbery a house where Karpis had been concealed before he came to Canton. The information coincided with data which federal men had assembled and strengthened the belief of officers that Negelman had given them truthful information concerning the fugitive bandit.

### Fred Hunter Also Here.

Negleman, police and federal agents asserted knew many underworld characters and his knowledge of their activities appeared to be authentic. He was returned to Pittsburgh following his arrest here and given a fine and sentence in federal court on a liquor law violation charge.

It also was learned today that Fred Hunter, the man arrested with Karpis in New Orleans, had been in Canton early this year and is believed to have been the same Fred Hunter who was known among followers of cock fighting in isolated sections of the county last winter.



### Postal Official Declines To Talk About Karpis Tip.

By The Associated Press.  
CLEVELAND, May 2.—Sylvester J. Hettrick, postal inspector told questioners today he was "not supposed to talk" on whether a prisoner held here in a \$46,000 train robbery gave the tip leading to the capture of Alvin Karpis.

"I'm not supposed to talk. I wouldn't say anything one way or another," Mr. Hettrick said.

"It's kind of tough not to be able to tell you, but we haven't been quoted for months. We don't know anything about it—not now, anyhow."

The prisoner, John Brock, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., was believed to have given information which caused postal inspectors to issue warrants Monday charging five persons with participation in the mail robbery of a train at Garrettsville, O. It was carried out last Nov. 7 in wild west style.

The five named were Karpis, Brock, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and John Doe, alias Sam. Grover (Burrhead). Ready is held here on the same charge on a warrant issued earlier, pending identification of John Doe.

Mr. Hettrick said Brock was arrested at Youngstown, O., March 13. Informed that Hunter and an unidentified woman had been arrested with Karpis, Mr. Hettrick said:

"I guess Hunter will be brought here. It is up to Hoover." He said he did not know about Karpis.

The inspector said chance of capture of Campbell also was "pretty good." "When you're after a mob arrests are always near. It can be any minute."

Brock pleaded innocent when arraigned Thursday on charges in connection with the mail robbery. He was held for the federal grand jury under \$50,000 bond.

## TRAIN HOLDUP ENDED KARPIS

**Garrettsville Robbery  
Gave G-Men Trail That  
Led to New Orleans**

(By The Associated Press)

Tulsa, Okla., May 2.—An Ohio mail train robbery was described today by Lieut. Earl Gardner of the Tulsa police department as the beginning of the end of Alvin Karpis' crime trail.

Lieutenant Gardner, who knew Karpis long before the gangster became Public Enemy No. 1, said his capture yesterday at New Orleans was hastened by participation in the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7.

"Department of Justice agents and postal inspectors have been just a jump behind Karpis since the robbery," he said.

The officer who aided here in the arrest of George (Burrhead) Keady and John Brock, alleged members of the robber gang, said he had been tipped that Keady furnished Karpis at least two men for the crime.

"Following the arrest of Keady and (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Brock we were told the complete story behind the train robbery," Gardner said.

"We were informed that in addition to Karpis, Brock, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, another Oklahoma ex-convict named Kozarth participated in the robbery.

"The gang abandoned their getaway automobile at Toledo and with the exception of Kozarth and Campbell, took a chartered plane.

"Karpis left the plane at Hot Springs, Ark., Brock at Fort Smith and Hunter with a girl picked up at Hot Springs went to San Antonio, Tex."

Gardner said his information was that Hunter and his girl friend later joined Karpis at Hot Springs and moved into a house at the outskirts.

This was the place that federal officers raided March 31 following a tip from under world sources here that the three had "holed up" at Hot Springs.

"The three fugitives beat the federal agents by less than 12 hours," Gardner recalled.

"Federal agents later received information they had stopped in New Orleans and the successful raid was arranged."

*Alvin Karpis  
Harry Campbell*

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PHONE. BREKID. CAMPBELL NOW DESIRES TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY  
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Post Office Box #2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

May 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter of May 11, 1936, in  
the above entitled case, addressed to me at Boston, Massachusetts.

A short time after receiving your instructions on May  
1, 1936, relative to the Colt Super-Automatic pistol which was in  
Bureau Hudson #9 of the New Orleans Office, I advised Agent in  
Charge Magee of the information you furnished me. As I recall it  
at the time I discussed this matter with Mr. Magee I was seated  
in the office with two Subjects in the instant case, who had been  
apprehended.

It was my understanding that you desired me to call  
this matter to the attention of the Special Agent in Charge, but I  
did not understand that you desired me to personally obtain the  
pistol from the compartment in the above mentioned automobile.

I regret my misunderstanding in this matter.

Very truly yours,

cc - Bureau  
cc - New Orleans  
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W. JOHN McMULLEN,  
Special Agent.

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827 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey

May 14, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a copy of your letter of May 1, 1936 addressed to Mr. A. W. Heywood, Newark, N. J., in which he was advised that an Agent of this office would call upon him to receive certain information regarding Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Mr. Heywood was called upon by an Agent of this office and was thanked for his interest in this matter. He advised that since the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, the individuals whom he had previously suspected had become known to him as other individuals.

Very truly yours,

*E. L. Richmond*

E. L. RICHMOND  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Please be advised that in compliance with the Director's instructions, the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis were placed in the Exhibit Room on this date.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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May 6, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Please be advised that in compliance with the Director's instructions, the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis were placed in the Exhibit Room on this date.

Respectfully,

*T. D. Quinn.*  
T. D. Quinn.

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May 10, 1936.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

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Rex Collier called at the office yesterday morning and wanted to know if there was any further information that could be given out with regard to the so-called break between the FBI and Post Office Inspectors, stating that if there was any information available, he would like to write a follow-up story on this angle of the case.

I advised Mr. Collier that as far as the Bureau was concerned, this was a closed issue and I thought it desirable to let the entire matter drop in view of the fact that the Bureau had considerable work now to perform in connection with other cases on which we would have to concentrate.

Mr. Collier stated that while this might be the desire of the Bureau, he doubted seriously whether the matter could be dropped as easily as that and he stated that undoubtedly someone on the hill would bring the matter up in order that the lack of cooperation on the part of the Post Office Inspectors might be gone into more thoroughly.

Mr. Collier did agree, in compliance with my request not to print anything further on this matter until the Director returned to the city and he had an opportunity to talk with him.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. L. S. Browne,

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Dear Mr. Browne:

I wanted you to know how much I appreciated your helpfulness in connection with the special chartered flight taken by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Washington to Toledo on May 6th, and from Toledo to St. Paul on May 7th, in connection with the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

The assistance rendered by you and Pilot D. W. Burford was quite helpful to us in the successful consummation of this case and I am taking pleasure in writing to the Division Superintendent at the Newark Airport commending you and Pilot Burford for the manner in which you performed your duties.

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With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# FOUR GAMBLING CHIEFS INDICTED

Joe and Benny Aronoff, Levine and Warnke Cited After Grand Jury Probe

Four Toledo gambling operators—Benny Aronoff, Joe Aronoff, Edward Warnke and Harry Levine—were indicted Friday by the Lucas County Grand Jury.

The indictments followed a one-day probe of gambling Thursday in which the grand jurors heard more than a dozen witnesses, including several persons who have filed suits within the last 16 months to recover money alleged to have been lost in gambling establishments operated by the three.

## Bennie Freed On Bond

Bennie Aronoff operates the Buckeye Social Club, 229 1/2 Superior Street. Warnke operates the Royal Club, 631 St. Clair Street, and Levine's establishment is at 513 1/2 Jefferson Avenue. Joe Aronoff is Bennie's brother.

Bennie Aronoff surrendered at the sheriff's office Friday afternoon and was released under \$500 bond.

Two counts are included in each indictment. One, charging the men with being common gamblers, carries a maximum penalty, upon conviction, of a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail. The other, charging keeping a gambling room, carries a maximum penalty of \$500 and 30 days.

Warrants for the four were to be served immediately by deputy sheriffs.

## Harris Asks New Trial

The indictments follow closely the conviction of Bennie Harris, operator of the Superior Sports Center, 120 Superior Street, in Municipal Court. Harris, charged with numbers game violations, has filed a motion for a new trial. He was one of 16 persons arrested in numbers game raids by vice squad members April 28.

Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Bretherton said evidence presented in trials of the numbers game operators probably would be used in the trials of the Aronoffs, Levine and Warnke.

Bretherton said the grand ju-

rors' investigation included all phases of situation in Toledo.

Witnesses Thursday included Frank Jones, James Ash and Jerome Kleinberg. These three witnesses previously had been questioned by Mr. Bretherton in connection with the slugging of "numbers" salesmen for Harris.

## Refuse To Testify

The assistant prosecutor said the three declined to testify on the advice of their attorney, Ira Bame. Jones and Ash, both "writers" for Harris, were among five persons "muscled" it was alleged, by representatives of rival gamblers. Kleinberg formerly was employed by Aronoff as bookkeeper.

Although the original investigation included a check-up of owners of property in which gambling establishments are located, Mr. Bretherton said "we contemplate no grand jury action against the property owners."

## Witnesses Guarded

The grand jury foreman reported Thursday that he saw several men mingling with the witnesses and asked Mr. Bretherton to provide police protection for them. John Nyitray, deputy sheriff, was assigned to guard the witnesses, after Mr. Bretherton issued strict orders for them to talk to no one.

## Inquiry Completed

At the conclusion of Thursday's investigation, Mr. Bretherton announced that the grand jurors had completed their inquiry "for the present."

Eleven suits have been filed in Common Pleas Court against Aronoff, Warnke and Levine since Jan. 1, 1935. Seven were brought against Warnke, two against Aronoff and two against Levine.

Three of the suits, the two against Levine and one against Warnke, were dismissed "with prejudice at plaintiff's costs." The others, according to the court journals, are still pending. One against Warnke is now on trial before a jury in Judge Robert G. Gosline's court.

## Plaintiffs Listed

Plaintiffs in the suits against Warnke are Ella E. Aronoff, 426 Front Street; Thero Capitano, 737 1/2 Summit Street; Harriet Bernath, 310 Condley Drive; Hattie Williams, 3830 Alameda Drive; Fred Kropla, 831 Clay Avenue; David Rabbit, 227 Superior Street, and Corrine Ulrich, 546 Woodville Street.

Bringing actions against Aronoff were Ray V. Todd, 3943 Burham Avenue, and Max Hoffman, 520 Mulberry Street.

Plaintiffs against Levine were Boche Sandoff, 222 Front Street, and Michael Livoff, 426 Front Street.

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

On May 10, 1936, Ivan Burg, Circulation Manager of the St. Paul Daily News, telephonically advised me that on either April 20 or 21, 1936, he received an air mail request from Mack Russell, 1800 Winmore or Wynore Avenue, Cleveland, requesting he be furnished a copy of the edition printed by the St. Paul Daily News on April 18, 1936, which contained a summary of the activity of KARPIS, CAMPBELL, and the BARKER boys in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

It is suggested that you ascertain why Russell displayed such an unusual interest in that case.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I have revised and changed somewhat the attached memorandum for the Attorney General on the lack of cooperation on the part of Post Office authorities. I went over this in detail with Connelley on the telephone this morning and he is of the opinion that as now written it is correct and the allegations contained therein can be substantiated. I believe it is conservative and we need not fear any definite attack upon the statements contained therein. Of course, much of it is based upon confidential information secured by us, particularly from Post Office Inspectors. If forced to a show down and if we were compelled to divulge the sources of our information, these Inspectors might deny that they had made the statements attributed to them. I do not believe the identity of confidential informants should at any time be revealed. I think we should stand pat upon the information we have given, as contained in this memorandum.

You will note that the form of the memorandum in question is a little bit unusual, but I think it serves to throw to the foreground the various details of this lack of cooperation, as well as to indicate somewhat forcibly our opinions relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-14-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-30; 5-7-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. D. WILLS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO #1218, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO #1232, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO #1236, FUGITIVE. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF : FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF : JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS : ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">John Connolly advises he saw man last February in Harrison, N.J., that he thinks Karpis; has not seen man since; description given of this person in no respect similar to that of Karpis; Connolly unable to identify any photographs. Investigation at Swedesboro, N.J. to locate Subject Campbell produced negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- - P - -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This investigation is predicated upon telephonic information from Mr. John Connolly, Kearny, N.J., that he possessed information relative to Alvin Karpis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT KEARNY, N.J.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Upon being interviewed Mr. John Connolly, 533 Kearny Avenue, gave the following story:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Last February 1936, Connolly in company with a friend became slightly intoxicated and that he did not wish to go home in his inebriated condition, so after parting from his friend he proceeded on foot toward Newark, N.J. As he was walking down Searing Avenue, Harrison, N.J., a woman who was leaning out of a window apparently watching passersby called to him and invited him into</p>			
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the house, which was 42 Searing Avenue. Connelly accepted the invitation and entered the house. Connelly told the woman that he was on his way to Newark, N.J., to spend the night in a hotel there as he could not go home drunk. The woman suggested that he spend the night in her house, that he could sleep on the sofa in the room. During this conversation a man entered the house and Connelly was introduced to this man who gave the name of Wilson and was supposed to be the husband of the woman. However, Connelly sent to a neighboring saloon and had a bottle of liquor purchased. When Wilson returned with the liquor, he took a drink and then left the house. Connelly also took a drink of this liquor and then lay down on the sofa to sleep. Sometime later Connelly was awakened by being assaulted by Wilson, who had returned to the house and found Connelly still there. Wilson asked the woman for his gun, but she told him she would not get it for him. Immediately after this assault Connelly left the house and has not since been there.

Sometime later Connelly saw one of his friends, Bill Cunningham, Searing Avenue, Harrison, N.J., and he asked Cunningham if Wilson was still in the neighborhood. Cunningham replied that he had not seen him. Connelly saw Cunningham again about the first of March, 1936, at which time Cunningham advised that he had seen Wilson or Williams as he was also known. Connelly requested that Cunningham contact him immediately if he ever saw Wilson again in the neighborhood as he was of the opinion that this man was Harpis.

Connelly saw Cunningham on the streets of Harrison, N.J., about three or four weeks ago at which time Cunningham advised that he had seen Wilson shortly prior to this meeting and had tried to get in touch with Connelly but Connelly had gone out of town for a visit. Connelly has not seen or heard of Wilson since this time; the only time Connelly ever saw Wilson was February 1936, and at that time Connelly was under the influence of liquor.

Agent exhibited a group of pictures, this group contained three photographs of Karpis, to Connolly and he was unable to identify a single picture. Agent called his attention to the "stand-up" picture of Karpis and Connolly stated definitely and positively that picture did not in any respect resemble the man he saw; on the front view and profile picture Connolly called attention to this picture by stating that the man he saw had a much fuller or oval face as contrasted to the thin and sharp features of the picture exhibited.

A description of the man seen by Connolly is:

Name:	WILSON alias Williams
Height:	5' 9" or 5' 10"
Weight:	180
Build:	Stout
	Full lips.

In view of the fact that the above information was not given in a clear consistent manner and that the description of the man seen by Connolly as well as Connolly's definite statement that the photograph of Karpis was in no respect similar to the man he had seen, Agent did not deem it necessary to investigate further into this story.

On May 7, 1936, information was received at the Trenton Office that a Milton Horner, a resident of Swedesboro, N.J., had seen a man register at the Ford Hotel in Swedesboro, who resembled Subject Campbell.

Special Agents J. A. Murphy and M. R. Griffin proceeded to Swedesboro and ascertained from Mr. C. H. Kirchhoff, manager of the Ford Hotel, that an Adam Kacker had



registered at that hotel on May 2, 1936, from Jersey City, N.J. Mr. Kirchhoff advised that this was the individual referred to by Milton Horner, and whom individuals in Swedesboro had spoken about as possibly being Harry Campbell.

Agents Murphy and Griffin arranged to observe this individual and it was found that he was 5' 10" tall, weighing 180 pounds, and in no manner answered the description of Harry Campbell. Mr. Horner was contacted and so informed.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 10, 1936

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On telephonic instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley the night of May 4, 1936, the writer, assisted by other Agents of the New Orleans Bureau office, on the early morning of May 5, 1936 removed Ruth Hamm Robison, with aliases, from the New Orleans Bureau office. She was driven by automobile, accompanied by Special Agent (A) R. L. Tollett and Special Agent (A) J. M. Baker, to Baton Rouge, La., after first having ascertained that she was not being followed by unauthorized individuals.

The removal from the New Orleans office was uneventful, with the exception of the presence in the rear of the Post Office Building of an Associated Press photographer who secured one flash, which was not of such character to definitely identify Ruth Hamm Robison.

I am transmitting herewith three copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent (A) R. L. Tollett in connection with the above subject matter. Mr. E. J. Connelley, by personal and confidential cover, is being furnished copies of this letter and enclosures.

It is my belief that for the time being this girl will quietly remain under cover at San Antonio, Texas. Press interest concerning her has subsided.

It is my suggestion that hereafter in all major cases where women are involved that they not be brought to a Bureau office, but quietly placed in an apartment or hotel room under guard. The latter procedure was followed in the Richard Galatas case at New Orleans, which resulted in the control of any outside interference, particularly from the press.

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Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley (2)

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New Orleans, La.  
May 7, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR SAC D. W. MAGEE:

Re: BREKID.

At 3:45 a.m. on May 5, 1936, Special Agents (A) R. L. Tollett and J. M. Baker left the Post Office Building at New Orleans, Louisiana, with Ruth Ham Robsion, in Bureau-owned Buick Sedan. Previous to departure, Ruth Robsion's schedule from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to San Antonio, Texas, had been arranged.

Agents, with Ruth Robsion, arrived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:50 a.m. The trip was uneventful and no photographers or news men were seen after leaving the Post Office Building.

Before reaching Baton Rouge, Ruth Robsion emphatically requested that she be given an opportunity to bathe and take a treatment before departure on her long ride to San Antonio, Texas. Upon arrival in Baton Rouge, agent parked the Bureau-owned Buick Sedan about a block from the Heidelberg Hotel, and after determining that there were no people in the lobby of the hotel, obtained room 1012 in the name of Ginger Morgan, explaining to the clerk that we three were proceeding to New Orleans and were going to be in Baton Rouge for three or four hours. Ruth Ham Robsion was out of the hotel by 6:30 a.m., after which time the agents took her, driving in the car to the campus of Louisiana State University, where we parked, without being observed, until about eleven o'clock.

About 7:00 a.m. this agent purchased a one way coach ticket to San Antonio, Texas. At three minutes before train time, Agents Tollett and Baker placed Ruth Ham Robsion, alias Connie Morris, on the train, which was the first time she had come near the railroad station.

After excusing themselves from her presence, agents observed from cover that the train left, bearing her as a passenger.

The train left at 11:40 a.m., and her itinerary scheduled her arrival in San Antonio, Texas, at 7:00 a.m. the morning of May 6, 1936.

*R. L. Tollett*  
R. L. Tollett,  
Special Agent (A).

7-576-11525

P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent E.J. Wynn, rendered at Cleveland, Ohio, May 5, 1936 which contained an undeveloped lead for the Pittsburgh Office to interview ARCHIE NEGLEMAN at the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Please advise me, if in view of the recent developments in this case, it is still desired that Negleman be contacted.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Little Rock, Arkansas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/12/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/24-3/4, 12, 14-21, 31 &amp; 4/12, 23/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. L. DARRON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>CCN</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1234; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No indications that Mead was at Hot Springs, Arkansas during Oaklawn Park Race meet. No record of Mr. GE Mrs. Fred Murray at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mrs. Roy Williamson, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, states she and her husband have heard nothing further of Mead. Information received Mead possibly in San Antonio.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 7, 1936. Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California, dated March 12, 1936. Letter from Denver office to the Bureau dated April 7, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 7, 1936, wherein it is stated that information has been received that a large group of confidence men were expected to be at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the Oaklawn Park Race Track meet and requested investigation to ascertain if Mead appeared in Hot Springs. The writer was in attendance of the races at Hot Springs, Arkansas, intermittently from the opening date on February 22, 1936, until the closing date and on several occasions was accompanied by Special Agent G. A. Mahan, during which time efforts were made to locate Mead at the race track, gambling establishments and at the leading hotels but with negative results. During this canvass and investigation, the Identification Order as to Mead was exhibited to Lieutenant Cecil Brock of the Hot Springs Police Department who has, on occasions, cooperated, but he stated that he had never heard of Mead being in Hot Springs. The Identification Order was also shown to Robert Moore, detective of the Hot Springs Police Department, who was

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on special duty at the Southern Grill, one of the leading gambling establishments, but he, too, stated that Mead was unknown to him.

The reference report of Special Agent Billings requests investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, concerning Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray, General Delivery, Hot Springs, correspondents of Dorothy Fisher. Inquiry at the Post Office at Hot Springs, Arkansas, disclosed no record of Mr. or Mrs. Fred Murray or Fred Pitts at the General Delivery window, and a search of the removal orders from December 1, 1935, to March 31, 1936, disclosed no record of any forwarding address for these parties. It will be noted from the reference report of Agent Billings that Mrs. Fred Murray corresponded with Dorothy Fisher on several occasions giving, in addition to the Hot Springs address, the addresses of 5160 Second Blvd., Detroit, Michigan, and General Delivery, Salt Lake City, Utah. Apparently, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray are identical with Mr. and Mrs. F. Murray. It will also be noted on page five of the reference report of Agent Billings that F. J. Murray, alias Fred Pitts, is a confidence man and associated with one Robert Day. In view of the fact that no date is given as to the address of Mr. and Mrs. F. Murray in Hot Springs, Arkansas, it would appear that they were merely visiting in that city some time in the past.

The reference letter from the Denver office to the Bureau under date of April 7, 1936, requested a reinterview with Roy Williamson, a former associate of Mead, who is now residing at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Upon calling at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, the writer ascertained that Mr. Williamson was on a fishing trip and was not available for interview. However, the writer engaged in a conversation with his wife for approximately thirty minutes, during which time she stated that neither she nor her husband had heard anything of or from Mead since their last interview by the writer.

On March 12, 1936, Richard Tallman Galatas of Hot Springs, Arkansas, whose identity and reputation is well known to the Bureau and being one of the leading confidence men, called at the Little Rock office with reference to the sentence he received in the Kansas City Massacre Case. During the course of conversation between he and Special Agent in Charge Chapman Fletcher, Galatas advised that about the first part of March, 1936, Mead was in San Antonio, Texas, at which time he was driving an automobile, the make of which was unknown; that about the middle of March, 1936, the Chief of Police at San Antonio had conducted a drive on confidence men and in this drive Mead had been forced to leave San Antonio but his destination thereafter was unknown. Galatas further stated that while Mead was in San Antonio he was in company with one Sammie Gates, a confidence man known to the San Antonio police, and in the event Mead should return to San Antonio and Gates was still there, Mead would immediately contact Gates. It was Galatas' opinion that Gates had also left San Antonio at the time the drive was instituted by the Police Department and might have left with Mead. Galatas further stated that in the event Mead should return to

San Antonio and Gates was not there, in his opinion, Mead would immediately contact "Boobie" Opiedorff (phonetic), who operates a carnival concession at San Antonio; that Opiedorff has the confidence of the Chief of Police and that the Chief protects this man. This information was submitted to the San Antonio office by letter dated March 19, 1936, and, it will be noted, is in line with information obtained by the Chicago office from their informant, Charles Owen Long, and mentioned in the teletype and letter from the Chicago office to the San Antonio office under date of May 6, 1936. It is noted from the above mentioned teletype that the Little Rock office was requested to immediately recontact the informant from whom this information was obtained which, of course, is impossible due to the fact that Galatas is now confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Although no further leads are outstanding in this district as to the location of Mead or other investigative activity, this file is being held pending in the Little Rock district as other investigative activity may be desired.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

May 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Transmitted herewith, in accordance with instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, are memorandums submitted by the following Agents relative to the circumstances in connection with the investigation looking toward the apprehension of the subjects in this case. A copy of each of these memorandums is being furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

Joint memorandum of Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn;  
" " " Agent J. L. Madala;  
" " " " T. M. Birch;  
" " " " E. J. Dowd;  
" " " " C. E. Smith.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosures (5)

CC - E. J. Connelley

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Cleveland, Ohio,  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent E. J. Dowd relative to his contacts with post office inspectors at Toledo, Ohio, beginning Tuesday, May 5, 1936, and ending Thursday, May 7, 1936.

This Agent proceeded from Cleveland, Ohio on May 6, 1936 with Special Agent T. M. Birch and arrived at Toledo, Ohio about six P. M. About an hour later this Agent and Agent Birch went to Dyer's Restaurant on Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio, and while there Post Office Inspectors E. Claggett and F. R. Casey entered the restaurant, sat down at our table and we all had dinner. Immediately thereafter this Agent and Agent Birch left the restaurant with Post Office Inspectors Casey and Claggett and walked to the Waldorf Hotel. Agent Birch went ahead with Post Office Inspector Casey, while this Agent and Post Office Inspector Claggett followed.

This Agent carried on a conversation with Post Office Inspector Claggett, who inquired as to the reason for Agents being at Toledo, Ohio, and when told that we were there on official business in connection with the whereabouts of Harry Campbell, Inspector Claggett, who appeared very bitter toward Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, in charge of the post office inspectors, who were assigned to locating Harry Campbell, stated that he, Claggett arrived at Toledo on Monday, May 4, 1936, and during that day and the succeeding day, May 5, 1936, he remained in Inspector Casey's office awaiting the arrival of Post Office Inspector Hettrick, who was expected at Toledo, Ohio on the morning of May 6, 1936. Inspector Claggett then confided to Agent that Harry Campbell undoubtedly was at Toledo, and probably residing there; that through one of their confidential informants they learned that Sam Coker and Milton Lett departed from St. Louis,

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Missouri and were also supposed to be at Toledo, Ohio; that additional information had been furnished to the post office inspectors by John Brock, now in custody at Cleveland, Ohio; that prior and subsequent to the Garrettsville mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, Sam Coker had been confined in Mercy Hospital where he was taking treatment in connection with a venereal disease, it being necessary for the doctors to operate on Coker, who was in the hospital under the name of "Tom." Inspector Claggett did not tell Agent the full name used by Coker. He further stated that Brock advised that since Coker's discharge from the hospital, Coker was visiting and going with one of the nurses, who had been assigned to his case at the time Coker was in the hospital; that Coker was quite enamored of this nurse. Inspector Claggett also advised that Brock stated that Coker's hospital bill was paid by Harry Campbell, who lived with his wife, or a woman, in an apartment in the vicinity of the hospital, and that if the post office inspectors looked up this nurse, and placed her under surveillance, she would probably lead them to Harry Campbell.

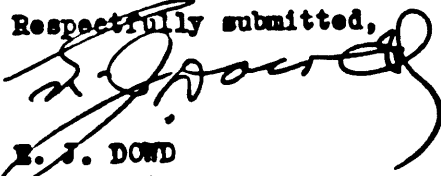
Inspector Claggett confided to Agent that this was considered highly important information, and that just as soon as Inspector Hettrick arrived at Toledo, the post office inspectors intended checking the hospital records and contacting the nurse and doctor, and it was further their intention to interview and pick up several other individuals at Toledo, Ohio, in an effort to locate Harry Campbell.

The result of the interview by this Agent with Inspector Claggett was transmitted to Special Agent E. J. Wynn on May 6, 1936, and he advised that he would personally check the hospital records, and conduct any other investigation at Toledo, Ohio, in connection with this information.

This is the only contact this Agent had with post office inspectors while at Toledo, Ohio, during the above period.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
E. J. DOWD  
Special Agent

Cleveland, Ohio,  
May 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

This memorandum is being submitted at this time pursuant to instructions received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley concerning contact had by Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn with Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick, J. T. Cordrey and E. Claggett at Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, on May 6, 1936.

At about four P. M. on May 6, 1936 Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn called at the Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of ascertaining the hospital record of Sam Coker, who, as indicated in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, April 22, 1936, was alleged to have been confined there at about the time of the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935. Upon entering the waiting room at the Mercy Hospital, Agents observed Post Office Inspectors, E. Claggett, J. T. Cordrey and S. J. Hettrick seated there. At this time Special Agent E. J. Wynn advised Post Office Inspector Hettrick that Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley desired to talk with him on the long distance telephone, having previously received instructions from Special Agent in Charge Connelley to convey this message to Mr. Hettrick, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley advising that he desired to give Mr. Hettrick permission to interview Fred Hunter at New Orleans, Louisiana. At this particular time Special Agent J. M. Jones was not acquainted with the post office inspectors, and accordingly Special Agent E. J. Wynn introduced him as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very shortly after the meeting of the post office inspectors it was noted that the sister superior motioned for Post Office Inspector Hettrick, who entered the sister superior's office and it was observed that he was taking notes from an index card approximately 4 x 6 in size, which the sister superior furnished to him and after taking his notes he came out again into the reception

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room at which time Special Agent E. J. Wynn, in the presence of Special Agent J. M. Jones, asked Mr. Hettrick if he desired to furnish the information which he had received from the sister superior. Whereupon Mr. Hettrick stated to Agent Wynn, "You had better go in and get it yourself," and immediately he and Inspectors Cordrey and Claggett left the hospital.

Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn thereupon interviewed the sister superior requesting her for information with reference to the hospitalization of Tommy Coleman or Sam Coker, inasmuch as it was understood that Coker had used the name of Coleman, and further upon the basis of information received earlier on May 6, 1936 from Special Agent E. J. Dowd in Toledo, who advised that on the evening of May 5, 1936, Post Office Inspector Claggett had advised him that Coker had been in the Mercy Hospital under the name of Tommy. The sister superior was unable to locate any record under the name of Coleman or Coker, and after some discussion with her she appreciated that inquiry was being made with reference to the same individual about whom the post office inspectors had made inquiry, whereupon she advised that the name of the person about whom the post office inspectors had made inquiry was Robert Pratt, and at the request of Agents Jones and Wynn she exhibited the entrance card of that individual, which reflected that Robert Pratt entered the hospital on October 30, 1935 and was discharged on November 25, 1935; that his attending physician was Dr. Howard Murphy; that he paid his bills in cash; that he indicated no friends or relatives; that he was employed by the Milan Oil Company of Oklahoma, which company was to be notified in case of emergency. As far as could be determined by the Agents, investigation conducted by the post office inspectors included only that information which they received from this index card.

Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn conducted further investigation at the hospital, examining the clinical records, list of attending physicians and nurses, which resulted in eventually locating the name of Miss Bobbie Robbleto, who was interviewed and furnished information which lead directly to the location and apprehension of Sam Coker and Harry Campbell on May 7, 1936. The details of this particular investigation conducted by Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn are being reported separately.

On the morning of May 7, 1936, Special Agent E. J. Wynn was having breakfast in the coffee shop of the Hillcrest Hotel in Toledo and was joined by Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, who desired to know whether or not the meeting in the reception room of Mercy Hospital on the day previous was a coincidence, and stated that if it were it was indeed a lucky one for the Agents, and asked Agent Wynn at that time whether or not the Agents, upon going to the hospital, knew the name under which Coker was a patient there, explaining that he was certain that they did not and that undoubtedly we would not have been able to locate the record, not knowing the name, except by making inquiry immediately after they left.

Respectfully submitted,

*John M. Jones*  
J. M. Jones  
Special Agent.

*E. J. Wynn*  
E. J. Wynn  
Special Agent.

Cleveland, Ohio,  
May 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent T. M. Birch and deals with investigation made in Toledo, Ohio, on May 4, 1936 and May 5, 1936, and sets out specifically contacts with Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick, J. T. Cordrey, E. Claggett, and F. R. Casey.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd and the writer arrived in Toledo, Ohio at about six P. M. on May 4, 1936, and registered at the Waldorf Hotel. At about seven P. M. Agents Birch and Dowd entered Dyers Restaurant on Superior Street, and were seated at a table when Post Office Inspectors Claggett and Casey entered and seated themselves at the same table. The conversation during the meal was general. After the meal Agents Birch and Dowd, accompanied by Inspectors Claggett and Casey, went to Agents' rooms at the Waldorf Hotel. At this time Agent Dowd and Inspector Claggett walked together, and Agent Birch and Inspector Casey walked together. Inspector Casey was very critical of the lack of cooperation displayed by the post office inspectors toward Agents of the FBI with regard to this investigation, and was very outspoken in this regard. Inspector Casey inquired of Agent Birch as to whether a check had been made at the Mercy Hospital relative to the length of time Sam Coker was hospitalized there prior and subsequent to the Garrettsville mail train robbery on November 5, 1935. Agent Birch advised Inspector Casey that he had no knowledge of this inquiry having been made, and this matter would be handled by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. No further conversation in this regard was had at this time. Agents Dowd and Birch and Post Office Inspectors Claggett and Casey then went to Agents' rooms at the Waldorf Hotel and remained there for approximately one hour, the conversation being of a general nature.

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The next day about twelve-thirty P. M. after Agents Birch and Dowd had finished lunch in the coffee shop of the Waldorf Hotel and were going out into the lobby when they encountered Post Office Inspectors Hettrick, Casey, Claggett, and Cordrey, who were seated at a table having lunch. At this time Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick advised Agent Birch that he had important information to convey to Mr. Connelley and made inquiry as to whether or not he was in Toledo, and if he was not there, who was in charge. Agent Birch informed him that Special Agent E. J. Wynn was in Toledo and he then stated he would get in touch with Special Agent Wynn. Later, about one-thirty P. M., Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick telephoned to Agent Birch, who was in his room at the time, requesting the whereabouts of Agent Wynn. After this telephone call Inspector Hettrick came to Agent Birch's room and confided to Agent Birch that it was his intention to pick up Joe Roscoe, bring him to the post office building and interrogate him in an effort to obtain information relative to the location of Harry Campbell, and in addition to interview and pick up a number of persons, among whom was former Sheriff Jake Taylor. Inspector Hettrick asked Agent Birch as to his knowledge of the present location of Joe Roscoe, and Agent Birch advised Inspector Hettrick that he had no knowledge of Roscoe's whereabouts. In view of the above information from Mr. Hettrick it was deemed advisable to communicate with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and in this connection advised Inspector Hettrick accordingly.

Agent Birch accompanied Post Office Inspector Hettrick to a private telephone booth from which a call was placed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, advising him of the contact had with Post Office Inspectors Hettrick and Cordrey, and of their intention to pick up Joe Roscoe and interrogate him at the post office, likewise Jake Taylor and others. Mr. Connelley asked to talk with Mr. Hettrick and after a short conversation Agent Birch again talked with Mr. Connelley who advised Agent Birch that it was satisfactory with him if the post office inspectors picked up Joe Roscoe and Jake Taylor and interviewed them. After this telephonic conversation with Special Agent in Charge Connelley Agent Birch returned to his room where he awaited the arrival of Special Agent E. J. Wynn.

At three-thirty P. M., Special Agent E. J. Wynn called Agent Birch on the telephone and requested that Agent Birch immediately contact Inspector Hettrick and request him to get in touch with Mr. Connelley by telephone. Agent Birch made several attempts to contact Inspector Hettrick at the post office and also at the Waldorf and Hillcrest Hotels, but was unsuccessful. Agent Birch then proceeded to the office of the post office inspectors and there located Post

Office Inspector Frank Casey, who advised Agent Birch that Inspectors Hettrick, Claggett and Cordrey were then at Mercy Hospital conducting an investigation. Agent Birch advised Inspector Casey of the request of Mr. Connelley that Mr. Hettrick contact him. Before Agent Birch left the office of Post Office Inspector Casey, Post Office Inspectors Hettrick, Claggett and Cordrey entered and Agent advised Inspector Hettrick of Mr. Connelley's request. Mr. Hettrick immediately put in a long distance call to Mr. Connelley and upon conclusion of the conversation advised Agent Birch that Mr. Connelley had granted the post office inspectors permission to interview Fred Hunter, who was then in custody at New Orleans. Post Office Inspector Claggett, during the time Inspector Hettrick was conversing with Mr. Connelley, advised Agent Birch that Inspectors Cordrey, Hettrick and himself had just returned from Mercy Hospital where they made investigation relative to the time Sam Coker was confined in that hospital, particularly during the Garrettsville robbery on November 7, 1935. Inspector Claggett gave no further details but upon conclusion of Inspector Hettrick's telephone conversation with Mr. Connelley, he advised Agent Birch that he, Hettrick, had just returned from Mercy Hospital and on leaving had encountered Special Agent E. J. Wynn, who was then entering the hospital. Mr. Hettrick's statement is as follows: "Wynn asked me what I found out about Coker. I told him (with a wave of his hand) there it is; go get it for yourself." Hettrick then asked Agent Birch the following question: "Say, are we cooperation or not?" Agent Birch replied, "As far as I know, we are. All matters of policy are governed by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley." At this time Inspector Cordrey attempted to engaged Agent Birch in a dispute relative to activities of FBI Agents and post office inspectors at Hot Springs. Agent Birch advised Inspector Cordrey that he had no knowledge of this and could make no comment about it. Agent Birch then left the post office.

This statement includes the details of all contacts had by these Agents with post office inspectors at Toledo, Ohio

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Respectfully submitted,

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T. M. BIRCH  
Special Agent



Police Corruption  
Greens, Ohio.

Cleveland, Ohio,  
May 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

With reference to the statement appearing in the Cleveland Press, dated May 8, 1936, made by Chief of Police Ray Allen of Toledo, Ohio, demanding to know why Director John Edgar Hoover chose to ignore the Toledo police in conducting the raid, which resulted in the apprehension of Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, thus implying that Toledo police officers could not be trusted, the writer desires to report the following information which he obtained from Edna Murray while she was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri:

It will be recalled that Edna Murray was the consort of Volney Davis during the time that they, with other members of the Barker-Karpis mob established themselves in Toledo during the spring and summer of 1934.

With reference to the setup at Toledo, which made it safe for them to reside there without apprehension, she advised that Bert and Ted Angus, owners of the Casino Club were very friendly with George Timony, who at that time was in charge of the hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department. In this connection, Edna Murray related that both Bert and Ted Angus and their clique were fully aware of the identities of the various members of the mob; that when Doc Barker brought Volney Davis to Toledo in February, 1934, Doc made the statement to Volney that he might not like the setup at Toledo, but that the people with whom they would be connected and would associate knew who they were and what they did. She stated that Volney Davis was very much opposed to this situation, particularly after he learned that police officer Timony of the Toledo Police Department was included in the clique. She further advised that Bert and Ted Angus claimed that Timony was a very good friend of theirs.

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Edna Murray further stated that George Timeny observed them on numerous occasions at the Casino Club and became acquainted with several members of the mob; that he referred to them by their first names and the boys referred to him as "Tim"; that shortly after Doc Barker and Russell Gibson arrived in Toledo they either purchased or rented a motor boat from Timeny; that this boat is described as being dark maroon in color, seven passenger capacity, built-in motor with steering wheel; that the boat was usually docked in the small harbor directly across from the Casino Club and near the golf course. She further advised with reference to this boat that it was her understanding that the same at one time had been used to run rum and was confiscated by the police; that through useage it became very dilapidated and every time it was taken out the boys had to do considerable bailing. She further stated that during the mob's entire stay at Toledo they had access to this launch and that the keys were kept at the Casino Club.

Another incident which greatly indicates that the Barker-Karpis mob was residing in Toledo with police protection is as follows: Edna stated that on the night Harry Campbell was to have his fingers operated on by Dr. Moran, Campbell came up from the basement of his home in a very excited frame of mind. He told the boys that he believed that someone was "casing" the house. A discussion was immediately had as to what to do, during which discussion Fred Barker entered the room. When he was informed of Harry Campbell's observation he stated that he would immediately go to the Casino Club and find out whether there was any "heat" on the place. He returned later that evening and stated that they, meaning the Angus brothers, would find out what it was about; that on the next morning Fred Barker came to Alvin Karpis' apartment at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, and in the presence of Edna Murray stated that the Angus brothers had learned from Timeny that as far as he knew there was no "heat" on their place. Edna Murray advised that the boys later conjectured that Campbell concocted the above story, which he based on his observation, in order to avoid being operated on that night.

Edna Murray further advised the writer that on another occasion while she and other members of the mob were drinking at the Casino Club she was in a booth with Rene Holst and Madeline Angus, the wife of Bert Angus; that while in this booth, George Timeny, who was partially intoxicated, came to their booth and asked Rene for a dance. Rene refused him and when Timeny walked away, Edna made the remark to her, "What the hell does that son-of-a-bitch want?" According to Edna, Rene laughed and said, "Oh, he's alright. You have nothing to worry about."

The foregoing information was previously reported in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 17, 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

JLM/EJB

*John L. Madala*  
JOHN L. MADALA  
Special Agent.

Cleveland, Ohio  
May 8, 1936

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

With reference to the situation existing in the police department at Toledo, Ohio, and agent's contacts with the department during the investigation of the Brekid case at Toledo, Ohio, the writer has confined his contacts to Detective Harry K. Manson and former Detective Merle J. Unkle, present Chief of Police at Mansfield, Ohio, for the reason agent was advised by former Special Agent D. E. Hall, who was formerly assigned to the Brekid case in the Detroit office, that the above two individuals had furnished splendid cooperation and could be trusted. Agent later contacted Sergeant Frank Baumgartner, and on one occasion Detective Owen Green.

A perusal of the Cleveland file of the Brekid case has been made, and the following is set forth, which reflects incidents and statements made by various individuals when interviewed by Bureau agents at Toledo, Ohio, during the course of this investigation.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10-17-35, especially page 34, wherein an interview was had with Special Agents A. P. Barber and C. E. Smith with Vern Royer, 3312 Manhattan Boulevard, golf professional, Bayview Golf Course, which course is located across the street from the Casino Club, formerly operated by Bert and Ted Angus. According to Mr. Royer, some time during August 1934 unknown individuals had driven an automobile apparently from the Casino Club across number two fairway and green to the Bayview Yacht Club. A short time later Russell Simpson, a hanger-on at the golf course, observed the individuals and later recognized them when viewing photographs of Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis. Simpson advised Royer of this incident, and Royer, in turn, notified some Toledo, Ohio detectives of Simpson's experience, and the detectives advised him that if he was not sure of the identity of these persons he should forget it, as they were a dangerous crowd, and if a raid were made on the Casino Club and nothing found, might cause trouble.

Later Special Agent C. E. Smith contacted Detective Harry Manson as reflected in report of Agent Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 11-16-35, page 2, and was advised by him he had heard that Detective

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Owen Green could possibly secure a photograph of some of the subjects of this case standing beside the motor boat of Ted Angus at the Bay-view Golf Course. Detective Manson further advised that, in his opinion, Green was straight, and if approached in the proper manner, would cooperate. Agent's interview with Detective Green is set forth later in this memorandum.

Attention is also directed to letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Director, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 2-5-36, wherein on page 6, Lillian "Lou" Poole, a former inmate of the call house of Edith Barry, advised SAC E. J. Connelley that "Edith is undoubtedly paying off to someone in the city hall, as the police never interfere with the operation of her house in any way and even the officer on that particular beat never calls at the place". Attention is also called to the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, 2-6-35, wherein on page 48 it is reflected in the statement made by Wynona Burdette to Agent Madala and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan that "the boys" told her that Willie Harrison had been picked up by the Toledo police; that he, Willie, told the police he was a friend of Bert and Ted Angus, and the police thereafter took him out to the Casino Club. Wynona further states later she learned the matter was merely a joke played on Willie by Bert and Ted Angus.


Attention is called to report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 3-10-36, wherein on page 6 Special Agent C. E. Smith was advised by Lillian "Lou" Marea, formerly Lillian "Lou" Poole, that on one occasion a police officer had entered Edith Barry's house while looking for a man and Edith had called Captain Fruchi of the police department and that was the last time she was bothered.

On March 15, 1936, at 7:51 Special Agent C. E. Smith was maintaining a tap on the telephone of Edith Barry and recorded the following conversation:

Outgoing call

Agent subsequently learned that Edith Barry had just been raided, and at 8:50 pm after three calls were made by Edith Barry to Forest 3012-J, which is the home telephone of Detective James Ford, the following conversation was recorded. It will be noted that this was an incoming call and agent could not recognize the individual's voice.

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As a matter of information, James H. Ford is a Toledo city detective and resides at 1718 Joffrie Avenue, telephone number Forest 3012-J. The records of the County Prosecutor's office reveal that on June 20, 1931, Ford was indicted by the Lucas County Grand Jury on a charge of public official soliciting and accepting a bribe under indictment number 20270. On August 12, 1932, the charge was nolle. Briefly, the facts of the case are, according to Detective Harry K. Manson, as follows: Ford accepted money from David Britz, operator of the Palm Hotel, on Cherry Street, which was also a house of assignation. Detective Ford was arrested in the act of receiving the money. Detective Manson also advised that David Britz is the father of Morris Britz, a former Toledo City Police Prosecutor.

It will also be noted on page 4 in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 7-30-34, that Special Agent D.P. Dickstein exhibited a photograph of C. D. Harris alias Clyde Nimerick alias Dutch to Captain George Timmone, and according to Agent Dickstein Captain Timmone seemed to be very cool and would not furnish Agent Dickstein with any information. It will also be noted in the summary report of Special Agent D. E. Hall at Detroit, Michigan, 4-27-35 on page 15, Agent Hall states that George Timmone, Captain

of Detective Bureau, Toledo Police Department, is a close friend of various underworld characters in Toledo, and especially Ted and Bert Angus; that he is not reliable and has not been contacted to date. Attention is also called to pages 40 and 41 of report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, at Chicago, Ill., 10-17-35, wherein Edna Murray stated to Agent Madala that Volney was very much opposed to the situation at Toledo, particularly after he learned that a police officer was among the Angus clique. She continued that she referred to George Timmone, a plain clothesman in the Toledo Police Department, a very good friend of both Bert and Ted Angus. Edna further stated that George Timmone referred to "the boys" by their common names and that "the boys" referred to Timmone as Tim. Edna further stated that Doc Barker and Russell Gibson either purchased or rented Timmone's motor boat and during their entire stay in Toledo they had access to this launch, and the keys to it were kept at the Casino Club. It is stated here that no investigation has been conducted to date to ascertain whether Captain Timmone or his paramour, Edith Marks, owns the motor boat.

Your attention is also directed to the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 12-21-35 and especially to pages 9 and 10, wherein Edna Murray in a second statement made to Agent Sullivan again stated that on one occasion Wynona Burdette, she and Willie Harrison when staying at the Algo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, while asleep Detective Timmone and another policeman named George, at the instigation of Bert Angus made a fake raid in the Algo Hotel, kicked in the door of Harrison's room, placed him under arrest and proceeded to take him to the police station, and Harrison while on his way strongly objected and stated that he was a friend of Bert and Ted Angus, whereupon Timmone took him to the Casino Club for the purpose of verifying Harrison's statements. A black-jack had also been planted in Harrison's car and the individuals who were present at the Casino Club at the time greatly enjoyed Harrison's discomfort before they advised him that it was a joke. Edna further states that while talking with Bert Angus later about the Harrison incident, Bert stated, "When we arrested Willie, we didn't know that that was a bunch of kidnapers at the Algo Hotel".

It will also be noted on page 4 in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 7-11-35, that Detective Owen Green upon interview with Special Agents Smith and B. M. Hirsh relative to information he had about someone who had a photograph of Karpis and Campbell standing by Ted Angus' boat,



indicated that during the summer of 1934 he had heard a rumor about the mob hanging around the Bayview Yacht Club; that he and his partner, Ray Sheets, contacted Russell Simpson, who was employed at the Municipal Golf Course, adjacent to the Yacht Club, who stated he had secured the photograph. Green stated that he had requested the photograph and told Simpson that there was heavy money out for the men, and if Simpson would help them, he would get a cut on it. He said later that Simpson alibied out of the deal, and it was the impression of Green that someone had reached Simpson. When questioned by agents relative to who might have reached Simpson he stated that he did not know as he had not continued the investigation, giving agents the impression that his activities had been interfered with by some official. Green further stated that the Angus brothers, no doubt, were hiding the boys and their contact in the police department was Captain Timmone, and Captain Timmone was known to be close friend of the Angus'.

Your attention is also called to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Mich., 2-25-35, wherein on page 26 Special Agent A. Dickstein contacted Kenneth Larson, motorcycle police officer, who resides at 1361 Rollins Road, Toledo, Ohio, who had approached Assistant U. S. Attorney Gerald P. Openlander, stating he had certain information relating to the Karpis-Barker gang, and he was referred to this office by Mr. Openlander in order that investigation be conducted by the Detroit office at Toledo, Ohio. Officer Larson stated he should be treated as a confidential informant due to known existing conditions in the Toledo Police Department, and under no circumstances should the fact that he was furnishing information in this regard be revealed to anyone outside of the Bureau. It will also be noted on page 11 in the summary report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Mich., 4-27-35, that Special Agent D. E. Hall also stated that Kenneth Larson, motorcycle policeman, Toledo Police Department, should not be contacted at any time at the police department, but always at his home due to known existing conditions in the Toledo Police Department.

Attention is also called to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 8-22-34, wherein on page 10 it is reflected that Agent Hall interviewed Assistant U. S. Attorney Gerald P. Openlander, in order to obtain a reliable contact, who was acquainted with the activities of Theodore Angus and Elwood Trunkers, and he stated that as a whole he had little or no confidence in the Toledo Police Department; however, he stated that Captain Charles Hennessey had always impressed him as being an honest and upright officer. He further advised that he had received information to the effect that he could not be bought and stood for honest and efficient law enforcement. He further stated that the

first of the current year, 1935, vice investigations had been turned over to Captain Hennessey and in about three months he did more to clean up vice than any of his predecessors had in Toledo, but due to vigorous politics he had been removed from this position and placed at squad duty again. Captain Hennessey stated that the Angus brothers owned the Casino Club and it was also felt that Captain George Timmone, now in charge of the vice squad, had an interest in this club. He stated that the Angus brothers and Timmone were inseparable friends and it was learned, or there was no doubt in his mind that they were playing in the protection game in Toledo and it was generally understood that during the term of office of former Mayor Hatcher (Thatcher, correct name) it was commonly known that Angus was a graft collector and vice boss.

Continuing, Captain Hennessey further advised Special Agent D. E. Hall that he would not contact any of the heads of the Toledo Police Department concerning Angus, as he believes the Angus' are closely allied with them and they would tip him off and render no assistance of value concerning the various members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Captain Hennessey further stated that there was no question in his mind that Captain Timmone was crooked. Captain Hennessey referred Special Agent D. E. Hall to Detective R. L. Peters of the Toledo Police Department, who was at that time assigned to the vice squad under Captain George Timmone, but whom he considers an honest officer and who had often remarked to him concerning the way Timmone was grafting.

As reflected in the same report but on page 12, Captain Hennessey took Special Agent D. E. Hall to the home of Detective R. L. Peters, 1801 Monroe Street, and Detective Peters advised Agent Hall of practically the same information with reference to the Angus brothers and Captain George Timmone. He also stated that he was satisfied in his own mind beyond any question of doubt that Timmone was crooked and the whole administration of the Toledo Police Department was wrong. Detective Peters advised Agent Hall that in the event the Detroit office desired to contact him, they should, under no circumstances, contact him at the police department but always at his home, stating that if Captain George Timmone became aware of the fact that he was making any inquiries or assisting in any way in the investigation of Theodore Angus, Timmone would probably try to have him fired from the police department. Captain Hennessey made a like request.

With reference to present Sheriff James O'Reilly, the following conversation was had by Special Agent Smith with Assistant U. S. Attorney Gerald P. Openlander, who stated that he was giving agent this information and did not care to be quoted: that Toledo had had a lot of bum sheriffs, and James O'Reilly was fast becoming the worst. In view of the fact that no investigation was being conducted at that time on the present sheriff, it is not reflected in the files of the Brekid case.

During the course of Special Agent B. M. Hirsh's presence in Toledo, Ohio, as resident agent, the following information was obtained by him as a result of confidential talks with various police officers in that city.

While talking with Assistant U. S. Attorney Gerald P. Openlander, he advised that for several years prior to his appointment as Assistant U. S. Attorney, he was a member of the city law department; that as such he took part in removal proceedings of one or two officers from the police department; that during his tenure of office he had the confidence of many of the members of the force and that he learned from these officers the names of other officers who were "on the take" and who were crooked.

It is recalled that Mr. Openlander mentioned that Detective George Timmonney was one of those who was known to be "on the take", and Inspector Haas, now resigned, had also for many years, even while serving as chief of police, had been "on the take". Detective Arthur Langendorfer and others, names not recalled.

In numerous conversations with John Louy, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification and Records, Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, Mr. Louy advised that he knew of several members in the police department who owned beautiful homes, who could not have purchased such homes from monies earned by them from their salaries alone, even though they had managed to save their entire salaries without deducting living expenses. Mr. Louy indicated that such persons definitely had been "on the take" for many years. Mr. Louy did not advise the writer definitely as to the names of these persons but did advise agent that if he had occasion to work with or go to any of these officers for assistance, if these officers were known and inquiry was made of him by agent, he would, if the officer was wrong, steer agent clear of him.

During the course of a general conversation with Detective Owen Green of the Toledo Police Department, on one occasion, he became very confidential with the writer, at which time he generally discussed the inefficiency of most of the members of the Detective Bureau and the police department. In this connection he advised very confidentially that one of the detective captains, Rydman, was particularly inefficient and had no particular ability as a captain; that his promotion had been the result of politics and his friendship with persons who had "pull".

Detective Green stated that he was very friendly toward Rydman and liked him personally; that he was a nice fellow but was grossly inefficient. He also indicated that he had been very friendly for many years with Inspector Haas, now resigned; that he considers Haas very inefficient and not a very able officer. Detective Green also advised that Inspector, on one or two occasions, while Chief of Police of the Toledo Police Department, had been "on the take" in a big way for many years.

In this connection, Detective Green stated that Haas informed him, Green, of the various amounts which he had received as a "pay-off"; although Detective Green would not mention the exact amounts, he did indicate that this amounted to several thousands of dollars per month. Detective Green also indicated that Captain George Timmonee long in charge of the hoodlum squad in Toledo had been "on the take". He considered Detective Timmonee a capable officer but one who had always been among those "paid off".

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/1-6/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. E. McKEE</b>
TITLE: <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>CHARLES JOSEPH FITZGERALD</b> , aliases: Charles Morgan, J. C. Hammond, W. M. Funk, Slim Williams, Frank West, Charles Logan, Charles Lowe, Philip Fitzgerald, W. M. Frank, W. D. Fitzgerald, J. C. Adams, Daniel Mathias Logan, Charles Gordon, W. E. Fitzgerald, Qui Slim, Big Charley, Big Ben, Big Fitt, Long Charley, Old Charley, William Funk, C. J. Murphy, Charles Joseph Murray, J. C. Foster, James Charles Foster, Judge Fitzgerald, G. W. Wilson; <b>JOHN P. REIFER</b> alias Jack Reiffer; <b>EDWARD C. BARTHOLOMEY</b> ; <b>ALBIN FRANCIS KARPIS</b> , aliases: Alvin Karpis, Alvin Karpavicz, A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, L. L. Burns, Earl Lynan Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, R. A. Nelson, Marion Bradford, Marion Bradford, H. J. Milgret, H. C. Milgret, Howard Milgret, L. L. Burnes, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, Chi Karpis, Raymond Handley, Labin Karpis, James, Charles M. Bronson, Leroy Morrison, E. M. Ragner, H. C. Maggoner, Elmer Wagner, E. W. Wagner, Edward E. Sager, L. C. Woods, A. S. Green, Ray Green, E. M. Green, Charles A. Richards, W. A. Lohman, Slim, Raymond Alvin Karpis, Ray Carson, T. M. Nelson, R. J. Burns, Ray Hadley, R. S. Carson, F. M. Dawson, R. C. Hayes, Jr.; <b>ARTHUR R. BARKER</b> , aliases: Doc Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, J. H. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, Dock Barker, Claude Barker, Arthur Barker, F. E. Gordon, H. J. Harvey, James, Ray Gordon, Joe. Shorty, HENRY; <b>WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON</b> , aliases: Byron Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen D. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter, Owen B. Carter, James Martin, O. B. Joyce; <b>FRED BARKER</b> (Deceased), aliases: F. C. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Barrows, E. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, A. S. Hunter, J. Earl Matterson, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon Bradford, Earl J. Matterson, F. C. Blackburn, F. E. Long, SMITH; <b>FRED C. COETZ</b> (Deceased), aliases: George Zeigler, Fred Coetz, Shotgun Zeigler, The Dutchman, James George Zeigler, George E. Siebert, A. M. Johnson, W. A. Johnson, George B. Seibert, George E. Johnson, Floyd C. Zeigler, Van Ash, George F. Seibert; <b>ELMER FARMER</b> ; <b>WILLIAM A. HAMM, JR.</b> - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
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**Synopsis of Facts:**

Subject Karpis arrived St. Paul, Minn., May 2, 1936 in custody of Director and Bureau Agents. Questioned St. Paul Office May 2 to 6, 1936 and admitted his guilt in both Harap and Brekid kidnappings. Admissions of guilt by Karpis relate only to his participation. Karpis has definitely refused to implicate other persons or to make signed statement, although he admits knowing all subjects in Harap and Brekid kidnappings except Bartholmey. U.S. Attorney Sullivan, St. Paul, refused proposition from Karpis that he plead guilty to one kidnapping and have other dismissed. Karpis taken into custody by U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minn., May 6, 1936 and committed Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minn., on same date in default of total bond of \$500,000 in both kidnappings. Arrangements made at Ramsey County Jail to have 24 hour Agent guard on Karpis and to keep newspapers and visitors from him.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent S. E. Maken,  
St. Paul, Minnesota, 4-27-36.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being changed in order to set out the true name of Subject KARPIS, which he has stated to be ALVIN FRANCIS KARPIS.

At about 6:00 P.M. on May 1, 1936, the Director communicated telephonically from New Orleans, Louisiana, with Special Agent in Charge G. W. Stein of the St. Paul Bureau Office, and advised that Subject KARPIS had just been taken into custody at New Orleans and was being removed to St. Paul immediately by plane in custody of Bureau Agents. It was stated that the plane would probably reach St. Paul, Minnesota, during the early hours of the morning, and instructions were given that appropriate arrangements be made to meet the plane in order that the party might be escorted to the St. Paul Office.

KARPIS arrived at the Holman Municipal Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota, at about 8:45 A.M., May 2, 1936 in custody of the Director; Assistant Director C. A. Tolson; Special Agents in Charge A. J. Connelley and Dwight Brantley, and Special Agents W. R. Glavin and Clarence Hurt. He was immediately taken to the St. Paul Bureau Office for questioning.

On May 2, 1936 Subject ALVIN KARPIS was questioned by Special Agent J. K. McKee in the presence of Special Agent G. A. Paulson, at which time he made some admissions. On May 3 and 4, 1936 KARPIS was questioned by Special Agents H. C. Juran and J. K. McKee and during this period the admissions made to Special Agent McKee on the first mentioned date were repeated by Karpis, and for that reason it is to be stated that all admissions made by Karpis have been made in the presence of both Agents Juran and McKee.

When the questioning of Karpis was commenced he refused to answer any questions which related to any alleged offenses committed by him. However, when questioning was continued he commenced to furnish answers of such a nature that he seemed to be assuming that the Bureau was in possession of correct facts relative to both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings. During the time of this questioning Karpis was very definite in his assertions that he would not answer any questions or supply any information which would affect any friends of his, that is, persons possibly jointly involved with him in the commission of a crime, or persons who had befriended him while he was a fugitive. He also stated that he would at no time make any signed statement.

At the beginning of his questioning Karpis identified photographs of the various persons allegedly involved along with him in the Hamm kidnapping. The matter of these identifications and the information supplied by him as to the various persons concerned will be treated hereinafter.

On the night of May 2, 1936, when Karpis was being questioned by Special Agent McKee, notes of the questions and answers were taken by Special Agent G. A. Paulson unbeknown to Karpis, and same will be made a part of this file. The substance of the admissions secured at this time is that Karpis admitted he was guilty of both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, and that he drove the car used in the actual kidnapping of Victim Hamm. Karpis admitted being acquainted with all of the persons under indictment in the Hamm case with the exception of Bartholmey, and in the case of Bartholmey he refused to answer any questions.

Karpis, of his own volition, mentioned that he would possibly enter a plea of guilty to one of these kidnappings if the District Attorney would agree to drop the other, but that he would not consider entering pleas of guilty to both kidnappings. Of his own volition he also stated that he knew that Agents McKee and Paulson could testify against him in court with respect to his statements that he was guilty of both kidnappings and had driven the car used in the abduction of Hamm. During this questioning Agent McKee advised Karpis that he could testify against him with respect to any admissions he might make, and in response to questions refused to discuss with Karpis the matter of any sentences he might receive, stating in this connection that the matter of passing sentence was entirely one for the consideration of the court.

A group of about fifty photographs were exhibited to Alvin Karpis and he stated that he would set aside those photographs which he recognized as being the likenesses of individuals known to him. He advised that of the photographs which he refused to identify there might be some persons whom he knew but concerning whom he would not identify photographs or make any statements. The following is a resume of photograph identifications made by Karpis and of the information supplied by him concerning these persons:

**FRED BARKER** - Advised he became acquainted with this individual while both of them were confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, prior to 1931, Freddie being the first of the so-called BARKER-KARPIS mob with whom he became acquainted.

**ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER** - Stated he met Doc Barker in the Fall of 1932 at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that he, Karpis, and Fred Barker furnished the money through which Doc's release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary was secured. Karpis refused to elaborate on the circumstances under which Doc's release was secured.

**FRED GOETZ** - Stated he first was introduced to Goetz in St. Paul, Minnesota, some years ago but really became acquainted with him during the Spring of 1933 when Goetz was living with his wife Irene and a little boy in a bungalow located in Elmhurst, Illinois. Karpis would not state who introduced him to Goetz or the connections in which the visits to the Elmhurst house were made.



**CHARLES J. FITZGERALD** - Karpis stated he became acquainted with Fitzgerald in Chicago, Illinois, in the summer of 1932; that he first became acquainted with him subsequent to the date that Tom Holden, Francis X. Costello, and Harvey Bailey were arrested in Kansas City, Missouri, during the first part of July 1932; that after the arrest of these individuals he, with Freddie Barker, Larry Lovel, Bernard Phillips, and "Ma" Barker came to St. Paul, Minnesota, and that shortly thereafter he, Karpis, went to Chicago, Illinois, and met Fitzgerald at the O P Inn operated by Doc Casey. He also stated that he often saw Fitzgerald with Belle Gorn, and said that Fitzgerald was friendly with two men known to him as "Big Homer" and Gus. With respect to Gus, Karpis stated that he was about the size of Agent McKee, Agent McKee being approximately 5 feet, 8 inches in height; weight about 180 pounds. Karpis said that Gus was possibly broader through the shoulders than Agent McKee and was about 42 years of age; that he had medium brown hair, and was supposed to be interested along with Gus in a night club located in the North Side of Chicago.

**MYLES BOLTON** - Karpis said he became acquainted with Bolton at about the time he met Coetz; that Bolton and Coetz were very close friends and Bolton was generally regarded as being Coetz' bodyguard. Karpis advised that from various actions and remarks made by Bolton during times he was in his company, he received the impression that if Bolton was arrested that he would "tell everything he knew" and that for this reason he on several occasions mentioned to Coetz that he thought it would be a good idea if he would break away from him.

**JACK PEIFER** - Karpis stated he became acquainted with Jack Peifer at St. Paul, Minnesota, when he first began to come to St. Paul, which was about 1932. He said that he was friendly with Peifer and often came in contact with him at the Sallybecks Inn, which was operated at that time by Peifer as a restaurant and gambling joint; further, that he saw Peifer on one occasion at the Plantation Inn on White Bear Lake and on numerous occasions at Harry Sawyer's saloon.

**ELMER FARMER** - Karpis stated he met Elmer Farmer at his saloon in Bensenville, Illinois. He would not state who introduced him to this individual. He claimed that he has only been in Farmer's saloon on two occasions, but that on numerous occasions he has driven to the place and remained outside in the car while Farmer came out and talked to either him or whoever was with him at the time.

**VOLNEY DAVIS** - No statement was made as to when he became acquainted with Volney Davis; however, he advised that Davis was living with Fred Barker in a cottage at Long Lake, Illinois, during the summer of 1933, and that while this cottage was occupied by Barker, Davis, Paula Harmon and Edna Murray he made two visits to the cottage. He also stated that Davis did not participate in the Hamm kidnaping. He would not either affirm or deny that Davis took part in the Bremer kidnaping. He did state that during the early part of 1934 the mob believed that Davis was losing his mind because of his peculiar actions. He said that while he knew Davis, Edna Murray was living with him, and that after he, Karpis, moved out of an apartment house on Second Avenue in Maywood, Illinois, Davis and Edna Murray moved into the same building. He identified the photograph of Edna Murray and admitted that he had seen her at the Barker-Davis cottage on Long Lake, Illinois, during the summer of 1933.

**BELLE BORN** - Karpis admitted that he had seen this woman in the company of Charles J. Fitzgerald in Chicago, Illinois, but refused to admit that he had ever been to the apartment of Fitzgerald located on Oglesby Avenue in Chicago, although he did state that he knew Fitzgerald and Belle Born resided at that place during the summer of 1933.

**"FRISCO DUTCH" WITNESS** - He stated he has seen "Frisco Dutch" at numerous spots in St. Paul, Minnesota, including the Hollyhocks Inn, Sawyer's saloon, and also the Plantation at White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

**HARRY SAWYER** - Karpis claimed he first met Harry Sawyer during the Fall of 1931 or the early part of 1932 when he first came to St. Paul, Minnesota; that he saw Sawyer mainly at his saloon. He also admitted that he had come in contact with Sawyer during the summer of 1934 at Cleveland, Ohio.

**HARRY CAMPBELL** - Karpis advised he has known Campbell for about five years, but that Campbell did not become connected with the mob until about the Fall of 1933 at Chicago, Illinois, just prior to the time that the entire mob proceeded to Reno, Nevada. He advised that Campbell lived with Wynona Burdette during this period as man and wife, and that after Wynona was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently returned to her home in Oklahoma that Harry went to Oklahoma and drove her to Florida, where they lived until the date of

the Oklahoma affair. Karpis stated that Wynona contended that she did not furnish any information to the Government while she was under arrest, but that he, Karpis, did not believe her and told Campbell that he thought she was lying; that at the time that Wynona Burdette was brought to St. Paul, Minnesota, to testify in the second trial of the Bremer case, Harry Campbell refused to believe that she would testify for the Government; that Wynona sent a telegram to her relatives in Oklahoma, which he stated he recalled read in substance, "Please send fifty dollars for attorney fees"; that he and Harry Campbell drove to Oklahoma and met some relative of Wynona Burdette's and furnished this relative with money to transmit to Wynona, and that the money so transmitted belonged to him, Karpis. He asked how much money Wynona received, and was advised the sum was \$50.00, and Karpis replied that he thought that would be the way it turned out, indicating that a larger sum of money was left with the relative. He refused to divulge how Harry Campbell and himself learned that the telegram had been received by the relatives of Wynona, and refused to disclose the identity of this relative. With respect to Campbell, Karpis refused to state which of the several photographs in possession of the Bureau was the best present likeness. He did state, however, that he last saw Campbell during November 1935. He would not state where this meeting occurred, but he did say that Campbell at that time was drinking very heavily and while drinking did not know what he did or said; that on several occasions they had quarrels, and Campbell threatened to kill him, and he felt that it was best to leave Campbell as he felt he would have to kill him in the event they remained together.

**JIMMIE WILSON** - Karpis stated that he became acquainted with Jimmie Wilson through Dr. Merum in Chicago, Illinois, and that Jimmie Wilson also visited the various members of the gang in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio. He refused to go into further details concerning this individual other than to state that he was always trying to be a "big shot", and that the sentence which Jimmie Wilson received after his conviction in the Bremer case was a just sentence; that Jimmie Wilson did not take care of him while he, Karpis, was recovering from his facial and fingertip operations, but did admit that Jimmie Wilson took care of Harry Campbell after Dr. Merum had operated upon him.

**WILLIAM HARRISON** - Karpis stated he first became acquainted with Harrison at Calumet City, Illinois, when Harrison was running a

saloon in that spot along with one of the Angis brothers, but that he does not recall the circumstances surrounding this meeting or who took him to Calumet City. He stated that he last saw Willie Harrison in Miami, Florida, during the latter part of 1934, at which time he, Karpis, gave Willie some money to go to California, where Harrison was supposed to open up a filling station and turn "legitimate". He stated that Harrison was not guilty in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, but that Willie did assist the members of the gang in renting various apartments and running other errands for the crowd.

**RUSSELL GIBSON** - Karpis merely identified this photograph as being an individual known to him as "Slim" and who associated with the gang.

**KATE BARKER** - Karpis identified the photograph of this woman as being the mother of Fred and Joe, and that he associated with her frequently, and lived in the same apartments with Kate and Freddie on various occasions in Kansas City, Missouri; St. Paul, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois, and he was very friendly with Kate, but that towards the last months of her life Kate Barker appeared to be endeavoring to cause trouble between the various members of the gang in that she would make statements to one member of the gang derogatory to the other, and that he believed that she was going insane from worry. He stated that Ed Barker had knowledge of the criminal activities of her sons but at no time did she aid in planning the crimes or have prior knowledge of them.

**DOLores DELANEY** - Karpis would not state definitely when he first began consorting with Dolores Delaney. He insinuated, however, that it was during the Spring of 1933 at about the time he rented an apartment in River Forest, Illinois. He said that while living with Dolores Delaney he did not tell her anything, and when he went out with various members of the mob he would never take her along as he did not want her to know too much about his business. He stated that he has never married Dolores, but that during the winter of 1934 at Miami, Florida, he and Dolores contemplated going through a marriage ceremony in view of the approaching birth of her child, but did not go through with their plans inasmuch as he did not know his marital status and felt that the marriage if performed would not be legal and the status of the child would be the same as if no ceremony had been gone through. In connection with the child which was later born to Dolores.

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[REDACTED] He said that if he ever gets the chance that he is perfectly willing to marry Dolores if a marriage at the present time will place legitimacy on his son. It is also to be stated that Karpis has remarked that both Dolores and his son have been taken care of; that he has made provisions for them and that his son is assured of at least a college education. When attempts were made to ascertain if he had established a trust fund or to learn the means through which provisions had been made for Dolores and the baby, he was noncommittal.

**FRANK HUNTER** - Karpis stated he met this individual in Ohio but refused to elaborate on his acquaintanceship with this individual. He said he knew him as a gambler and as a salesman for gambling equipment. When questioned with respect to Hunter being involved in the Garrettsville mail robbery, Karpis merely replied: "No answer".

**WILLIAM WEAVER** - Karpis stated he met Bill Weaver shortly after the latter's release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary some time in 1931, and that in fact he, Karpis, gave Bill Weaver his first suit of clothes after the latter's release. He stated that he associated with Bill Weaver from this time until the summer of 1934, when Bill left the gang. He refused to be more specific in connection with his association with Weaver, but did state that Bill Weaver was not connected with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., and only entered with the gang in the kidnaping of Bremer after certain circumstances made it imperative that he do so. He refused to say that the other members of the gang forced him into participation but he refused to discuss the circumstances which lead to Weaver's participation. He stated he also knew that Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver resided together as man and wife, and he refused to discuss these individuals further because he stated he was not assured of the present status of Myrtle Eaton in connection with the indictments which have been returned against her in connection with both the Bremer kidnaping and for harboring William Weaver.

**ALVIN COKER** - Karpis stated he first met this man in Oklahoma during 1931; that he and Coker were joint participants in the robbery of a jewelry at Nowata, Oklahoma, following which Coker was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. The only statement Karpis would make as to his recent associations with Coker was that Coker had a lot of gold teeth in the upper front part of his mouth, and that he had to have these teeth put in after being shot through the nose or roof of his mouth; that Coker was part Indian, and was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in September 1936.

**JOE HOWARD** - He stated Joe Howard was also involved in the jewel robbery at Henrietta, Oklahoma, in 1931; that following his arrest in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Howard furnished a bond and jumped same. He said he has not seen Howard since this occasion.

**AL BENTZ** - Karpis stated he became acquainted with Al Bentz in Chicago, Illinois; that he has seen him in other places which he would not name; that Bentz was associated with Charles J. Fitzgerald, and that he, Karpis, has had opportunities on several occasions to go in on jobs with Bentz. In this connection he said that Bentz was "crazy" and that he would just as soon go on a job with him as with "Machine Gun" Kelly, whom he described as the craziest man he has ever known.

**FRANK WASH** - Karpis stated he knew Frank Wash as an associate of Vernal Miller and Charles J. Fitzgerald, and that he met Wash at the O P Inn in Chicago, Illinois, in 1932.

**FRANCES WASH** - Karpis stated he knew this woman as the wife of Frank Wash.

**EDDY L. MOYAN** - He advised he knew this man as the proprietor of the Green Lantern Tavern in Chicago, Illinois, located on the South Side of Chicago, where at one time he, Karpis, lived. Karpis stated he never visited this tavern with any other person.

Among the photographs which Karpis would not identify, but concerning which he was questioned, at which time he stated he had "no answer" to make with respect to these individuals, are the following: **EDWARD G. BARTHOLOMEY**, **MICHAEL MARINO**, and **TOMMY MARINO**. He was shown the photograph of John Davenport and stated that he knew who John Davenport was but had never associated with him. He was also shown a photograph of Frank Foster and he stated that he did not know this individual, and likewise he failed to identify the photograph of Willie Harvey.

Karpis stated that he was well acquainted with Louis "Doc" Stacey; that he spent considerable time around the O P Inn which was operated by Doc Stacey; that he also was acquainted with Roscoe Stacey, "Blugs" Stacey, and Johnny Stacey, brothers of Doc Stacey.

After Karpis on several occasions admitted to Agents McKee and Suran that he was guilty in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, which statement he makes unqualifiedly, and after stating that he drove the car in which Hamm was kidnaped; also after he had remarked on several occasions that in the event he decided to enter a plea of guilty he might furnish the details of his own part in the kidnapping, he was pressed for a statement as to whether he was a guard at the hideout in Bensenville, Illinois, during the Hamm kidnapping, also for a statement concerning how much of the ransom money he received. He flatly refused to admit having been at the hideout or to make any statement as to what money he received, saying that he would not answer these questions for obvious reasons. He was pressed for answers to these questions on numerous occasions but has consistently declined to say anything except "No answer".

Karpis has stated that the cottage at Bald Eagle Lake, Minnesota, was rented with his money but that he did not rent the cottage. He refused to state who actually rented same, and said he honestly could not recall how much rent was paid. He admitted that Doc Barker, Fred Barker, and Paula Harmon were at this cottage, and when asked about others stated he did not care to answer. At a later time, however, he admitted that Fred Goetz had been at this cottage, stating in this connection that he did not remember having seen Fred Goetz taking sun baths in the rear of the cottage. On another occasion he said he recalled that Fred Barker had a Ford Coupe at the Bald Eagle Lake cottage and that this automobile was usually kept standing outside of the garage. He also admitted that there was a Hudson Sedan kept in the garage in the rear of this cottage, but he would make no statement concerning the ownership of this car. When questioned concerning Jack Peifer, Charles J. Fitzgerald, and Bryon Bolton having been at the cottage, he would make no statement whatsoever, merely replying, "No answer".

On another occasion Karpis was asked if he had returned to the Bald Eagle Lake cottage after Hamm was released, and he advised that after Hamm was released he did not return to the cottage but went back by an indirect route to his apartment in River Forest, Illinois, where he effected a contact with Dolores Delaney and left the place immediately. He would not state where he and Dolores went immediately after they left River Forest, Illinois, advising in this connection that there was a possibility of hurting someone. Karpis advised that after a period of possibly a month or more he lived with Dolores Delaney at the Country Club Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and with respect to this place he said he was taken there by Fred Goetz, whom he knew was well acquainted

with the management. He also remarked that after moving into the Country Club Hotel that he was visited by Harry and Gladys Sawyer, and that while they were visiting him they attended the World's Fair. He was questioned as to whether he knew Charles Grosscurth at the Country Club Hotel, and he replied "no answer".

Karpis at first refused to answer questions concerning the house at 204 Vernon Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota, but he later admitted that this was Freddie Barker's place; that he had been to the house on several occasions and had spent one night there. Karpis was questioned concerning a tip off received by the occupants of the house at 204 Vernon Avenue immediately after Hamm had been released, and although his answers in this connection were very evasive, he did admit that there had been a tip off and that the source was the same as that of the tip off received by Fred Barker, Kate Barker and himself during April 1933 while they were residing in a house on Robert Street in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Karpis was also questioned concerning his having resided in an apartment on Second Avenue in Maywood, Illinois, and in an apartment on Thatcher Avenue in River Forest, Illinois, immediately preceding the kidnaping of Hamm. He advised that he lived in the Maywood, Illinois, apartment for possibly a month under the name of Lanson and that shortly after he moved out of this apartment Valney Davis and Edna Murray moved into the same building. He was asked if it was not a fact that "Eli" Stacey moved his effects from the Maywood, Illinois, apartment but he would not reply to this question. With respect to the River Forest, Illinois, apartment he stated that he lived at this place with Dolores Delaney and that this was his apartment during the period of the Hamm kidnaping, and that during the kidnaping Dolores remained at this place. He was questioned concerning a girl with blonde hair who visited the River Forest, Illinois, apartment, but he declined to identify her, saying that she was an old friend of Dolores; that she was legitimate, and that to state her name would only cause embarrassment to her and would not be related to this investigation in any way.

It is to be stated that Karpis on innumerable occasions has positively stated that he will not make any statements which will hurt anybody either associated with him in criminal enterprises or who have assisted him while he has been a fugitive. He frankly admits that this is the code of the underworld; that he has operated outside of the law since he was about fifteen years of age, and that he intends to abide by this code.



When questioned concerning what typewriter or typewriters were used in the preparation of the ransom notes in the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, Karpis stated that different machines were used in each case. He advised that he did not know the origin of the typewriter used in the Hamm case, but that he knows it is still in existence; also that he knows where it is located. He refused to elaborate on this statement, advising that if he told the location of this machine that it would hurt somebody who is in jail at the present time. With respect to the typewriter used in the Bremer kidnapping, he admitted that a short time prior to the date Bremer was kidnaped he purchased this machine, which he described as a portable typewriter, possibly a Corona or Royal, at some second hand shop located on the south side of Madison Street, a short distance west of the railroad station, in Chicago, Illinois; that he does not recall the name or exact location of the place where this machine was bought, but he does remember having walked four or five blocks in an effort to locate a place where a second hand machine could be bought. He said that after the kidnapping he recalls that this machine was disposed of in some fashion, and that it is his recollection that he disposed of the machine although he cannot remember exactly what he did with it.

Karpis was asked if he knew where Charles J. Fitzgerald was living during the summer of 1933, and he answered that Fitzgerald was living at an apartment on Oglesby Avenue. When asked if he had visited this apartment during that period he refused to answer.

Agents questioned Karpis concerning his having been at Long Lake, Illinois, and he admitted that he had been in that place on two occasions. When asked where in Long Lake he had been, he said that he had gone to a cottage on the lake rented by Fred Barker and Volney Davis and occupied by them along with Paula Harmon and Edna Murray. He would not state the purpose of his visits to this cottage, nor did he admit that he had seen any other persons there except Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Paula Harmon, and Edna Murray. In response to a question as to whether the ransom money in the Hamm kidnapping was divided at this cottage, Karpis merely smiled and replied, "No answer".

Karpis was questioned concerning whether he wore a chauffeur's cap at the time Hamm was kidnaped and he answered that he did wear such a cap. With respect to this cap he said that it was purchased shortly before the kidnapping but that he did not buy it. When asked about the present whereabouts of this cap, he answered that he honestly could not remember what he did with it but that he must have thrown it away.

Karpis was asked for information concerning who was in charge of the guards at the hideout and who was in charge of the negotiations to collect the ransom money in the Hamm case. His answer was that he had nothing to say about the hideout; further, that he had nothing to do with the collection of the ransom money. In this connection he was asked if it was not a fact that after Hamm had been kidnaped the car was driven to a point possibly thirty miles away from St. Paul, where it was stopped and Hamm's signatures were secured to several papers later used as ransom notes. Karpis answered that he had nothing to say about this incident, but when inquiry was made as to whether he was present at this time, he said "Yes, I was there but I have nothing to say about it".

Karpis on several occasions, of his own volition, has said that he would plead guilty to either the Hamm kidnaping or the Bremer kidnaping; that he fully expected to receive a life sentence, but that he would not plead guilty to both kidnapings because he felt that if he did he would receive two life sentences. His reason for this position is that if he is to receive two life sentences through entering pleas of guilty, he might as well stand trial as he feels the result will be the same through both procedures. On occasions when talking in this vein Karpis has asked if Agents did not think he would get two life sentences on pleas of guilty, but he has been told that we could not promise him anything in any connection and would not even talk about sentences. Karpis has also said on a number of occasions that he would enter a plea of guilty to either kidnaping if the proper assurance was received by him that prosecution as to the second kidnaping would be dropped. In this connection he has remarked that he realized he was asking a lot of the Government, but that no harm could be done in trying to make a bargain.

As previously related in this report, Karpis advised that he had known Harry Campbell for about five years, and that just a few months prior to the Bremer kidnaping Harry Campbell joined members of the gang at Chicago, Illinois. He would not go into details as to just who Campbell met in Chicago on this occasion, but that he, Karpis, was one of them. He was asked if in fact this meeting did not take place at Willie Harrison's saloon in Calumet City, Illinois, and he merely replied, "No answer". He did state, however, that shortly after this meeting he, with other members of the gang whose identities he would not reveal, did proceed to Reno, Nevada, but that he would

not state the residences of the various members of the gang at that place. Karpis admitted that just prior to the kidnaping the members of the mob who were in Reno left that place, part of them returning to St. Paul, Minnesota. He stated that he personally returned to Chicago, Illinois, where he remained for a short while before coming to St. Paul, Minnesota, to participate in the Bremer kidnaping. He stated that during the period of the Bremer kidnaping he had an apartment on Yates Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, and that Dolores Delaney remained at that place during this period of time. He would not disclose the residences of the various other members of the mob at this time.

Karpis admitted that after the collection of the ransom money he went to Chicago, Illinois, and subsequently to Toledo, Ohio, and to Cleveland, Ohio. He admitted that he made at least two visits to the apartment building occupied by Bill Weaver at Aurora, Illinois, but claimed that he did not go into the apartment occupied by this individual. His only purpose in going from Chicago to Aurora, Illinois, was to drive Bill Weaver to that place. He admitted that during the period of time that the ransom money was collected, and the time that he proceeded from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Moran operated on his fingertips and his face at the Irving Hotel in Chicago, Illinois; that at this same time Dr. Moran also performed operations on Freddie Barker. He refused to state who assisted Dr. Moran in performing these operations, or who harbored him while he was recovering from said operations.

He stated that he never had any dealings with "Boss" McLaughlin, and to his knowledge had never seen this individual. He refused to state who put the gang in touch with "Boss" McLaughlin, and he likewise refused to state how he was put in touch with Dr. Moran, but he did advise that Dr. Moran had previously operated on the fingertips and face of two of his friends, whose identities he refused to disclose, but intimated that these individuals are still at liberty and that Dr. Moran did a very good job of operating on the fingertips of these men, as one of these men was picked up for investigation on one occasion and was not identified through his fingertips. Karpis advised that during the period that he was recovering from his operations Fred Goetz met with his death in Cicero, Illinois; that he declined to say that this caused excitement among the gang which caused them to immediately proceed to Wilmington, Illinois, to obtain the money. In this

connection, however, Karpis stated that after the death of Goetz, Goetz' share of the ransom money was given to Bryan Bolton, with instructions to hand it over to Irene Dorsey; that the mob well knew that Irene Dorsey only received \$1,000.00 of this sum of money, and when Doc Barker and he, Karpis, accused Bolton of not giving this money to Irene Dorsey, Bolton stated that he would turn it over to her. Karpis stated that Bolton made more out of the kidnaping than anybody else but he refused to go into details on the division of the ransom money. Upon leaving Chicago, Illinois, around April 1934 Karpis advised that he did go to Toledo, and he further admitted that he knew Bart and Ted Angus at this place, but refused to discuss them further.

Karpis stated he recalled newspaper publicity concerning the recovery of some of the ransom money in Buffalo, New York, and concerning this he stated that he had a talk with the person who passed this money, whose identity he would not disclose, at which time he, Karpis, was planning on a trip with Dolores Delaney to Niagara Falls, and knew that the person who was to pass the ransom money was also going to Buffalo, New York, and that he exacted a promise from this individual that the money would not be passed while he, Karpis, was in the vicinity of Buffalo, New York, but, however, this promise was violated and the money passed a day before he, Karpis, arrived in Buffalo.

Although consistently refusing to name the identities of the other individuals who participated in the Bremer kidnaping, Karpis stated that he figured he could not hurt Bill Weaver inasmuch as Weaver was serving a life sentence, and that he would therefore state that Bill Weaver at first refused to enter into the plot to kidnap Bremer but due to certain circumstances Weaver was more or less forced into participation. However, he refused to go into details concerning these circumstances. As for Harry Sawyer, he refused to state just what part Sawyer played but advised that Sawyer ran away from St. Paul on "ham" advice; that he realized that Harry Sawyer's biggest mistake was in leaving St. Paul and joining the mob at Cleveland, Ohio; that Sawyer acted on the advice of some of his so-called friends in St. Paul, Minnesota; that these men were politicians and apparently were not as good friends of Sawyer as they pretended to be. He refused to discuss this matter further.

Karpis did admit that he received mail at General Delivery in Cleveland, Ohio, from Harry Sawyer advising him that Sawyer and his wife, Gladys, were coming to Cleveland. He refused to state how he

made contact with Harry Sawyer while the latter was in the vicinity of Reno, Nevada. He further stated that he followed both Bremer trials through the newspapers, purchasing various St. Paul and Minneapolis papers wherever he could secure them, and that through this source he learned that Bryon Bolton testified that Harry Sawyer was in Chicago, Illinois, in Fred Costa's apartment during the time that Bremer was held in Bensenville. Karpis stated that this was a lie; that to his knowledge Sawyer was not out of St. Paul during the time that Bremer was kidnaped, and did not believe that Sawyer was out of St. Paul, Minnesota, until he left on the advice of friends, as previously stated.

Concerning individuals known to him at Cleveland, Ohio, Karpis admitted that he frequented the Harvard Club, at which place he was acquainted with Art Heberbrand, Shmuel Natton, and "Tip" O'Reilly, and that he at one time contemplated going into the slot machine business with Art Heberbrand, and that he also contemplated putting some money into the slot machines which were to be placed in foreign countries but this deal was never consummated. Karpis denied that he knew Bill Fergus.

Karpis admitted that he was instrumental in securing criminal record of Winterhalter which was later found in the house occupied by a member of the gang in Cleveland, Ohio. He declined to state for what purpose the members of the gang desired this record, and further refused to state just how the record was secured.

Efforts were made to secure from Karpis information concerning the alleged identification card which he is supposed to have obtained through Frank Noonan, private detective at Cleveland, Ohio. The pretext was used that we had definite information concerning the existence of this card and that we possibly had a copy of it. He would not admit having possessed such a card, but did state that he was acquainted with Noonan, whom he described as being connected with the Harvard Club. He said, "I know the man is crooked, but aren't all private detectives crooked?" "He helped me when I needed help and I won't say anything to get him in trouble". Karpis was pressed for further details as to Noonan but he definitely refused to elaborate on these statements.

In this connection, however, Karpis did state that he at one time carried a card which purported to be an identification issued

by the Associated News Service, but it is not believed that this is the card supposedly obtained by him from Keenan, inasmuch as Karpis stated that he successfully used this card in Chicago, Illinois, during 1933 to avoid arrest; that he was parked in front of a bank about midnight on one occasion to make a "meet" and a squad approached him and jerked him from the car, but upon exhibiting the identification card of the Associated News Service the police officers apologized profusely and released him.

As previously stated, Karpis admits being acquainted with Bart and Ted Angus, and also admits being acquainted with Joe Roscoe, and that he has heard that Joe Roscoe was supposed to be the boy friend of Edith Barry, whom Karpis knows. He stated that he was in the house of Edith Barry on at least two occasions; that these visits were not for the purpose of obtaining a date but he declined to specify the reasons for these visits. He stated that he also, while visiting the house of Edith Barry, became acquainted with two girls known only to him as "Peaches" and "Lou". He denied that he ever had a date with either of these two women, and further denied that Joe Roscoe is the individual who took him to Edith Barry's place.

Karpis stated he knew Big Louie, who operated a cigar store in Toledo, Ohio, and that he also knew a man who was supposed to be caretaker at Middle Island, but that he did not know this individual's name. Karpis would not go into detail with respect to persons known to him at Toledo, Ohio, and he at no time mentioned any address in Toledo. He refused to state that he was acquainted with G. H. Woods or Allison Hoyt.

Karpis advised that after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon in Cleveland, Ohio, in September 1934, he and Freddie Barker left the house wherein the circular bearing Fred Barker's fingerprints was later found; that after leaving the house they recalled that they had left this wanted circular behind and decided to return to get it, but upon approaching the house they observed the officers surrounding the place and they immediately departed. Karpis stated that after this occurrence that he told Dolores Delaney to go to Toledo, Ohio, and register in a hotel under the name Beaudry, and that he subsequently met Dolores at this hotel, name not given, and told her to go to a hotel in Chicago, Illinois, where he would contact her; that he later contacted her at this hotel by telephone and instructed her to go to the Diveray Arms Hotel in

Chicago, where she should meet Kate Barker and that he would get in touch with her at that place, which he did, following which they proceeded to Miami, Florida. Karpis states that this is the last time he was in Chicago, Illinois.

Karpis has advised that he has not seen his parents or any relatives in Chicago since December 1933. When asked if he has not been sending money to his parents, both to assist them and for the purpose of caring for his infant son, he answered by inquiring, "What do you think?" In this connection he later remarked that he has seen to it that both Dolores Delaney and his boy will be taken care of when Dolores is released from prison and when the boy becomes older. He would not go into any details as to how he had made provision for them, but the intimation is that he has created a trust fund.

Karpis was asked if shortly following the conviction of Dolores Delaney at Miami, Florida, he contacted an attorney named John Adams of Dayton, Ohio, with respect to taking some action regarding a possible change in Dolores' sentence. He would not answer "Yes" or "No" to this question, but did state that he knew Attorney Adam. He also advised that he is aware of the fact that Joe Roscoe of Toledo, Ohio, is well acquainted with Adam. Karpis has often remarked that he classes lawyers in the same category with private detectives, and that in his opinion they are all crooked. He advised that he has been to see several lawyers within the past year or so, he not being willing to state the purpose of his visits; that these lawyers have known his identity and have talked his proposition over with him, but have not been willing to represent him in any capacity.

Karpis was questioned concerning his contacts with Joe Adams and Duke Randall. He would not make any definite statements concerning these individuals, other than to state that Adams at one time had \$6,000 belonging to him and that when he, Karpis, departed from Miami in January 1935 he instructed Duke Randall to give Adams the balance of the \$1,000 bill after railroad tickets had been purchased for Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette. He said that if Randall gave this money to Adams it was the only money Adams was paid by him, Karpis, for Adams' own use. In connection with Duke Randall, Karpis referred to him as a "Dirty, switching, - - -", and advised that he had received definite information from a contact in Miami that Randall had told the authorities to what point the girls were proceed-

ing in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He advised further that although he regards Randall as a "double-crosser" he will not do anything to aid in his prosecution, and when asked if it was not correct that both Adams and Randall knew his true identity, he merely smiled and said, "No answer".

With respect to Cassius McDonald, Karpis states that McDonald did come to his home in Miami, Florida, on Christmas Day 1934. He would not furnish information as to the reason for this visit, but did state that Adams had communicated with him by telephone prior to the time McDonald came to the house. He would not state the purpose of McDonald's visit, saying in this connection that Teresa Carmichael had told us about the whole thing. At this time Karpis remarked that he would like to see Cassius McDonald now as he had something he wanted to talk over with him. During the time conversation was had with Karpis concerning Cassius McDonald, he was, of course, asked for information as to McDonald having switched some of the Bremer ransom money in Havana, Cuba. He refused to either affirm or deny McDonald's activity in this regard, but did state that during the time he was in Cuba he went to a bank in order to get change for some "C" notes and that the bank teller gave him in exchange for his money several packages of \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and he immediately formed the conclusion that they were part of the Bremer ransom money. He stated that he took this money from the bank but felt very ill at ease while he had it in his possession; that he was afraid to spend it in Havana, Cuba, and waited until he had left that place before he disposed of the \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills which had been issued by the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Further concerning the Bremer ransom money, he stated that it was entirely composed of \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills.

During questioning of Karpis he has remarked that while a fugitive he regularly bought all detective magazines, both in order to read stories about his various activities and in order to ascertain in which magazine his photograph appeared. He also said that he read all newspapers in cities where he was living at a particular time, and that during the two trials in the Bremer case he read all St. Paul newspapers in order to follow the trials and ascertain what evidence was being presented by the Government. In connection with the detective magazines, Karpis stated that when he needed haircuts he would go to barber shops in outlying sections of the city and that upon entering a barber shop he would glance around to see if a



detective magazine containing his picture was in the place, and if he noticed such a publication he would immediately leave the place.

Karpis has stated in connection with his approaching prosecution in the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases that he does not need a lawyer and will not be represented by a lawyer unless the court appoints one for him. He stated, however, that he may secure a lawyer in order to look after a few interests which he has in various parts of the country. At this time he mentioned that he presently owns five or six automobiles, and he facetiously remarked that if he was going to get a lawyer that he might secure the services of Jack DeCourcy, as he has heard that DeCourcy takes in old automobiles for fees.

When the questioning of Karpis was first commenced he informed that he told Mr. Hoover that he would either answer questions truthfully or would not say anything. After he had sat mute on numerous occasions, he suggested that he either furnish truthful answers or reply "no answer". This arrangement was carried on for some time. Later Karpis changed his mode of answering from "no answer" to "no comment", and when asked the reason for his change, he advised that he had read in numerous newspapers that when Mr. Hoover was interviewed he often stated he had no comment to make, but that the newspapers usually wrote about a column anyway; that in view of this, and as he had talked with Mr. Hoover enroute from New Orleans to St. Paul, he thought he might as well start saying "no comment" also. In this connection he mentioned the fact that the "no comment" answer was the only thing which he and Mr. Hoover had in common, as it is well known that they are on opposite sides of the fence in all other respects.

On one occasion Karpis inquired why the Government had not broadcast the information that he was left-handed and wrote with his left hand. He said in this connection that he scanned newspaper and magazine articles very closely for information of this character as he felt that if hotel clerks knew he was left-handed they would have less trouble spotting him. He advised that if he had known the Government had circularized the matter of him writing with his left hand that he would have never stopped at a hotel, but would have lived constantly in automobiles, tourist camps, and possibly freight cars.

Karpis stated that the gang had a bomb which was designed to force individuals to whom it might be attached to comply with all wishes and instructions given to them. He stated that this was a contraption designed with a time clock and dry cell battery; that it was strapped to a person's leg and could be set from anywhere from one second to twelve hours, in accordance with the desires of the gang; that if the wishes of the gang were not complied with the bomb would explode; that the explosion would be caused by nitroglycerine. He refused to say who devised this bomb or where its present location might be. He did state, however, that it was never used but that they had contemplated using it upon a certain individual, not for the purpose of securing funds but for personal satisfaction. He stated that the bomb could be used in kidnaping cases but no particular victim had been chosen for this purpose.

Karpis admitted being acquainted with Frank Cochrane, proprietor of the Air Service Garage in Reno, Nevada, and said that he had taken automobiles to this garage for repairs on numerous occasions; that he was introduced to Cochrane by Lester Willis, and for this reason he was positive Cochrane knew his identity. In response to questions he also advised that he was well acquainted with both Graham and McKay of Reno, Nevada, but declined to discuss any dealings with them. He admitted being acquainted with "Sonny" Moreno of San Francisco, California, also advising that he was acquainted with Louis Tumblin, also of San Francisco. He admitted knowing "Toby" Williams of Vallejo, California, and that he had his tonsils removed in Williams' hospital during about 1935.

Karpis was asked if he was acquainted with Joe Rich, Edna Hancy, Ed Brennan, and Al Lennon of Canton, Ohio, but he would not respond to these inquiries.

Of his own volition Karpis stated that he knew "Lucky" Luciano of New York City, and that more or less recently he had run into him on the street in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had chatted with him for a while but refused to go into detail with his association with Luciano in Hot Springs. At this time he also advised that he had been in New York City on a number of occasions, but he would not state with whom he was acquainted in New York, and denied knowing Louis Buchalter.

Karpis was questioned in detail concerning his sojourn in Havana, Cuba, during the latter part of 1934. He admitted being well acquainted with Nathaniel Heller and George Harris, and admitted that Heller had purchased his Ford automobile for him in Havana. He admitted his residence at Varadero Beach and his acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez. Karpis was asked why he had left Havana so suddenly, and he advised that shortly before his departure he had driven into Havana to secure some groceries and other supplies and he went to the Arkview Hotel to register and noticed two men registered from Chicago, Illinois. He said he felt peculiar about this incident and that he talked with "someone" at the hotel about these men and could learn nothing about them, but at the time of this conversation he was told that a Department of Justice Agent had registered at the hotel on the same date, and he said when he received this information he immediately drove back to Varadero Beach and made rapid plans to leave Cuba. Karpis has been pressed for information as to the identity of the person who told him about the Department of Justice Agent having registered at the hotel, but he would not answer any questions in this regard. Karpis did state that after arriving in Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, he received a letter advising that someone had talked with Dr. King and had learned that Dr. King's company was sending quite a few representatives to Cuba, which he stated was information that the Government was sending some men to Cuba. Karpis likewise definitely declined to state the source of this information.

With respect to his escape from the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 30, 1935, Karpis advised that when he and Campbell entered the lobby of this hotel they noticed a couple of men "burning" them but that they registered at the hotel regardless of this as they felt that they might be unduly suspicious. He said that when the officers got hold of him he merely inquired what it was all about, and when asked concerning Campbell he told them Campbell was drunk but that he would go in and get him up; that he did go into the room and came out shooting with a machine gun. He advised that he did not try to shoot the officers, and said that he and Campbell were successful in getting away as the police officers were so frightened that they could not stand still much less shoot.

Karpis was questioned concerning the kidnaping of Dr. Unsicker and he advised that he and Campbell stopped this man on the road somewhere near Allentown, Pennsylvania; that he was driving a Plymouth

four-door sedan; that they inquired if he knew the road to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and when he said he did not, they referred to road maps and drove north and then west, leaving Pennsylvania at Newcastle on Route 224 and keeping on this route across Ohio to a point somewhere near Toledo. Karpis would not state where Dr. Hunsicker was put out of the car and said he did not know at what point he and Campbell left Route 224, remarking in this connection that the map they had been using blew out of the car. He admitted that he and Campbell "tied the doctor up" but refused to give further details concerning this. He said he and Campbell abandoned the Plymouth automobile outside of Toledo, Ohio, but he would not answer any questions concerning his movements after this automobile had been disposed of.

Karpis was questioned concerning various crimes it is alleged that he committed. Concerning the Third Northwestern National Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, he stated that the man Hunkins who had been convicted of this crime was entirely innocent, and that he knew that Larry Devol and Jess Doyle had made a complete confession involving him, Karpis, in this crime and exonerating Hunkins, but that however these two confessions did not seem to do any good in effecting the release of Hunkins from the penitentiary and that he did not know what good it would do him to make such a statement, although he would be willing to do everything he could to effect the release of Hunkins from the Minnesota State Penitentiary, and that he would make such a statement if assurance was given that Hunkins would be released. However, Karpis stated he would want more than the assurance of Mr. Goff, the prosecuting attorney in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as apparently Goff did not want to admit he had made a mistake in convicting Hunkins. Karpis would make no direct admission that he participated in this robbery or the subsequent murders other than that as stated above. When questioned concerning the mail robbery at Warren, Ohio, he merely answered, "no answer", but elaborated by saying that Joe Sargent and the other men, whose name he did not know, had been wrongfully convicted, and that he definitely knew they were innocent of participation in this robbery, but that however so far as Joe Sargent was concerned, Sargent could "rot in the pen" before he, Karpis, would do anything to help him. He stated that his reason for feeling this way toward Sargent was that Sargent, because he was jealous of Doc Barker's association with Mildred Kuhlman, endeavored to put Doc Barker on the spot in Chicago, Illinois, and that for this purpose he had gone to certain members of the Chicago syndicate in Chicago, Illinois, but the syndicate had refused to put

Doc Barker on the spot. Karpis stated he believed, however, that Sargent ultimately was successful in doing this. He stated further that Sargent murdered a friend of his, Karpis, but Karpis refused to reveal the name of the murdered man, and when asked if it was in Toledo, Ohio, he merely replied, "no answer". Karpis did admit, however, that he had made strenuous efforts to locate Sargent and that it was his intention of killing him.

Concerning the robbery of the bank at Menomonie, Wisconsin, Karpis also stated that the man, Newburne, who had been convicted of participation in that robbery was also innocent. Karpis denied, however, that he participated in this bank robbery, but that he knew who did and had talked with them, and for this reason knows definitely that Newburne is innocent. He stated that he also would be willing to make an affidavit to this effect if it would assist Newburne in securing his release. Karpis stated that this was the bank robbery on which Charlie Harmon was killed.

Concerning the robbery of the bank in Fort Scott, Kansas, in June 1932, Karpis claimed also that innocent men were convicted on that job, but he refused to elaborate. When questioned concerning the Fairbury, Nebraska, bank robbery and the robbery of the St. Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, he merely replied, "no comment".

Karpis also advised that on one occasion in 1933 Louis Campagna, reputed "Big shot" in the Capone syndicate, sent a representative to him and offered him a position to work for the syndicate, for which he would have been paid \$250.00 per week and protection; that this position was to do the strong arm work for the syndicate. Karpis stated he flatly refused to even see Campagna in connection with this, and that he was threatened by the representative of the syndicate, at which time he was advised that if he knew what was good for his own health he would do as Campagna said. In this connection Karpis advised that he did not consider himself as a hoodlum; that a hoodlum in his estimation is a person who kills for money, and that he has never done that. He described himself as a thief, stating that he may have secured money dishonestly and that he may have killed somebody; that he was not admitting any of these offenses but that if he had killed anybody it was not for money.

With respect to his alleged participation in the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Missouri, Karpis emphatically denied that he participated in this crime. He did state, however, that Freddie Barker was guilty in that matter; that there was a second person with him whose identity he definitely would not disclose.

In connection with the robbery of the Federal Reserve messenger on August 30, 1933 at the intersection of Jackson Boulevard and La Salle Streets in Chicago, which robbery was perpetrated by six men operating in an armored Hudson sedan, Karpis was questioned and he made no comment. However, when mention was made of the fact that police officer Miles J. Cunningham had been shot without warning, Karpis remarked, "That is not so, he was told to stick up his hands". He would not go into further detail in this matter.

The questioning of Alvin Karpis was continued on May 5 and 6, 1936, and Karpis admitted that the ransom notes which were signed by William Hamm, Jr., were signed at a point twenty-five to thirty miles out of St. Paul, Minnesota, a short distance past Hudson, Wisconsin. This admission was in addition to the admission that he had previously made that he was present during the signing of these notes. Karpis further admitted that enroute to the hideout with Mr. Hamm that the main highways were used part way and the rest of the trip being made on side roads.

Karpis was asked by Special Agent S. K. McKee who was easier to get along with, Hamm or Bremer, and Karpis replied, "Hamm". He was then questioned concerning the treatment accorded the victims of the kidnappings, and he advised that both of them, meaning Mr. Hamm and Mr. Bremer, were treated well; that Bremer was not forced to keep his goggles on at all times while being held; that Bremer was given magazines to read, and also that he, Karpis, gave Mr. Bremer a book, from which he, Karpis, first tore out the copyright number in order to defeat the possible identification of this book at a later time. It is to be stated that Karpis was questioned specifically as to whether he gave the magazines as well as the book to Bremer while Bremer was in the hideout, and that in response to such questions he merely smiled and said, "I gave them to Bremer but I did not say I was at the hideout. I could have given him the book on the way back". Karpis also stated that Bremer was permitted to sleep at any time he desired to do so, and that the hideout room was kept warm for him.

Karpis was further questioned concerning what part any other individual may have played in this kidnapping, and the only further admission obtained at this time was that Willie Berg acted as a guard of the money during the time that it was being exchanged in Chicago, Illinois, and that the life sentence received by Willie Berg was unjust, and that he should not have been given more than the other money changers.

Further concerning his activities at Toledo, Ohio, Karpis admitted that he frequented the Casino Club operated by the Angus brothers; that he used to go to this place and drink, and that on one occasion he saw a "cupper" come into the place and that he went out the back door. Karpis denied being acquainted with Captain Timony.

On May 5, 1936 Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley communicated with the St. Paul Office from Cleveland, Ohio, and instructed that Karpis be questioned specifically concerning the descriptions and locations of any automobiles owned by him. In response to questions

from Special Agent S. K. McKee, Karpis stated that he owns a black Terraplane Coupe, which he purchased from the Evans Motor Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, under the name E. Collins. He stated this car is present located at the United Motors in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He advised that the Plymouth Coupe, black in color, in which he and Fred Hunter were sitting at the time of their arrest is the property of Fred Hunter, and that this car was purchased by Hunter under the name O'Hara from an automobile agency located at 1625 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Karpis further stated that he owns a 1936 Buick Sedan, maroon in color, which he purchased under the alias of Sullivan from the Creason Buick Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas. He advised that this car is located in a private garage at Corpus Christi, Texas, and he said that the location of this garage could be secured from a receipt for rent on the garage located in his billfold, which was taken from him at the time of his arrest. This receipt was located and after examining same Karpis said the garage is owned by a man named Grant of Corpus Christi, Texas, whose telephone number is No. 800; that the car was stored in garage No. 24 under date of April 1, 1936, and that the key to the ignition switch could be found under the floor mat by the right front door of the car.

Karpis also informed during the period of questioning that he owns a Terraplane Coupe which is located in Youngstown, Ohio. He refused to state the location of this car, advising that if he told the location of same he would possibly get somebody in trouble.

Karpis also stated that more or less recently a 1936 Ford Coupe, black in color, was bought at the Ford Agency in Paris, Texas. He stated this car is his property but was bought under the name of Mrs. E. Woods. He refused to state the true name of the woman described as Mrs. E. Woods in whose name this car was purchased, and said that he honestly did not know the location of this car, implying through this remark that same was in the possession of some woman.

Letters have been directed to the appropriate Bureau offices requesting that investigation with respect to locating these automobiles and conducting any necessary investigation as to them be made.



Karpis was questioned as to whether he had ever visited Myers Landing near Hot Springs, Arkansas, and to this question he would only reply, "No answer".

Concerning the cottage located near Hot Springs which was unsuccessfully raided by Bureau Agents, Karpis admitted that he had been living in this cottage with other persons whom he refused to identify. Karpis stated that about two days before he left this place he was under the influence of liquor and one of the persons who was with him in the cottage informed him that a stranger had been seen walking through the woods near the cottage, but that inasmuch as he was under the influence of liquor he did not pay much attention to it, but later when he sobered up he became afraid that the house was being "spotted"; that on the following day this same man returned and he, Karpis, armed himself with a pistol and approached the man as he was passing the house and questioned him concerning his business. This man stated that he was going down into some gully and build a fire and go to sleep. Karpis stated he was dressed like a bum but that he, Karpis, noticed that his hands appeared to be too clean for a hobo, and not being satisfied with this man's explanation he took him into the house where he was further questioned, and the man made the statement that he had worked for the Postal Telegraph Company and was from Cleveland, Ohio. Karpis stated he at first understood the man to say that he was working for the Postal Service, and that he, Karpis, concluded that the man was a Post Office Inspector from Cleveland. Karpis stated he then questioned the man as to why he was not wearing an overcoat. The man advised he had pawned the overcoat that day in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for \$0.75, and he, Karpis, then drove this man into Hot Springs and went to the pawn shop where he, Karpis, verified the fact that the man, under the name of ~~Wendell~~ ~~Wendell~~, had pawned an overcoat for \$0.75. Karpis stated that he was then satisfied that the man was not an officer. He was asked what he would have done should it have turned out that the man was in fact an officer. He stated that he did not know but that he would have either killed the man or tied him up in the cottage and left him there, but he believed that he would probably have killed him.

Karpis stated that the day before he left the cottage near Hot Springs, Arkansas, he also noticed a man driving a car he believes to be a Terraplane Coupe with Kansas license on it "Using the place" with a pair of binoculars, and that he later learned that this same car was at the place the following day when the raid was conducted; that he later learned this car was being driven by Joe Anderson, whom

Karpis described as the most feared officer at one time in the State of Oklahoma, stating that all of the outlaws in Oklahoma were afraid of Anderson.

Karpis was questioned concerning any other individuals he might have known in Hot Springs, Arkansas, or any contacts he had at this place, and to these questions he would only reply, "no answer". Karpis was also asked concerning any contacts or individuals he knew at Kansas City, Missouri, and the only individuals he would admit knowing were "Alvin" Karpis and Fritz "Alley". Concerning Karpis he stated he met this individual through Harvey Bailey. Concerning Harvey Bailey, Karpis advised that he was making arrangements to have Harvey Bailey made a trusty at the Kansas State Penitentiary, and if Harvey Bailey had waited thirty more days before going "over the wall" at that institution May 30, 1933, he would have had the opportunity to have walked away, inasmuch as he would have been made a trusty. Karpis stated that he had already paid \$2,000 for this purpose, but refused to further go into the subject. Karpis indicated that he was in Kansas City, Missouri, on the date that Harvey Bailey escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Karpis stated that he last saw Ed Bentz at Long Beach, Indiana, in July 1933, and he definitely recalls that he saw Bentz during the period of time that Mr. Urschel was being held by his kidnapers; that Bentz at this time was with "Baby Face" Nelson, who also had a hideout near Long Beach, Indiana. Karpis denied that he, Karpis, ever had a hideout near Hammond or Gary, Indiana, and further denied that he had a hideout which would answer the description of the hideout which was furnished by Ed Bentz to Bureau Agents after his arrest in New York City. Karpis stated that Bentz was the biggest liar in the world, and that he was always bragging about how he could sell hot bonds and securities, and that he always had money cased away in large sums; that these statements on the part of Bentz were always false. For example, Bentz claimed that Charles Urschel was being held by a couple of Dagons from Chicago, which Karpis stated he later learned, and it is now well known, was erroneous information.

Concerning the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan, in which Ed Bentz participated, Karpis advised that he knows that "Baby Face" Nelson also assisted in robbing this bank; that the "wheel man" in this job was a man who was a very close friend of "Baby Face" Nelson's, but that he became excited during the perpetration of this robbery and drove off leaving Earl Doyle behind to be captured.

Karpis stated that so far as he knows the "Wheel man", whose name he would not reveal, was still at liberty and hanging around Chicago, Illinois. Karpis further described Ed Bentz as being yellow and stated that at one time Bentz was coming out of a bank after robbing the same carrying the money, and that someone fired a gun and Bentz dropped the loot and ran. Karpis refused to furnish the name of the bank at which this incident occurred.

Karpis on several occasions admitted that he was well acquainted with Verne Miller, but that it was quite some time before he knew that Verne Miller had been a sheriff. He stated that he received information that Verne Miller was a sheriff at one time, and that he questioned Miller concerning this, and Miller denied that he had ever been a law enforcement officer but stated to Karpis that it had been his cousin. Karpis stated that after obtaining this information concerning Miller he refused to run around with Miller, and would only speak to him when he saw him. Karpis stated that he did not care to associate with an "ex-copper", and after he learned that Bernard Phillips had been a "copper" he also refused to associate with him.

Further concerning Dolores Delaney, Karpis stated he believed that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette received unjust sentences for harboring him in view of the sentences received by the women who harbored John Dillinger and the members of his mob. Karpis advised that he endeavored to make a contact with Judge Ritter in order to offer him \$10,000 to give Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette a bench parole, but that he was unable to figure out a way to make this contact. Karpis stated he hesitated to go too far with this in view of the position of Judge Ritter, but after the impeachment of Judge Ritter and the latter's conviction by the Senate of the United States he stated he regretted very much that he had not attempted to bribe Ritter as he believed it would have been successful. He stated, of course, that this was only his own opinion in the matter, but definitely advised that if he could have found a lawyer who would have contacted Ritter for him he would have made the proposition to the Judge.

On the afternoon of May 6, 1936 instructions were received telephonically from both the Director and Special Agent in Charge L. J. Connelley to the effect that Karpis should be turned over to the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota, and incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail, as it was felt that he was not going to furnish any information concerning others than himself as to either

the Hamm or Bremer kidnaping. Instructions were received that a twenty-four hour guard should be placed on Karpis at the jail, and that this guard should be composed of Agents. It was also instructed that Karpis should not receive newspapers and should not be permitted to see anyone other than an attorney which he might retain. The Director advised that communication be had with United States Attorney George Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that he be requested to confer with Karpis concerning a possible plea of guilty prior to the time he was delivered to the United States Marshal.

On the afternoon of May 6, 1936 United States Attorney George Sullivan conferred with Subject Karpis in the St. Paul Bureau Office, at which time Mr. Sullivan asked Karpis what he intended to do in the way of a plea. Karpis then stated to Mr. Sullivan that if Mr. Sullivan would cause the dismissal of either of the indictments then pending against him that he, Karpis, would plead guilty to one kidnaping, and he did not care which indictment was dismissed. Mr. Sullivan advised Subject Karpis that the Government would not request that either indictment be dismissed, and that Karpis would therefore have to stand trial on both cases, and the jury would have to pass upon his guilt or innocence.

At 4:45 P.M. on May 6, 1936 Karpis was delivered to Deputy U. S. Marshals Morrison and Picha at St. Paul, Minnesota, and he was immediately taken before the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was advised that five indictments against him were in existence, and that the bond on each indictment had been set in the sum of \$100,000, making a total bond on all indictments of \$500,000. He was asked if he could furnish this bond and he replied in the negative. Karpis was immediately taken to the Ramsey County Jail by the Deputy Marshals and a guard of Agents, where he was placed in a cell, the arrangement of which is such that he cannot either talk to or communicate with anyone. In conformity with instructions from the Director, a twenty-four hour guard has been placed on Karpis, same being composed of Special Agents A. M. Metesteen, H. A. Loughran, and G. M. Dunker. Instructions have been given to the authorities at the jail and also to Agents that Karpis is not to receive any newspapers; is not to have any visitors, and is not to see anyone except a duly appointed attorney, and then on written permission from the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Bureau was advised by teletype on May 6, 1936 of Karpis' commitment to the Ramsey County Jail and the arrangements made in connection therewith.

It is to be stated that any investigation to be conducted in connection with the information obtained from KARPIS will be requested of the particular field office by letter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

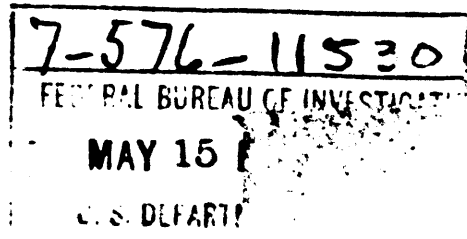
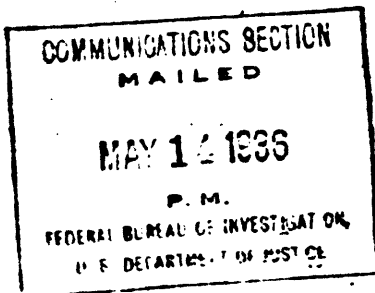
RE: Alvin Karpis and  
Harry Campbell.

In the course of a telephone conversation Mr. Brian McMahon inquired as to the present status of Karpis. I stated that Campbell had pleaded guilty and had been given a life sentence; that Karpis while admitting his guilt in both cases did not want to plead guilty unless he could be assured he would not get two sentences. I stated that Mr. Sullivan would not make a deal with Karpis which action I approved. I stated that Karpis might change his mind in a few days and decide to plead guilty. Mr. McMahon inquired if he had been arraigned. I said that he had and his bail had been set at \$500,000; that he was in jail with our men guarding him; that we could not continue to maintain this guard if he went to trial as he could not be tried until next Fall.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Coffey	
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Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Time - 3:12 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Sheriff O'Reilly at Toledo.

I telephoned Special Agent Wynn at the Cleveland Office and told him that a perusal of the signed statements submitted by the various Agents assigned to that office relative to their knowledge of the Toledo Police Department had failed to disclose that any information is contained therein concerning Sheriff O'Reilly and his activities. I asked Mr. Wynn if we have any official information concerning him, pointing out to him that we have newspaper clippings here in Washington in which the Sheriff admits having beer and associating with Campbell, when we do not know where the information comes from. *Hearay*

Mr. Wynn said that to his knowledge, there is no information in the files of that office concerning the Sheriff and his activities; that the information appearing in the papers apparently comes from his own admissions. Mr. Wynn said as he understands the situation, the Sheriff is a married man who has a family. He also has a girl friend in Toledo named Esther Goulet, whose father, Fred Goulet, runs the grill almost underneath where Campbell was taken into custody. It seems that Campbell had been frequenting this grill quite a good deal. When Campbell was taken into custody, it appears that the Sheriff rushed out there, and upon his arrival was collared by the newspaper men. He apparently got rattled, and said a lot of things, and pleaded with the newspaper man not to interview this Esther Goulet, which, of course, the newspaper man did the first chance they got.

All of this, however, is merely assumption and hearay, and we have no definite, substantiated information in our files relative to this man.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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*Edw. G. Bremer*

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May 9, 1936.

*Edw. J. P. MacFarland*  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Enclosed herewith is photograph of Connie Morris, which photograph was given to Special Agent E. John McNulty while he was on special assignment at your office.

Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-11-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/25 - 5/11/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R.H. Colvin jfa</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM DAINARD with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1252A et al; GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING EXTORTION</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Wire received from New Mexico State Police reporting information that Dainard and Karpis at San Angelo, Texas; report unfounded. Airplane NC 15246 flown from Spokane, Wash., to Chihuahua, Mexico, by Kenneth Dow and C.W. McCullom had no connection with instant case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RUC.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of J.C. Mertz, Dallas, Tex., 5-6-36; report R.H. Colvin, El Paso, Texas, 5-10-36, re Brekid case.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>AT EL PASO, Texas:-</b></p> <p>On April 25, 1936 the El Paso Bureau Office received a telegram from John Wootten, New Mexico State Police, and Vernon Roberts, Chief of Police at Hobbs, N.M. stating that they had information that William Mahan and Alvin Karpis could be found at "Joe Teal's place, across the tracks at San Angelo, Texas." A teletype was sent the Dallas Office conveying the above information, but expressing doubt as to the reliability thereof. The Dallas Office made investigation as reflected by the report of Agent J.C. Mertz, above referred to, which discloses that the report was unfounded.</p> <p>With respect to the flight of Kenneth Dow and C.W. McCullom in airplane NC 15246 from Spokane, Washington, to Chihuahua, Mexico, on April 27-30, and which it was suspected might have some connection with the fugitive Dainard, it is stated that this angle is fully covered by reporting Agent in his report on the Brekid case dated April 10, 1936, and which discloses no connection of said flight with the instant case.</p> <p>Since Dainard has been apprehended and sentenced, this case is being <b>REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</b></p>			
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May 8, 1936

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Lack of Cooperation on  
the part of Post Office  
Inspectors in connection  
with the Bremer case.

The following data are submitted to you, disclosing all the information in the possession of the Bureau concerning the lack of cooperation on the part of Post Office Inspectors in connection with the Bremer investigation.

During August of 1935, investigation conducted by the Oklahoma City Office disclosed that one of the contacts for Harry Campbell was one Milton Lett, whose mother, Maggie Lett, resides at Wann, Oklahoma. Sincere efforts were made by Agents to locate Lett, in the hope that his location would lead to the apprehension of Harry Campbell. Investigation disclosed that Maggie Lett was receiving registered mail at Wann, Oklahoma from an individual in Cleveland, Ohio, who was believed to be identical with either Milton Lett or Harry Campbell. For this reason, on November 27, 1935, a surveillance was commenced in the Registry Section of the Cleveland, Ohio Post Office, which surveillance was continued until January 20, 1936, in the hope of identifying the person responsible for mailing such letters. This surveillance was maintained with the knowledge of Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Garrettsville mail robbery occurred on November 7, 1935 and during the course of the investigation of that case conducted by the postal inspectors, reference has been made to Milton Lett on numerous occasions. The first information coming into the possession of this Bureau to the effect that the postal inspectors were interested in a person who later proved to be identical with Milton Lett was obtained on December 12, 1935, when Special Agent T. M. Birch was interviewed by Postal Inspector S. J. Hettrick. It is important at this moment to bear in mind that when this conversation took place, Milton Lett had not been identified as a suspect in the Garrettsville mail robbery and was not identified until January 13, 1936. On December 12, 1935, as stated above, in his conversation with Special Agent T. M. Birch, Inspector Hettrick advised Agent Birch that one Thomas J. Shaw, who had been arrested by the Akron, Ohio Police Department on October 19, 1935, had been identified by Post Office Inspectors as having purchased a Plymouth four door sedan which was used in the Garrettsville,

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Ohio mail train robbery. For your information, the Plymouth sedan used in the Garrettsville mail robbery was actually purchased on October 25, 1935 by Milton Lett, in the name of Carl Baker, from the Knowles-Brown Motor Company, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, for \$740 cash.

At the time of the above mentioned conference between Agent Birch and Inspector Hettrick, the latter expressed the opinion that the Garrettsville mail robbery had been effected by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and others, but that at that time the Postal Inspectors had not effected a positive identification of Karpis and Campbell. On this occasion, Post Office Inspector Casey was also present and he displayed to Special Agent Birch a photograph of Alvin Karpis, among others, and also a photograph of Sam Coker, Tulsa Police Department No. 8009, Casey advising that one of the witnesses had identified Coker as a participant, but that was the only identification they had obtained and in this regard, Casey stated that they had no other positive identification, inasmuch as the witnesses were too frightened to make such identifications.

As has been indicated above, the Post Office Inspectors were aware of the fact that Agents of this Bureau were maintaining a surveillance of the Registry Section of the Cleveland Post Office, inasmuch as arrangements for this surveillance had been perfected through the Post Office Inspectors. Despite the fact that Post Office Inspector Hettrick knew of this situation, and knew that the Bureau was interested in Maggie Lett, of Wann, Oklahoma, the Post Office Inspectors, without notifying the Cleveland or Oklahoma City Offices of this Bureau, proceeded to Wann, Oklahoma during January of 1936 where, with the assistance of the Kansas State Highway Patrol officers and deputy sheriffs, they conducted a raid on the premises of Mrs. Maggie Lett and this was done in spite of the fact that they had knowledge that this Bureau was interested in both Milton and Maggie Lett.

It is now desired to point out to you that the Post Office Inspectors acted in complete derogation and with absolute disregard for the interests of the Bureau in conducting the raid upon the Lett home near Wann, Oklahoma. It should be noted that a positive identification of Milton Lett was not effected by the Identification Division of this Bureau until January 13, 1936, at which time the Bureau forwarded to the Cleveland Office and also to the Akron, Ohio Police Department the complete criminal record of Milton Lett, alias Thomas J. Shaw, alias Carl Baker. The Akron, Ohio Police Department, upon receiving the above mentioned criminal record, and on the afternoon of January 16, 1936, immediately called Post Office Inspector Hettrick at Cleveland, Ohio by long distance telephone and advised him of this positive identification of Milton Lett, whereupon Inspector Hettrick

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communicated with Post Office Inspectors Hill and Haynes at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purpose of having them arrest Milton Lett for questioning in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery. As was pointed out above, and immediately upon this positive identification, the raid was then conducted without any notification being given to any representative of this Bureau, although the Post Office Inspectors had heretofore been fully advised of our interest in Milton Lett and Maggie Lett and they fully appreciated the importance of the investigation which was then going forward concerning Milton Lett.

On January 21, 1936, a conference was held between Inspector S. J. Hettrick and Special Agent E. J. Dowd, when for the first time the Post Office Inspectors furnished advice concerning their action in Oklahoma and Kansas seeking the whereabouts of Milton Lett and at that time Inspector Hettrick advised that four Post Office Inspectors were endeavoring to secure information concerning Lett. At this time Inspector Hettrick also informed Agent Dowd that the Post Office Inspectors were seeking the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell in a diligent manner, although he had in no way indicated, up until this time, that he had received any positive identification that they were involved in the Garrettsville robbery.

No satisfaction having been obtained from Post Office Inspectors by Agents of this Bureau operating in that section of the country as to the identifications of Karpis and Campbell in the Garrettsville mail robbery, the Agents took it upon themselves to interview the various witnesses to the said robbery. Mrs. W. L. Scott, of Garrettsville, one of the principal witnesses, positively identified Alvin Karpis as the person who was in charge of the robbery. Earl M. Davis, of Garrettsville, Ohio, also identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the leader of the gang. Mr. Davis in this interview indicated to Special Agent O'Mahoney that he had seen all the pictures exhibited to him by Special Agent O'Mahoney on previous occasions. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bocket also identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being a participant in the mail train holdup. Mrs. Bocket also identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as a participant.

Prior to these identifications, the Post Office Inspectors had expressed their sincere willingness and desire to cooperate with this Bureau at all times, but they had thus far failed to notify any representative of this Bureau that Karpis and Campbell had been identified in the Garrettsville mail robbery and it, therefore, became necessary for this Bureau to conduct an independent investigation, in order to establish this fact.



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On February 24, 1936, Special Agent E. J. Dowd held a conference with Post Office Inspector Hettrick, the latter informing that prior to February of 1936 he had spent ten days in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas, in connection with the investigation of the Garrettsville mail robbery and had at that time complained to Agent Dowd that the activities of Bureau Agents had caused Milton Lett to flee from that vicinity.

In this connection, it is desired to again call your attention to the fact that the possibility of Milton Lett being a close associate of Harry Campbell was within the knowledge of this Bureau as early as August, 1935. This information was developed by former Special Agent Paul Hansen, through [redacted] who was then acting in the capacity of a confidential informant for the Oklahoma City Office. It is again pointed out that a positive identification of Milton Lett as a participant in the Garrettsville mail robbery was not actually effected until January 13, 1936 and this information was not received by Post Office Inspectors until it was transmitted to them by the Akron, Ohio Police Department on January 16, 1936. It would, therefore, appear that it is with very poor grace that the Post Office Inspectors complained that investigation on the part of Bureau Agents had caused Lett to flee from that vicinity. This is particularly obvious, in view of the fact that practically all investigation looking toward the apprehension of Milton Lett in Oklahoma and Kansas by Agents of this Bureau was suspended between November 27, 1935 and January 20, 1936 and that the Postal Inspectors actually raided the home of Maggie Lett immediately subsequent to obtaining information relative to the positive identification of Milton Lett on January 16, 1936. It would appear that no confidential investigation could be more seriously embarrassed than by actually perpetrating a blunt and ill-advised raid on the home of the party whose apprehension was being sought when there was no showing that he was residing in the community at that time. b7c b7d

During the above mentioned interview between Agent Dowd and Inspector Hettrick, the subject of the apprehension of George H. (Burrhead) Keady, who was also suspected in the Garrettsville mail robbery, was raised, at which time Inspector Hettrick advised Special Agent Dowd that Keady had not been picked up by or for the Post Office Inspectors and that his present whereabouts was unknown to him, Hettrick. For your information, you are advised that former Special Agent Paul Hansen, of the Oklahoma City Office, was, up to the time of the apprehension of Keady in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery, using Keady as a confidential informant, in the hope of ascertaining the location of Karpis and Campbell. You are further advised that Keady is well known to the Bureau, he having been under investigation in one or more National Motor Vehicle Theft Act cases handled by the Oklahoma City Office. He has also been considered a harbinger of

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criminals.

Referring now to the allegation on the part of Inspector Hettrick that Keady had not been picked up by or for the Post Office Inspectors and that his present whereabouts was unknown to Hettrick, you are advised that the investigation of the Bureau disclosed that the Post Office Inspectors obtained the information that Keady was involved in the Garrettsville mail robbery and that through a colored attorney who represented Keady's interests and with a threat of disbarment, the said lawyer indirectly produced Keady by having him attend [REDACTED] at which time the latter was tried and convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the case concerning [REDACTED] which

The investigation disclosed that Keady was apprehended by Joe Anderson, an officer of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, who works under the supervision of Windt Smith. Joe Anderson has been employed by the Post Office Inspectors to assist in the investigation of the Garrettsville mail robbery. The Bureau's investigation disclosed that Keady, upon his apprehension, was taken to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was secretly confined by the United States Post Office Inspectors.

This will inform you that during March of 1936, Carolyn Mankersley, a confidential informant of the Oklahoma City Office of this Bureau and the former wife of Herman Barker, the deceased brother of the infamous Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, held a conference with Joe Anderson and several Post Office Inspectors in a hotel room occupied by Joe Anderson in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has informed that Post Office Inspectors Haynes and Hill of Tulsa were present and that there were two Post Office Inspectors from Cleveland, Ohio present, Inspector E. D. Claggett and Inspector Jess Fordrey. She further informed that she overheard the conversation of the said Post Office Inspectors and observed that they had a feeling against this Bureau, because they felt that sometime in the near future all investigation and enforcement agencies of the Government will be combined in one unit and that the Director of this Bureau will be designated to head such an organization; that if this is done, all the Post Office Inspectors and practically all of the personnel of other Government organizations so affected will lose their jobs. She stated that she also heard them say that this Bureau had been catching too many men and receiving too much credit in the newspapers therefor which appears to irk and annoy the Post Office Inspectors considerably. She stated that these two topics were discussed within her hearing.

She further stated that Post Office Inspectors Haynes and Hill told her that it was their understanding that Bureau Agents believed that she was contacting Karpis for his wife, Dorothy Karpis, who is residing at Tulsa, Oklahoma and that whenever she is in this country she is watched like a hawk. She stated that she did not know whether this remark to her was calculated to

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bring forth from her that she was friendly to us or might have been used by this Bureau. b7c

[redacted] who has been considered a confidential informant of the Cleveland Bureau Office, was interviewed by Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney and E. J. Wynn at Youngstown, Ohio on March 25, 1936 and after obtaining considerable information from him, the said Agents made arrangements for [redacted] to proceed to the Cleveland Office on the following day, March 26, 1936, where he could be further interrogated to a better advantage. To assist [redacted] in this matter, Agent Wynn provided him with a \$5 bill and also with a slip of paper bearing the name of Special Agent Wynn and the address of the Cleveland Bureau Office. Much concern was experienced by the Cleveland Office when [redacted] failed to put in his appearance on March 26, 1936 as he had agreed. This was particularly important to the Cleveland Office, in view of the fact that [redacted] had furnished the Bureau with substantially all of the important information which it then had concerning the location of Alvin Karpis. [redacted] not putting in his appearance, it became necessary for Agents E. J. Dowd and W. B. O'Mahoney to proceed to the residence of [redacted] at Youngstown, Ohio on March 27, 1936, in an effort to locate him. These efforts were unsuccessful. [redacted] honestly professed ignorance of the location of her husband. The Agents then maintained a brief surveillance of the home, in the thought that [redacted] might return.

At about 5 P.M., March 27, 1936, Post Office Inspector Hettrick telephoned Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland of the Cleveland Office, from Youngstown, Ohio, advising that the Post Office Inspectors had taken [redacted] into custody and that they were aware of the fact that two of the Bureau Agents were conducting investigation at Youngstown and had [redacted] home under surveillance. Agent Dowd was instructed to communicate with the Post Office Inspectors at their office in Youngstown, Ohio.

Special Agents E. J. Dowd and W. B. O'Mahoney proceeded to Youngstown, Ohio, where they met Post Office Inspector Hettrick, who was in company with Inspectors E. D. Claggett, H. W. Tavenor, Jess Cordrey and W. R. Briggs, Post Office Inspector in Charge of the Cincinnati Division, and also Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, Mark Mock and William Sowers, of the Ohio State Police. At this conference, Inspector Briggs advised that his men had taken [redacted] into custody the day before, to wit - March 26, 1936, and were holding him for questioning. It then developed that [redacted] indicated that he could furnish information as to the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, but before doing so, desired to have a representative of the Bureau present. At this time Special Agent Dowd inquired as to the where-

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abouts of [redacted] whereupon Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs replied "He is not under arrest but we have him in tow, and at the proper time will produce him". When Agent Dowd interviewed [redacted] he inquired as to why [redacted] had failed to put in an appearance at the Cleveland Bureau Office. [redacted] replied that he left his home Thursday morning, March 26, 1936, and while on his way to the Cleveland Bureau Office was picked up by about twelve men, one of whom accused him of being a mail robber; that he was then taken to the police station, where on three different occasions he was placed in the "show-up" and viewed by witnesses; that he protested to the men who had him in custody, advising that he was on his way to the Bureau Office at Cleveland, at which time he exhibited to them a piece of paper bearing the name of Special Agent E. J. Wynn and the address of the Cleveland Bureau Office, together with the original \$5 bill which had been given to him by Special Agent Wynn to cover transportation expenses. b7c

John Brock, a Tulsa, Oklahoma hoodlum, was positively identified as a participant with Karpis and Campbell and others in the Garrettsville mail robbery. This identification was made by Postal Inspectors, inasmuch as this Bureau has had no interest in that robbery.

Brock was apprehended by Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was removed to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was held incommunicado. In view of the fact that Karpis and Campbell had been previously identified as participants in the said robbery, Special Agents of this Bureau expressed every desire to Postal Inspectors to interview John Brock in the hope of obtaining information which might lead to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

On April 2, 1936, Special Agent T. M. Birch was advised by Post Office Inspector in Charge Wallace R. Briggs that he, Mr. Briggs, would allow Agent Birch to interview John Brock, who was then being held by the Post Office Inspectors on the third floor of the Post Office Building at Youngstown, Ohio, this interview to be held in the presence of a Postal Inspector. This concession on the part of Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs was brought to the attention of Mr. E. J. Connelley, who in turn, urged that John Brock be interviewed by an Agent in an

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effort to obtain additional information relative to the location of Karpis and Campbell.

On April 3, 1936, while Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. L. Madala were in company with Postal Inspector Claggett, Agent Madala asked Mr. Claggett from whom he, Madala, should receive authority to interview John Brock, in view of the fact that Agent Madala had been authorized by Mr. Connelley to interview Brock. Prior to this time, Special Agent in Charge MacFarland had advised Agent Madala that Agent Birch had discussed with Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs the possibilities of interviewing John Brock. When Agent Madala put the question to Postal Inspector Claggett concerning the authority to interview Brock, Inspector Claggett stated that this would be impossible inasmuch as Postal Inspector in Charge Briggs had specifically instructed him that no one outside of the Post Office Department was to talk to Brock. He explained that his Department had made certain definite promises to John Brock and that any interview with him by a representative of a department other than the Post Office Department might result in serious consequences in connection with their case; that Brock had agreed to testify against the other persons who participated in the Garrettsville robbery, and that any possible indiscretion on the part of a Bureau representative during the questioning of Brock might result in his refusal to testify. At this time, Agent Madala explained to Inspector Claggett that every precaution would be exercised not to interfere with their investigation and that the only information the Bureau desired was that which might lead to the location of Karpis and Campbell. In response, Inspector Claggett advised Agent Madala that the Post Office Department had already furnished to this Bureau all information which they received from Brock which might lead to the location of Karpis and that it would be useless to talk with Brock any further in this regard. Inspector Claggett further informed that Brock had definitely stated to them that he would, under no circumstances, talk with any person other than those connected with the Post Office Department, and that in view of this he felt that if they requested him to talk with an Agent of this Bureau it might disrupt their plans. In view of the statements made by Post Office Inspector Claggett, no further efforts were

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made to secure authority to interview John Brock.

On April 4, 1936, Special Agent T. M. Birch conferred with Inspector H. W. Tavenor relative to the statement of Briggs to the effect that he would allow an Agent of this Bureau to interview John Brock, and the subsequent statement on the part of Claggett in which he refused to permit Special Agent Madala to interview Brock. Inspector Tavenor immediately called Inspector in Charge Briggs by long distance telephone. Briggs advised Tavenor that in view of the fact that Claggett probably had a more definite line on Brock's attitude, he would be governed by Claggett's recommendation in the matter, and that in view of Claggett's statement to Agent Madala, he would at that time decline to allow an Agent of this Bureau to interview Brock.

On one occasion Special Agent E. J. Dowd interviewed Post Office Inspector Casey, the latter explaining that the primary reason for the refusal of the Post Office Inspectors to permit John Brock to be interviewed by Bureau Agents was due to the fact that John Brock had confessed to the Inspectors that two innocent men had been convicted for the mail robbery at Warren, Ohio, on April 19, 1935, it appearing that Brock implicated Karpis and Campbell in the Warren mail robbery. For your information, there are at the present time in the County Jail at Cleveland, Ohio, George Gargent and Tony Labrizetta who stand convicted on the charge of robbing the mails at Warren, Ohio, as indicated above.

During the course of this investigation, Agents of this Bureau conducted surveillances at the homes of [redacted] at Youngstown, Ohio, and Clyde Rochat at Newton Falls, Ohio, and numerous other surveillances in Toledo, Ohio. The surveillances at the homes of [redacted] and Rochat were maintained jointly with the assistance of Postal Inspectors. During April, 1936, Post Office Inspector Hettrick advised Special Agent Dowd that the Post Office Department contemplated issuing circulars on the participants in the Garrettsville mail robbery and that in his opinion the plants being maintained at

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